

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 Number 2, Term 6



Dear Parent/Carers

Thank you to everyone who sent in coins for the Coin Line. The results were as follows.

YR 100.47m, Y1 147.5m, Y2 101.4m, Y3 132.94m, Y4 76m, Y5 103.2m, Y6 77.61m.

As the competition was to make the longest line, I declare Y1 the WINNERS. Congratulations Y1.

I will let you know how much we raised when the Friends have counted all the coins. Thank you.

**Reminder: School Closed tomorrow 23<sup>rd</sup> June for polling for the EU referendum.**

SCHOOL  
CLOSED



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

**EVENTS HAPPENING THIS TERM.**

YR Tyntesfield Visit

Y1 Planetarium Visit

Y6 Camp

Y6 Brean

Measuring Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June-all

RE day 22<sup>nd</sup> June-all

8<sup>th</sup> July- Y3 –recorder concert in middle hall.

11<sup>th</sup> July- Shuffle Up afternoon

12<sup>th</sup> July- Open Day

19<sup>th</sup> July- Y6 performance 1.45 and 6.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> July- Y2- Moving Up Assembly, 9.10am

22<sup>nd</sup> July- Y6- Leavers' Assembly, 9.20am



**Class Assemblies:**

**Infant site**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 9.10am- Robin Class

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 9.10am- Red Panda Class

**Junior site**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm- Fox

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm- Firefly

Please note assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. We do run a crèche with school staff and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. Thanks.



**Friends' Face Painting** -The infants will hold a face painting day on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please make sure you have sent your £1 and any information about allergies and skin problems before then.

**Phonics**

Well done Y1 and Y2 re-takes for working so hard on your phonics. Being able to recognise and blend sounds is such an important skill. If your child is struggling with phonics please see your child teacher for the sounds they are working on so you can help at home.

**Are you a top turnip or a rotten raspberry?** Our school target for attendance is 95%.

The best class attendance on the KS2 site for the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 was Turtle class with 100% and the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June was Tawny Owl who also had 100% attendance and they both won themselves a large bowl of fruit for this achievement! Please remember to arrive on time for school every day. The playground gates are open at 8:40am.

**Miss School, Miss Out!**





**Staff moving classes.** For those of you who know the school you will know that teachers and LSAs are employed to work throughout the whole age range and regularly move about through different year groups. Staff are expected to move around the age ranges to become competent at teaching all ages. I am keen to dispel the myth that staff who move from Reception to Y6 are getting promoted and those who move from Y6 to reception are getting demoted!! As staff will be moving around (in September) I think they would be dismayed to think parents considered a change of age range as a promotion or demotion. It is not. This is simply part of the cycle of moving around and keeping staff up to date with ways of teaching in all the age ranges.



### **WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2013?**

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2017. If you know of friends with nursery age children please check they have visited schools and applied online to Bristol local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form. Thank you.



### **INFANT SPORTS' DAY 24<sup>th</sup> June:**

We are looking for volunteers to help on **Infant Sports' Day**. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on that day. Parents are invited to watch their children in the main playground at the following times:

9.15-10.15 Year 1 (Octopus, Otter, Owl)  
 10.30-11.30 Year 2 (Toucan, Tiger, Tamarin)  
 1.15-2.15 Reception (Robin, Rabbit, Red Panda)

As space is limited please clear the playground quickly when your class finishes so other year groups may come and watch. Arrangements are weather dependent!



### **Holymead Summer Fayre – 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 12pm-2pm.**

This will be held on the larger junior site where of course everyone is welcome. We are planning lots of fun activities and stalls so please come along.



1<sup>st</sup> July, 7pm- Choir Concert at St. Christopher's Church on Hampstead Road. Tickets in advance £5. This concert is being organised by William, a former pupil of the school. We hope it goes well.

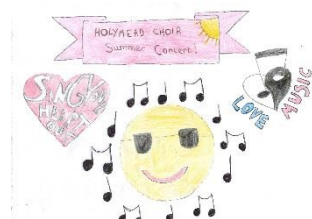


### **Infant site (YR to Y2) StoryBox Theatre 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

Please send your £3 donation to cover costs of the performance of The Snow Queen, from next

Monday. Many of you thanked us for putting on theatre visits like this in the parent questionnaire but they are only possible if the majority of parents are willing to send a donation. We were unable to cover the cost of the previous theatre visit and will have to reconsider if we can do as many shows next year. The Friends' group kindly made up the shortfall in this instance but we need parental donations to make them possible in future. Thank you to everyone who made this year's performances possible with their donations.

**Our next school swimming gala will be the BANES Swimming Gala on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and the swimming team are busy preparing for this.**



### **Summer Concert**

Congratulations to all our musicians on two evenings of wonderful music. The children put on a fantastic performance which was well received by all who came to listen. Well done everyone!

### IMPORTANT CLOSURE CHANGES.

You have no doubt heard the government is calling a referendum on the EU on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We have once again been commandeered to be a polling station. Unfortunately I am unable to prevent this from happening as we are a local authority building. Rather than close the school for an additional day I have decided to move our final INSET date (22<sup>nd</sup> July) and take it on 23<sup>rd</sup> June instead. **Therefore the WHOLE school will be CLOSED on 23<sup>rd</sup> June (for INSET and polling) but OPEN on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to all pupils as the last day of term.**

Any parents who have already booked holidays (before the end of this week) to start on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July please show me your booking forms and I will authorise the absence for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July as it is not your fault.

I am very sorry for any inconvenience but having looked at several options I feel this one has the least impact.



