

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Number 1, Term 3



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Dear Parents/Carers  
Happy New Year  
Everyone. Welcome  
back after the holidays.  
I hope you have all had  
a good break.

We had a visitor from parliament on Wednesday, called Tom, to take the KS2 assembly. He was so impressed with the level of understanding and depth of questioning by the children; they were a credit to you. Well done, KS2!

**The last day of this term is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The school will be closed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February for INSET.**



Tawny Owl- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb- middle hall

Salamander- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb- upper hall

Please note class assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. We do run a crèche with school staff.  
Thanks.



**Adverse Weather and possible School Closure.**

In exceptional circumstances e.g. heavy snow or failure of heating systems we may need to close the school.

**However, this is always the last resort so parent/ carers should always assume we will be OPEN unless we tell you otherwise.**

Ways we may be able to inform you of closure are through Parentmail, local radio, Bristol City Council website listing school closures, the school's own website (see address below). Any systems can be clogged up by a large amount of usage so please bear with us and remember we are trying to do our best. You can also try phoning the school if you are uncertain or coming from a long way away. In the event of partial closure, we allow 30 children to attend for every teacher present.  
Thank you.



**January**

KS2 Parents' E-safety meeting 15.1.20, 3.30pm in Springbok Class

YR Space Dome 15.1.20

Y5 Sikh visitor for RE

**Application deadline for YR places for September 2020 – 15.1.20**

Y6 Boys' football starts 9.1.20

Friends' Meeting 20.1.20 at 9am

Y2 Parents' SAT's Meeting 29.1.20 at 3.30pm

Y4 Parents' Meeting- Getting to Grips with Grammar, 22.1.20 at 3.30pm, in Flamingo Class

Y2 Science Day 23.1.20

**February**

Safer internet week 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Y2 Dance performance to parents 13.2.20 at 9.10am, infant hall.

Y1 Parents' Meeting 12.2.20- Numbers and calculation 3.30pm, infant hall.



Next Friends' Meeting is 20.1.20 after drop off on the infant site. New Friends are always welcome to come along and get involved. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come with you.

**Junior Choir:**

Please note that there will be **no** KS2

Choir practise after school on a Wednesday during term 3. Choir practise will recommence in term 4. Mrs May will advise the children accordingly.  
Many thanks.





### Charity Fund-raising last term

Bristol Soup Run £298.50

Child of Hope £553.82

Bristol Lord Mayor's Appeal £334.97

We have received thanks from these local and international charities. They were very grateful for your support. Thank you.



### School Lunch.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Chartwells are holding an American themed lunchtime special. If your child is having a school dinner that day, they will have a burger, with toppings such as lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, mayonnaise or tomato sauce to choose from. There will be either beef or Quorn burgers available. Pudding will be Chocolate Brownie with fruit wedges. Come along and join the fun!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Holidays in term time.** It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR A HOLIDAY WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS).

Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example if you have 2 children in school and there are mum and dad sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time.

PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT. YOU CAN STILL BE FINED IF YOU DON'T FILL OUT A FORM.



### Y6 SATs' Revision

#### Workbooks:

In response to requests from parents we are once again selling Y6 SATs revision

workbooks for maths and English (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & spelling, Arithmetic and reasoning). These workbooks cover the Y6 curriculum and help children practise the skills that they have been taught over the year. They have proved very popular in the past and enable parents to support their children not only in preparing for the SATs tests, but in securing the skills that children will need as they make the transition to secondary school.

These workbooks are now available to purchase from the school office and cost £3.00 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £10.00. Thank you.

### Year 4 camp to Tregoyd PGL.

For those children who have paid their deposit in order to secure a place to attend the Year 4 camp to Tregoyd PGL in Brecon in June this year, the camp has now been costed accordingly. The option to pay further instalments of your choice is now available for you to purchase on ParentMail.



### Year 6 Red Ridge Camp 2020.

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp in March 2020 that the next instalment was due to be paid by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A total of £280.00 must have been paid by this date. If you are yet to make this second instalment payment of £100, please can we ask that you do so at your earliest convenience. The balance is to be paid in full by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Many Thanks.

### Reward Systems

**Praise Book-** on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker. This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour. Children's names are read out and they receive their sticker in assembly. This record of their achievement is also put up on display in the Link the following week for everyone to see.



**Star of the Week-** on the junior site, as the children get older, we introduce a Star of the Week where children nominate and vote for a child they think deserves to be Star of the

Week. Whilst the children have more say in who is chosen this system is still overseen by the teacher to ensure fairness.





Now the 'No Stopping' sign has gone up on Eton Road the School Keep Clear Zigzags are enforceable. If you stop or park on the Zigzags you will be liable for a fine.

The 'No Stopping' restriction applies to all vehicles, including school buses, coaches, taxis and vehicles displaying a blue disabled badge. There are no exemptions except for Police, Fire and Ambulance and maintenance of the highway. The restrictions will apply from Monday to Friday 8.00a.m. - 6.00p.m. These timings coincide with Children and Young Peoples Services Extended School guidelines. For consistency the restrictions are generic for all schools and will apply throughout the year.

