

Dear Parents and Carers,



The children have been having a wonderful time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and learning all about how life has changed since Queen Elizabeth came to the throne. We will be sending home a commemorative bookmark today as a gift for the children. If you are celebrating over the long weekend next week, we hope you have a lovely time. Enjoy the holidays whatever you are doing.

School closes tomorrow and opens again on TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June, as Monday is an INSET day.



After the holidays, staff will be starting to prepare new class lists for next year. ALL the classes will be mixed up. We try to put children with a friend and split up those who don't work well together. This is a complex task as classes also need to remain balanced with even numbers of girls and boys of different abilities. Staff ask the children to name a couple of friends that they try to put them with **BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE WITH ALL THEIR FRIENDS.**

We realise this can be an anxious time, usually more so for parents than children! We find the children are actually very adaptable and make new friends quickly in September so please don't worry.

**By the time children get to Y4 or above, it may not be possible to meet everyone's historic requests for children to be apart or together. If a request was made to separate children eg in Y1, it may no longer be relevant to still keep those children apart in Y5, as relationships change. If you feel a historic request is still relevant more than a year on, please see your class teacher NOW to raise this.**

## What's Happening

### Dates for the Diary

#### June

Next Gen photographer- June 16<sup>th</sup> (infants) and 29<sup>th</sup> (juniors).

Y4 Mendip Activity Centre

New YR transition visits to the hall and classrooms

Y2-Y3 Buddy up transition visits

Y2 The Wild Place visit

Y1 Noah's Ark Farm visit

24.6.22 Global Day

#### July

Sports Day 1<sup>st</sup> July (juniors), 8<sup>th</sup> July (infants)

Y3 St Fagan's visit

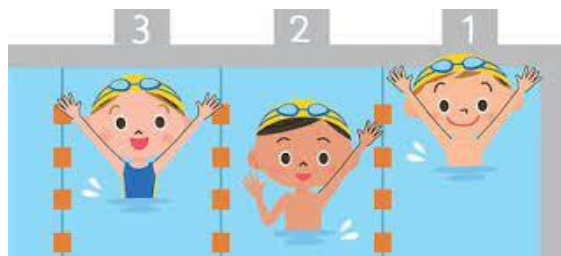
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Well done to our Y2 and Y6 children who have worked extremely hard over the SAT's period.

Staff all commented on the positive attitude the children had to these tests.

We are very proud of everyone's 'can do' attitude. Whatever the results, we could not have asked the children to have applied themselves better. We will let you know individual results by the end of Term 6.



Congratulations to the Swimming Team who won the swimming gala at Hengrove on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Well done to all our swimmers:

Ella R H, Maxi S, Isla C R, Saul C N, Lola M, Eva M, Ben G, Lucas W-C, Tiggy L L, William M India H, Ava R H, Zach K, Alice R, Grace B, Danny R, Ben J, Allana V

## School Uniform

As we have been enjoying some lovely warm weather here is a reminder of the summer uniform.



**Summer Uniform-** summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colours.  
Pupils may wear **black or grey** school shorts.

Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school wear, except on PE days.

Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals should be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours.

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Small bows and headbands are acceptable, large or sparkly ones get in the way and are distracting to others.

## Summer Concert

After the restrictions of Covid-19, we are delighted to announce that our Summer Concert is back on this year! Our musicians and choir invite you to their Summer Concert in the Upper Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm-7.00pm. Please make sure your child is regularly practising their part at home. We look forward to hearing them perform in the concert.



**The Year 1 Phonics Check and the Y4 Multiplication Time table Check** will be administered in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June and will run until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**It is therefore essential that Year 1 and Year 4 children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised.** If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see the Head teacher or ring school immediately. Thank you.

**The photographer** is in school next term to take class photos so please make sure children are looking smart in full school uniform on 16<sup>th</sup> (infants) and 29<sup>th</sup> (juniors) June. Details of school uniform are outlined in this newsletter.



