

Dear Parents and Carers,



Well what an exciting run up to Christmas it's been! Now the holidays are here, I hope you have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the break. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. Please note the last day of

term is tomorrow, Friday 16th December. Don't forget your Christmas jumpers tomorrow, KS2!

Pupils start back on Wednesday 4th January 2023 (Closed for INSET on 3.1.23)



Friends' Events:

Thank you to the Friends for their amazing hard work in the run up to Christmas. The children loved the parties and Christmas Shopping day and the Hampers for the raffle looked fantastic. We hope you enjoy receiving your gifts. Thank you everyone for your donations that made these fun activities possible and your help in putting these events together.

We will let you know how much we raised when the Friends have had chance to count all the money! Thanks everyone!



Concert at St Cuthbert's Church TONIGHT

Do join us for our Choir, recorder group and musicians' Christmas Concert at St Cuthbert's Church this evening at 6.30pm. We will be collecting for Child of Hope after

the performance so please remember to bring along some cash if you'd like to donate. We look forward to seeing you there.



Y6 Croft Farm Camp

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp on April 17th 2023 that the next instalment of £82.50 must be paid by 16th December 2022.

We are due to pay our next interim payment to the Centre and can only do this once all these payments have been received. Many Thanks.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2018 AND 31st AUGUST 2019?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2023 by 15.1.23.

Last tour of the infant site for prospective parents looking for a Reception place for **September 2023 is 5.1.23 at 9.10am.**

Tours must be booked by phoning the office on 01173772381.

Please leave your name and contact number.

If you do not wish to look round in person then please see the Head teacher's virtual tour and FAQs on the school website

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

We look forward to hearing from you.



OFSTED Parent View.

We are keen to encourage parent/carers feedback on OFSTED Parent View so we can see what you think we do well and our areas for development. If you have done this form before, please do take another look as the results are refreshed regularly and if you made a contribution last year, it may not be on the site any longer. If you have any individual concerns you need to discuss, please contact the school directly as usual.

Thank you.

Please follow the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Outdoor Equipment!

Please note the outdoor equipment on both sites is for use during school time only and children should not be playing on it before or after school. The equipment is designed for children specific to the site (either infant or junior) and is not suitable to be used by children older or younger than that specific site.

We therefore ask that parents keep their children off the equipment completely as it is very difficult to explain to a child, you can go on that one because you are that age and you can't go on that one because that's not for your age group. We also don't have staff to supervise this equipment before or after school, to be able to keep children safe, so we ask that parents and carers keep their children off the equipment. Thank you.



Parking near school considerably.

We have received a complaint from one of our school neighbours regarding parents and carers parking over their

drive way, both at school drop off and pick up times. This has subsequently made them late to drop off/pick up their own children, as they are unable to get their car off their drive.

Please can we ask our parents/carers who drive their children to school, to be mindful of where you park and leave your car each day and to respect our neighbours and their property. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

We are Recruiting...



MSA vacancy (dinner staff)

please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Holland, via the school office.

LSA vacancy (support staff)

Please see E-teach online for details and an application form. We welcome applications from all sectors of the community.



December

15th Dec Y4-Y6 musicians and choir Christmas Concert at St Cuthbert's Church, 6.30pm

Last day of term Friday 16th December

January

Y5 and Y6 panto visit to the Tobacco Factory.

9th Jan Maths focus day on problem-solving

9th Jan YR phonics for parents at Drop off

10th Jan-Visiting PE specialist, Jim, in teaching YR/Y2

9/10/11th Jan Y2 Times Tables Rock Stars for parents at Drop off

16/17/18th Jan Y1 Times Tables Rock Stars for parents at Drop off



e-Safety corner

For Parents - Setting Up Devices

With Christmas fast approaching some children will be getting new or upgraded devices, older devices may be handed to younger children. This is an ideal time to get information about the importance of setting up devices with parental controls in relation to the age of the child. Internet Matters covers all devices with very simple, easy-to-understand parental guides which you can find it

here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/childrens-online-safety-this-festive-season/>



Amazing Games Guide for Parents

Internet Matters have put a lovely guide together which will help parents make decisions, including age-specific games in which families can play together.

You can find the guide

here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/amazing-video-games-guide-for-families/>



Governors' Corner

FGB met last night. Governors monitor the progress of the school through the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and monitor how the budget is spent including the provision we make for disadvantaged pupils and the Covid catch-up funding. The Pupil Premium report is on the school website.



Term Dates

2022-2023

Re-opens Tues 1st November- 16th December 2022

Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3rd Jan 2023

Re-opens Wed 4th Jan-10th Feb 2023

Term 4

Mon 20th Feb- 31st March 2023

Term 5

Mon 17th April-26th May 2023 (Closed for extra Bank Holiday Monday 8th May following the coronation)

Term 6

Mon 5th June-Thurs 20th July 2023

Closed for INSET Fri 21st July 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st September 2023

Pupils start Monday 4th September (except new reception who start Wed 6th September, part time) -20th October 2023

Term 2

Closed 30th October 2023 for INSET.

Pupils start Tuesday 31st October- 15th Dec 2023

Term 3

Tues 2nd Jan- 9th Feb 2024

Term 4

Mon 19th Feb- Wed 27th March (28.3.24 INSET)

Term 5

Mon 15th April- 24th May 2024

Term 6

Mon 3rd June- 19th July 2024 (22/23.7.24 INSET)

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



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.

Hundreds of holiday activities are available in Bristol

Your Holiday HUB Bristol



You can choose anything from sports, music, cookery, gardening and much more



yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk



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Christmas Carol Service 2nd December-

It was so lovely to see the whole school together at the church. The children were so excited to see each other in this festive celebration.

Thank you to all the parent/carer helpers who helped on the day.

Christmas Concerts and Plays

Well done to all the children and staff who worked so hard to put on such wonderful concerts and plays. Everyone played their parts so well and it was a joy to watch them. Thank you for your donations at these events. All money raised will go to the Mayor of Bristol's Christmas Appeal.



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.



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.



Please note that due to the coronation of King Charles III there will be an extra Bank Holiday next year. Schools will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023. As this was already designated as Y6 SATs week we have been informed that the SATs will now run from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May 2023. It is important that Y6 pupils are in school that week so please do NOT book holidays following this Bank Holiday! Thank you.



FITNESS CLASSES IN TOTTERDOWN

Lunchtimes & Evenings
Indoors & Outdoors
Redcatch Park
Totterdown Baptist Church

- All fitness levels welcome!
- Men and women, all ages
- Get fitter and healthier
- Lose weight, tone up, get stronger
- Friendly, supportive atmosphere
- Improve your self confidence
- Feel more energised!
- Meet people in your local community



To book & check timetable: Download 'GymCatch' app, search & follow 'Hive Fitness Bristol', use FREE taster code 'HIVETASTER'.

Contact us - info@hivefitnessbristol.co.uk

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CONGRATULATIONS WELL DONE!

Well Done!

Congratulations to Micah R for being a runner up in the West of England Mayor's Christmas Card competition. His lovely drawing features on Dan Morris' card that was sent to the school.



St Anne's Infants' School is looking to recruit a new lunchtime supervisor to start ASAP. If you would like to begin a career working in schools or are interested in working a few hours a week to earn some extra money, it could be the job for you. More information can be found by clicking on [this link](#) or by calling the school office on 0117 903 1435. .

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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

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RRS winning

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