Mobile Enforcement Vehicles will visit schools on an ad hoc basis to issue penalty charge notices. These are £70.00 or discounted to £35.00 if payment is made within 14 days of the issue of the notice.

Please support your school and the wider school community by keeping the markings clear and maintaining good visibility and crossing routes for everyone wishing to access the school.

Yours sincerely  
Jonathan Mason - Road Safety Officer



**Sweets and treats.** We try to be a healthy eating school and we do NOT allow sweets in school. This includes for packed lunches and birthday treats as well. We prefer it if parents do not send cakes or sweets at all on children's birthdays as there are many different dietary, religious and cultural observances in school. Please keep birthday treats to have at home. If you really feel you must bring something then please send BISCUITS only that can be given out as children leave the classroom for parents to check.

Any sweets will be handed back to parents.



**Please note** the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents in this newsletter. We do not necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. Parents need to satisfy themselves that they are happy to leave their children at any of the clubs and services advertised which are not based on the Holymead School sites. Holymead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements with this school.

**Make- up and Hair.** Please note the school prospectus which is available on our website states: 'Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate School Prospectus for school e.g. not unnatural colours or shocking styles'. Jewellery should not be worn in school (except small pierced ear rings).



There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher. Thank you.



**Swimming reminder:**  
Please note that both the early morning swim club sessions and curriculum swimming for our Year 3 children commence next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> January) and will run until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

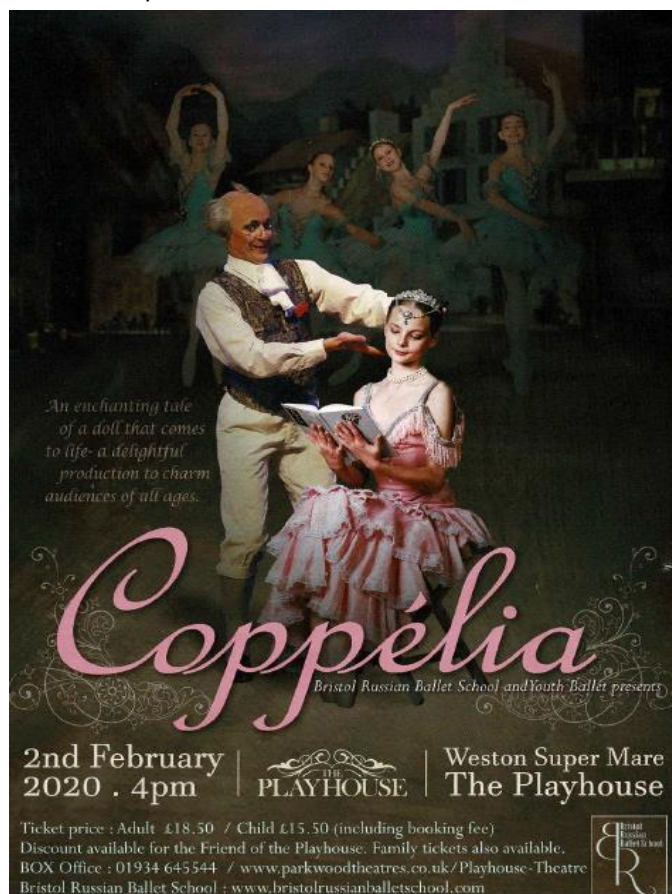
If you are yet to pay your transport costs for either of these sessions, please can you do so via the online ParentMail system as soon as possible.

Please note that if your child attends the early morning swimming sessions with Mr Nock (school swim team), please ensure that your child is registered with Mr Nock before you leave them at the pool. Children must not be left unaccompanied at the pool. Thank you.

**Munchkin Markets**  
**Buy and sell new and preloved baby and childrens items!**  
 St Annes Church, Brislington,  
 Bristol, BS4 4EL  
**Saturday 29th February**  
**1.30pm - 3.30pm**  
**Book your stall today and keep 100% of your profits!!**  
**£10 a stall - £20 for business/craft stall**  
 To book a table or for more info, please  
 contact 07921865981  
 munchkinmarketsbristol@gmail.com  
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Free goodie bags for the first 50 buyers!  
 Entrance Fee: £1 Adults Munchkins Free

Come and see an ex-pupil in this ballet production at Weston-Super-Mare



## TERM DATES

### Term Dates 2019- 2020

#### Term 3

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 (INSET 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)

#### Term 4

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

#### Term 5

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

#### Term 6

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20 school closed)

### Term Dates 2020-2021

#### Term 1

1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2020 school closed for INSET

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2020 KS1 and KS2 start (all current pupils)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2020 New Reception start part time.

Other dates are the Bristol website but DO NOT include our INSET dates.

**E-Safety:** Keeping up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge, especially if you feel that your children may have better technical skills than you do. However, children still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely. A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion.

**Conversation starter ideas:** Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and [how to report](#) or block on the services they use.
- Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

Further information about these issues is available from ChildNet or Thinkuknow.co.uk and on the school website.



Yours sincerely  
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