

Dear Parents/Carers

KS2 (Y3-Y6) Parents' Evenings –

Year 3 & 4 – 25/11/20

Year 5 & 6 – 19/11/20 and 24/11/20



Due to the current lockdown our KS2 Parents' Evening will continue as planned, but will no longer be face to face discussions. I have arranged for your child's class teacher to hold telephone sessions with you.

Time slots can be booked as normal using our ParentMail Parents' Evening online booking system and you will have received an email from the school, advising how to go about booking a call home.

If you have any issues with making a booking, please call the school office.

SENDco Meetings: Our new SENDco, Mrs Davies, is happy to talk to parents about their children's progress if they have special needs. Please phone the office and we can arrange a mutually convenient time when she can telephone you to discuss this further. Thank you.



Traffic around School

Since the governors contacted the local authority about the roads around both school sites a yellow notice has been put up around the infant site giving notice of making the zig-zags outside the infant site enforceable. Please note the zig zags around the junior site have been enforceable for a few years since I previously raised concerns some years ago with the local authority. At that time, I also raised the issue that parking on the corners was creating a hazard and that is when the double yellow lines were painted on the corners of the roads around both sites.

At the school's request the police came out to monitor traffic and parking around school on 3.11.20. They will be back to confront dangerous driving and illegal parking such as on the zigzags and double yellow lines.

Anybody can report anti-social and illegal parking to the police at the link below, should you wish to do so;
<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



Harvest

We received this message from Shelley, at the food bank. 'It was so lovely to receive the amazing donation from Holymead Primary School. It was breath-taking looking at the huge donation from your school and every donation will go to a good home! We want to give all the children, parents, teachers, for giving so generously to our food bank, a massive THANK YOU! especially during these challenging times.'



Governors' Corner by Jessica Coggins:

Governors held a Full Governing Body meeting on 21st October 2020.

Jessica Coggins and Ruth

Clacey-Roberts were re-elected to Chair and Vice-Chair, committee memberships were agreed and link governor roles were discussed. The link roles are:

Safeguarding & Child Protection: Jo Randall

Pupil Premium: Daher Aden

SEND & Children in Care: Rob Ryan

Health and Safety and Wellbeing: Ruth Clacey-Roberts

Equalities and Diversity: Amy Callaway

Blended learning: Phil Wright

Creative writing & EYFS: Jessica Coggins

The school improvement (Covid-19 recovery) plan for 2020-2021 was circulated and agreed by governors. The safeguarding, health and safety and induction policies were circulated and approved. There are currently three governor vacancies, two co-opted and one parent vacancy. Any informal conversation about these roles are welcome, please contact the office. Jessica Coggins and Phil Wright attended the Rights Respecting School Reaccreditation and look forward to hearing the outcome.



Christmas Performances and Concerts

Due to Covid-19 we will not be doing live concerts and performances for parents and carers this year. However, do not despair, we will still be celebrating Christmas! For those year groups who normally do a live performance, teachers are busy putting together virtual celebrations which we will record and show you online. Please note not all year groups will be putting on performances.

Child Safety - If you don't want your child in any videos we will make arrangements for them to stay with another year group during the recordings so they are safe from view.

Please see your class teacher if you need your child to be kept from public view.



Christmas Theatre and Films

We have booked a theatre/pantomime for Y4-Y6 to watch in school on 7th Dec. It's The Wizard of Oz.

We have also bought a licence to show a filmed/live production of Cinderella for the children to watch on 10th Dec.

We will be asking for a donation towards these costs nearer the time.

As we cannot do a Bedtime Story or Film Night this year due to Covid we are going to make 10th December a film/theatre day, where all age children can come into school wearing their pyjamas to watch Cinderella or a film (to be decided). Please don't send cuddly toys or pillows this year as we cannot have children sharing toys-just wear pyjamas (and outdoor shoes and coats to be able to play outside during the day!) Thank you.



Reminder to Parents: please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and afterschool club accounts are either kept in credit or at zero. Dinners and services must be paid for in advance rather than in arrears.



Christmas dinner will be on the following dates:-

KS1 – Wednesday 16th December

KS2 – Thursday 17th December

We will soon be asking our KS2 parents/carers to book Christmas lunch in advance, if their child wishes to have one via ParentMail and further information will be sent in due course.



Children having a packed lunch can decorate their lunch boxes and bring Christmas treats.

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to the Christmas Dinner.



Friends' News-

Friends are busy wrapping hampers and will be wrapping. If you are able to help out, please contact the Friends or school. Helen Watts and Madeleine Jones are Co-Chair, Co-Treasurer - Kay Morgan and Jess Agnew, Co-Secretary – Amy Walden and Lorna England.



NHS seasonal flu (not covid) vaccines happened this week.

We are in the process of making arrangements for the nurses to return to vaccinate those children that were self-isolating this week.

An update will follow in due course.



Christmas Cards: As an ecologically aware school we are keen to do our bit to reduce the amount of waste produced at Christmas. Don't forget to send your one card for the class Christmas Card Tree. We are not stopping individuals from sending cards if they really want to but this is an alternative to the mass writing of cards. Thank you



Non-uniform Day Friday 13th November

Wow, what an amazing response we had for the Christmas Hamper Raffle. Thank you for all your donations. The Friends are busy making up hampers and sending out raffle tickets.