### e-safety corner: Resource for Year 6 - Moving on Up.

The transition from Y6 to Y7 is an exciting and daunting one. Arguably the online risks and issues become greater as technology use increases and children move into their adolescent years. Childnet have created a number of free resources which can be used by teachers and parents to help with this transition. Videos include:

- Marvin wants a phone.
- Joel's dilemma about friend requests.
- Isla sees online bullying.
- and more.
- Follow the link:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/moving-on-up/>



**The Rights Action Group** The children have taken part enthusiastically in the Run-a-thon. We will let you know next term how much the school raised after the holidays. Any funds will be sent through the Disasters Emergency Committee.

## Covid cases in school as 26.5.2022

YEAR GROUP	COVID CASES
YR	0
Y1	0
Y2	0
Y3	0
Y4	0
Y5	0
Y6	0
<b>TOTAL PUPILS</b>	<b>0</b>



### Jubilee Lunch today.

There have been many positive comments from the children today about the buffet lunch provided by our Chartwell's kitchen staff. The cooks have made it a special jubilee celebration for the children. Thank you.



### The Friends of Holymead Primary

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jubilee Raffle. The winning tickets have been drawn and you should have been notified by now. Please make sure you collect your prize from the junior office by the end of tomorrow.



Also, don't forget, to collect your Cream Tea recipe kits fit for a Queen!

The next Friends' meeting is 10.6.22 on the infant site after drop off. New friends and pre-schoolers always welcome.



### Behaviour Policy

As we are sure you are aware, Holymead has high expectations for behaviour and working together with supportive parents helps to make the school environment a happy place to work and play. Parents can view the Behaviour Policy on our school website along with other policies. Please follow the link below:

<http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/policies/187999>



### Parking Around School

Please park considerably around school and think of our neighbours and keeping our children safe.

Please don't block neighbours' driveways, even for a short time and do not block the roads so other road users can't get through. Children should never be expected to get in and out of cars that are dangerously parked. Thoughtless parking can lead to accidents.

Please remember that anybody can report anti-social and illegal parking to the police at the link below;  
<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>



**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 and carers 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.



### Governors' Corner

My name is Deb Miles, and I am a Parent Governor. I joined the Governing Body last year during lockdown and sit on the Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion committee. I have two children at Holymead in year 3 and year 6 and have lived

in Brislington for over 10 years. I am the link governor for safeguarding, and I work closely with staff to monitor the school's safeguarding systems and procedures. This role gives me a great insight into how the school is run and how our children are kept safe and thrive within it. My most recent visit was looking at pupils' wellbeing, The Rights Action Group, and the structure of the PSHC curriculum. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the wonderful work that takes place in our school.

Thank you to all those who put themselves forward for the positions of parent governors. The voting results are published in the main entrance on both sites. We welcome Kaylene Alder and Sam Goss to the Governing Body.





**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 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.

Fines are not only issued for children being taken on holiday but can be given out when children are kept off school for 4 days or more without the head teacher's authorisation. PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT.



### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Term 5

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Closed for INSET Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### Term 1

Closed for INSET 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Pupils start Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September- 21<sup>st</sup> October

#### Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Re-opens Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

Re-opens Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan-10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Term 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June-Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Closed for INSET Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.

## SEND Review Workshop

Tuesday 31st May 2022 - 10.30am - 12.30pm

Engine room @ The STATION, Silver Street, Bristol, BS1 2AG

**Children and Young People - make sure your voice is heard!**

SEND and You (SAY) SENDIAS service are working with Kids Consortium Youth Participation team to offer an opportunity for young people with SEND to share their thoughts on the SEND Review

The SEND review has now been published as a green paper and there is a short window of opportunity for young people to have their voices heard before the consultation on the proposed reforms closes.

To support this opportunity, we invite you to a fun and interactive workshop to give young people with SEND their say on the SEND reforms in an accessible way.

Light refreshments will be provided. For more information and to book, visit [say.sendreview.eventbrite.co.uk](https://say.sendreview.eventbrite.co.uk)

If you have any access needs or questions please email: [jane.franklin@sendandyou.org.uk](mailto:jane.franklin@sendandyou.org.uk)



Yours sincerely  
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