

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to everyone whether you are returning or joining new to the school. There is a lot of information on this newsletter regarding expectations throughout the school so please take time to read it all.

Please note there will soon be a new office area on the junior site. To improve security parents will need to enter and exit via the main entrance on Wick Road rather than through any of the back doors. Please do not be offended if you are challenged on entering through the back doors as these will be for exiting only or for staff who have access fobs to use. Please bear with us as not only is the system new but we have temporary staff in the office as Mrs Reynolds is off ill.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

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One thing we have noticed about our KS2 SATs is a very stark correlation between attendance and level of SATs results.

93% of children with attendance between 96-100% reached the Expected Standard in Reading and Maths. Success rates dropped away very quickly as only **74%** of children with attendance of 95% or below reached the Expected Standard in Reading and **67%** of children with attendance of 95% or below reached the Expected Standard in Maths.

Which just goes to show every day counts!



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2014 AND 31st AUGUST 2015?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2019. If you know of friends with nursery age children please check they have applied online to the local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.

Holymead Primary

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What's Happening

New Reception Parent/Carer Curriculum

Meeting 26th September. We will be holding a curriculum meeting at 6.00pm in YR classrooms for parents/carers to come and find out more about what your children will be learning this year in school. There is NO crèche.

Y2 Reading Meeting 27th September 5.30pm in the Hall.

These evening meetings are not suitable for children so please do not bring them to school during the evening as there is NO crèche.

Thank you.



Times of the School Day – the school buildings open at 8.50am for the children to be registered at **9am**. Infant children should be handed over at the OUTSIDE classroom door

from parents to teachers. Junior children may be left in the junior playground when a member of staff is on duty i.e. at 8.40am. Home time is **3.10pm for infants and 3.20pm for juniors**. The school office is open from 8.40am if you need to call in. **Please do not wait inside the buildings before or after school unless you are queuing for the office.**



The Bristol Post usually come early to take a photo of new reception children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give

permission or not for your child to appear in the paper. Pupils are not normally named on this occasion.



School Uniform. We have moved to all uniform being ordered online. We stock different sizes of sweat shirts etc so you can try on a sample to get the right size before ordering. If you don't have internet access our office staff

are happy to help you with ordering uniform.

Polo Shirts: These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

Shoes: Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS! Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE BLACK JEANS, LEGGINGS AND HOODED PURPLE TOPS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND MUST NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL.

PE kit: is a purple tee-shirt and black shorts in a purple dap bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc.

ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Back Packs are not allowed on the infant site as space is very limited.

Pencil Cases: just a reminder that pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. The only exception to this is in Y6 where pupils are getting ready for using their own pencil cases and equipment in secondary school.

NO TOYS OR GAMES ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.



Friends' News- Our Holymead Friends' Group have raised a staggering £2,869.60 from the Summer Fayre, coin line, raffle and face painting day. Thank you to everyone that helped. It could not have been done without you!

Friends' Coffee Morning Monday 24th September 9am for all parent/carers to particularly welcome new parent/carers to school. After drop off in the infant hall. YR to Y6 parents are welcome to come and have coffee and chat. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come and play. (All donations to MacMillan Cancer Support).

Friends' AGM Friday 28th September 9am infant site-calling all parents in both KS1 and KS2 (infant and junior sites). We always need new members to keep joining the Friends' Group and get involved in organising social and fund raising events. We will be looking for new people to help by taking up positions in the group to ensure it runs smoothly. Support is always on hand. Meetings are held during and after school on the infant and junior sites and pre-schoolers are welcome. The first meeting will be on Friday 14th September at 9am on the infant site and all are welcome.



Infant Bedtime Story 3rd October 4.30-5.30pm

All infant children are invited to return to school in their pyjamas to listen to bedtime stories and have a hot

chocolate and biscuit in the infant hall. There will be a small charge with any profit donated to charity. Details to follow.

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. Thank you.



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2018- 2019

Term 1

(Mon 3rd September 2018 CLOSED -INSET)

Open Tues 4th Sept for KS1 and KS2

Wed 5th Sept 2018 for new Reception to Fri 26th October

Term 2

Mon 5th Nov to Fri 21st Dec

Term 3

Mon 7th Jan 2019 to Thurs 14th Feb 2019 (Fri 15th closed for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

Term 5

Wed 24th April to Fri 24th May 2019 (Tues 23rd INSET)

Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Fri 19th July 2019 (22nd, 23rd INSET)
School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



Spellings

This year's KS2 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG/EGPS) results were well above the national average and we feel the support parents have given

their children in learning their spellings has played an important part in making sure children are ready for these harder tests.

All children will be tested on their spellings in September. There are spelling lists on the school website. Please make sure your child practises their year group spellings. If they struggle then limit your child to one or two sections to go over and over. If they know them all then your child can learn the next year's list.

Times tables are also on the website for children to practise and learn off by heart. Keep returning to the lists regularly and testing your child. I can't emphasise enough the difference knowing your times tables makes. It is those children who have learnt them that speed through their maths work in class.



'Holymead McGraw' revealed!

Our very own Feathers McGraw sculpture is still on Display at the Gromit Unleashed shop at The Mall at Cribbs Causeway as part of the new Gromit Unleashed 2 trail. He will be there until the end of September when the display finishes.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to take your children and their family and friends to see our school's sculpture and to look all the other community designed Feathers McGraw in a brilliant penguin colony!



JUST A LITTLE Reminder

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Hair should be a natural colour with no shocking colours or bleaching. Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way and distract other children from their learning.

Mobile phones are banned at school. Please follow the policy and ask for permission slips at the office if you need your child to bring a phone to school. The school accepts no responsibility for items brought from home.



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



Up to date Data, held by the school.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to keep the school updated with their current telephone numbers (mobile, work, home),

addresses and any other relevant information (such as emergency contacts, dietary needs of children and medical needs that staff should be aware of).

It is important that the school holds this information and that it is current and up to date, as should there be an emergency in school we will be able to make contact with the relevant person as quickly as possible. We also prefer to send letters/correspondence via email (ParentMail) where possible. Thank you.



Governors' Corner. Following walkabouts by the Health and Safety governors much work has been done during the holidays to improve both sites. New heating has been installed in all the infant classrooms which we hope will give a much better service when the cold weather starts.

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Year 4 swimming commences next Thursday (13th September). **Falcon Class will be swimming first and we ask that they come into school for registration at 8.35am, in order to leave school at**

8.45am prompt. Flamingo and Fox Class will follow in turn, during the normal school day.

All children will need a towel and swimming costume or trunks - **no long Bermuda shorts or bikinis please.** All long hair will need to be tied up and earrings removed or covered. The children are allowed goggles if they wish. We strongly advise that parents provide swimming hats as this keeps their hair drier.

Each class will need parent helpers to assist with travelling on the coach and changing. This takes about 1 hour including the lesson. Please would you see your child's class teacher as soon as possible if you can help. **All helpers will need to have a DBS check in place.**

Please can we remind parents to make their swimming transport payments online, via Parentmail. Thank you.

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.



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.



Saturday, 15th September 2018
10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Redcatch Community Centre
38 Redcatch Road, Bristol, BS4 2AX

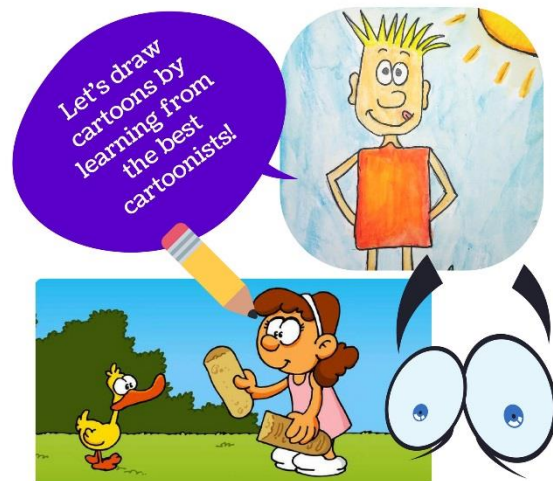
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Mon 3:20-4:30
Starts: 10th Sept

Cartoon Studio!



£38 for a 5 week course (£7.60 a session)
20% Sibling Discount Available
including all resources, refreshments

SIGN ME UP!

YEAR 1 OR 2 need to be walked to the Junior Site

To book go to bookwhen.com/gosketch
or contact Emma: emma@gosketch.co.uk 07717313651





Rules and Safety

As the new school year starts I would like to inform parents about some of the rules around school.

Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport may not be ridden in the school grounds. We have found it is too dangerous to allow children of any age to use wheeled transport round school. Scooters must be taken home, not left in school, as we do not have the capacity to store them. Children in Upper KS2 (Y5 and 6) may park bikes in the bike sheds if parents fill in the cycling to school agreement. Bikes are left at their owner's risk.

Climbing Equipment is not for use by children before or after school hours on either site.

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises at all (except guide/working dogs). Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.

The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe. Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers as playing in these areas can be dangerous.

Drains and drain covers - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.

Toys, games, pencil cases, mobile phones etc are not allowed in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any items brought from home.

Yours sincerely
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