Children in Need Day,

Thank for your donations, we raised £289.25 for Children in Need. A cheque has been sent off to the BCC Children in Need appeal this week. Thank you.



Holidays in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. However, it is still important that applications are made so there is a record in school. 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 children out. Note, you can still be fined if you take an unauthorised holiday but don't fill out a form.



Social distancing

Our school community has shown great consideration of others in wearing masks around school. Thank you. Please can we extend that same consideration to others and maintain social distancing wherever possible around the surrounding area such as by the gates and on the pavements around school. We have a lot of people trying to get to and from both school sites and if parents congregate in groups near the school it can cause difficulty for others trying to get by. Thank you for your consideration.



Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

With Covid infection rates rising, we politely remind parents not to bring cakes, sweets or biscuits to celebrate birthdays or special occasions in school. As many children have special diets for varying reasons, we would rather parents didn't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of contamination from the virus, we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at all at present. Thank you.



Holymead Primary School has vacancies for SMSAs to supervise children at dinner time.

We are also looking for a part time evening caretaker who will mainly be responsible for locking up, but will be asked to carry out further light duties. Hours will initially be 10 hours per week, however these hours could be increased for a suitably experience candidate.

If you are interested in either vacancy please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office. Thank you

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.



**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN
BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER
2016 AND 31st AUGUST 2017?**

Applications for September 2021 entry to school need to be made by 15.1.21.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to do prospective parent/carer tours this year so we've made a virtual tour video and FAQs sheet instead which are on the Holymead website home page. This can be found at the following link below;

<http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web>



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 to run children's clubs with this school.



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.



Term Dates 2020- 2021

Term 1

(INSET 1st Sept.)

Wed 2nd Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 3rd Sept- New in-take Reception start.

Thurs 22nd October will be the last day of Term 1.

Please note the change.

(NEW INSET Fri 23rd Oct. School CLOSED)

Term 2

Mon 2nd Nov- Thurs 17th Dec 2020 (INSET 18th Dec)

Term 3

Tues 5th Jan 2021 – Friday 12th Feb 2021 (INSET 4th Jan)

Term 4

Mon 22nd Feb- Wed 31st Mar 2021 (INSET 1.4.21)

Term 5

Mon 19th April- Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6

Tues 8th June- Wed 21st July 2021 (INSET Mon 7.6.20)

Holymead Needs You!



Have you considered being a school governor?

We have three governor vacancies at the school including one parent governor and two co-opted governors.

It is a very rewarding role and we would encourage parents to come forward to help continue the valuable work at the school.

Benefits of being a governor:

- It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people
- You get to take part in decisions which affect the school
- You can influence initiatives and activities which benefit the children – for example, the annual heritage day started as a result of a governor-led initiative
- You can use and develop your skills in a board-level environment
- It's very rewarding!

We are currently seeking individuals with experience in health & safety, local authority budgets and applying for grants/funding. These skills are desirable and not essential and would encourage anyone who is interested to find out more.

For more information or to discuss the role in more detail contact: Jesscoggins@holymeadprimary.co.uk
How to apply: email Judith.buckley@holymeadprimary.co.uk

Please note: those applying for a parent governor role will need to go through an election process.



PRE-SCHOOL

Hamilton Pre-School

Hamilton Pre-School rent an area in the school building and have done so for many years.

They now have a new website available to view, which includes a video virtual tour.

All this can be found at;

www.hamiltonpreschool.co.uk



TikTok support for Parents.

The following link talks about TikTok and its features, which are available via Family Pairing which lets parents link their TikTok account to their teen's to enable a variety of content and privacy settings. This includes the ability to prevent a child searching and preventing strangers from seeing a child's post. The focus for this is on teenagers as legal age for TikTok is 13, but we are aware some children under that age do have a TikTok account.

<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-gb/supporting-youth-and-families-on-tiktok-uk>



PARENT / CARER PHONE LINE

A friendly voice to give support on any family matters, child development, accessing food or concerns about how to connect. We can signpost for support on finances, housing, relationship issues and much more. Call us and see how we can help.

Broomhill 0117 353 4277	Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30am	Jennie
	Thursday	9.30 - 10.30am	Katie
Oldbury Court 0117 353 2896	Monday	1 - 2pm	Ella
	Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30am	Laura
	Wednesday	1 - 2pm	Laura
	Thursday	1 - 2pm	Laura
	Friday	1 - 2pm	Richa
Speedwell 0117 903 0206	Monday	9.30 - 10.30am	Zoe
	Tuesday	1 - 2pm	Claire
	Thursday	9.30 - 10.30am	Zoe
St Anne's Park 0117 377 3493	Monday	1 - 2pm	Becky
	Wednesday	1 - 2pm	Michelle
	Friday	9.30 - 10.30am	Becky

Keep in touch

facebook eastbristolchildrenscentres email eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk
www.eastbristolchildrenscentre.co.uk
Sign up to our newsletter: www.eastbristolchildrenscentre.co.uk/email-sign-up

How toddlers learn to talk

An online course for parents

Over the eight weeks you will...



... find out how everyday activities can boost your child's talking skills

... get ideas for simple toys and games you can make and play at home



Join us and other local mums and dads each week to find out more about your toddler's amazing brain

30 minute online sessions for 8 weeks starting soon.

For more information and to book a place please email Richa at Rachna.pandya@bristol-schools.uk or call her on: 07880465063



Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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