**Summer Uniform-** summer dresses for girls are **purple or blue** check. NO pink, yellow or any other colour.

Boys may wear **black or grey** school shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school. 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. **Leggings, jeans, baseball caps, hooded tops and bright, colourful trainers are NOT part of school uniform and should not be worn.** Pupils should wear black or grey school trousers, skirts or pinafores. We need parents' support in making sure pupils are dressed suitably for school. We are happy to support parents and back you up, for instance if your child is refusing to wear the uniform you have bought for them, please come and see Mr Jones, Mr Hough or myself.



### School Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant, in order to help supervise the

children during the lunchtime break. If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application form from the school office on either site.



**Shuffle Up Day-** On the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> July **all** children will shuffle up to their new classes to meet their new teachers. This includes Y2 going up to the juniors and new Reception children coming into school. This is the day parent/carers are informed which class their children will be in. No changes to classes can be made once the class lists are put up on the doors so please talk to teachers **NOW**.

**Y2 transition to Y3.** As part of our transition programme to get children ready for Y3 we have been taking them to visit the junior site where they have a buddy to tell them what it is like in Key Stage 2.

**We are also holding a short meeting with Y2 parents to welcome you to Y3 on the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm in the Upper Hall.**



**Staff** are starting to prepare new class lists for next year as **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 THEIR FRIENDS.** If you want to speak to teachers it is best to approach them now rather than later. I 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. Making new friends is an important life skill and we find moving the children round can balance friendship groups better.

## SCHOOL Attendance

The law has changed on holidays taken 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 OF 4 OR MORE DAYS (8 SESSIONS).** Any suspicious absence will be investigated.



## Term Dates

### Term Dates 2015-2016

#### Term 6

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016- **NEW DATE (23<sup>rd</sup> June now an INSET day due to changes with EU election in June)**

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.

### Term Dates 2016-2017

#### Term 1

(Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept closed for INSET).

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2016 KS1 and KS2 start

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 new Reception start  
to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 inclusive

#### Term 2

(Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October closed for INSET)

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### Term 3

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 to Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

(Friday 10<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### Term 5

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

#### Term 6

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

(Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July closed- INSET)



**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.



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who came to work on the school garden on the infant site.

After lots of hard work, the grounds and the pond area are looking lovely and the children are enjoying being outside whenever they can!



#### Home-Start Bristol needs volunteers

**Are you a parent or grandparent? Can you offer 2-3 hours a week to visit a family?**

We support families with young children who are struggling to cope. Our volunteers visit a family every week, working alongside them to find solutions to their problems so that they can start to enjoy family life again.

One family said: 'It's just wonderful! Having a set time each week and a reliable volunteer worked for me.'

We offer our volunteers accredited training, ongoing support and opportunities to meet with other volunteers.

**Call us on 0117 9501170 or visit our website .homestartbristol.org.uk**



LOTTERY FUNDED

Volunteering is dependent on an enhanced DBS check



**Please can we remind our year 6 parents of those children who are attending Red Ridge camp in July,** that the total balance is due to be paid by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The total cost is £273.00. Thank you.



**Well done to Mollie in KS2** who won Bristol Post's 'Cheesy Bake Off Competition'! You can watch Mollie in action on our new website just search Holymead Primary School.

Mollie has won loads of new cooking equipment for the school. Thanks, Mollie!



**Open Day Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – the school invites current and prospective parents to look round both sites. This will be an opportunity to meet the teachers and look at the classrooms your child will be moving to in September.

The infant site will be open at 9.10- 10.00am, 1.00-2.00pm and 3.20-4.20pm. Parents who have children currently in Key Stage 1 will be shown around by their children (please make sure they are registered first). I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents.

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am, 2.00-3.00pm and 3.20-4.20pm. Y6 ambassadors will be showing current parents round. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will need to stay in class (as Key Stage 2 learning is more structured and less fluid than learning in Key Stage 1).

If you are concerned and wish to discuss your child's report (which you will have by then) then the OPEN EVENING session from 3.20-4.20pm is a good time to do this. (Please ring the office to make an appointment with the class teacher).

### Choosing Secondary Schools

Choosing the right secondary education for your child can be a difficult process and of course you want what is right for your child. I thought parents may be interested to see the final destinations of our current Year Sixes. Our pupils are going off to 13 different destinations at the time of writing. What I'd like parents to take from this information is that you have an extremely wide choice of schools to choose from if your child attends Holymead Primary School.

Here are the schools and numbers of children anticipating going there: Hayesfield Girls' School, Bath (6), Broadlands (7), St Mary Redcliffe and Temple CE (6), Oasis John Williams (2), Bristol Cathedral Choir School (2), Oasis Brislington (43), John Cabot Academy (2), Oldfield, Bath (3), St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary (1), Ashton Park School (1), Bristol Brunel Academy (1), Bristol Free School (1) and Colston Girl's School (1).

We wish our pupils good luck wherever they are going to secondary school!



**HAMILTON PRE SCHOOL** (attached to Holymead Primary School) have a job vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. This is to support the children who stay for lunch. You will be required to work for 2 hours per day. For an application form please contact Louise Pullin on 0117 9144471

Rights Respecting Schools Article 13: Children have the right to get and to share information

Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



Holymead Primary (Infant Site)  
Hollywood Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 4LE.  
T: 0117 3772381—F: 0117 3772382  
E: office@holymeadprimary.co.uk  
[www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk)

Holymead Primary (Junior Site)  
Wick Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4HB  
T: 0117 9030377-F: 0117 9030378  
E: office@holymeadprimary.co.uk  
[www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk)