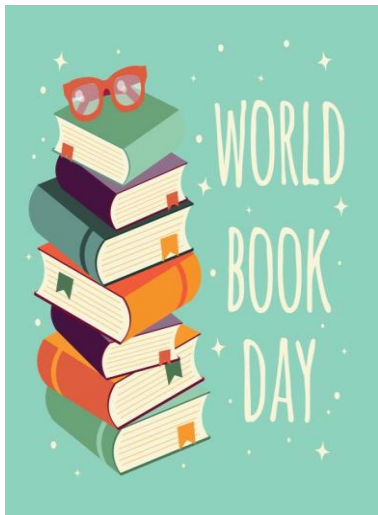


Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 Number 1, Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone.



We have some exciting activities planned for Term 4, including World Book Day. We will be celebrating World Book Day on FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March (not on the official date of 2<sup>nd</sup>). We are asking children to dress up as their favourite book characters on 3<sup>rd</sup> and bring a copy of the book too.

#### NEU Planned Strike Days



The next planned NEU teacher strike day is next week on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. I will let you know by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb what is likely to be happening, as I hope to have a clearer idea about how many teachers are striking by then. I suggest parents make contingency plans for 2<sup>nd</sup> March in case the school is closed or partially closed.

There are further planned NEU teacher strikes on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

I will keep you informed by parentmail as I receive further information about what is likely to happen.



#### Class Assemblies-

Flamingo- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- middle hall

Salamander- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- upper hall

Please note class 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.



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#### Supporting your child

Following on from the success of inviting parents and carers in to work alongside their children in KS1 on Timestable Rockstars (TTRs); Y3 are pleased to be able to invite their parents and carers in to do the same on

6.3.23 Tawny Owl

7.3.23 Turtle and Tree-frog

Please come into your class at drop off and stay and play some TTRs games or ask the teacher for support in getting used to this really useful, fun resource.

If drop off doesn't work for you then we will be running this activity later in the term at home time so you can come in with younger siblings then if that's easier.



#### Parent's Evening

**Parents' Evenings** will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> March for juniors (Y3-Y6).

Booking is online.

These meetings are not suitable for children to attend. **Please note there is no crèche and the school will not be supervising children.**

Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings, as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.

### Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:



In response to requests from parents we are once again selling Y6 SATs revision workbooks for maths and English (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & spelling, Arithmetic and reasoning). These workbooks cover the Y6 curriculum and help children practise the skills that they have been taught over the year. They have proved very popular in the past and enable parents to support their children not only in preparing for the SATs tests, but securing the skills that children will need as they make the transition to secondary school. These workbooks are now available to purchase from the school office and cost £3.50 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £12.00. Thank you.

## What's Happening

### February

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> –SARI workshops Y4/Y6

### March

3<sup>rd</sup> March- our World Book Day celebration which includes dressing up as your favourite book character.

YR- Chew Valley Farm visit

7<sup>th</sup> March- EYFS parent/carer afternoon at 2pm

17<sup>th</sup> March- Red Nose Day- children can wear merchandise to support this fund-raising event. We will be collecting £1 donations for this charity on the day.

Y6 Life Skills at the Create Centre

### Spelling Bee



Please note the Spelling Bee is due to take place w/b 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please check your child is learning the right spelling lists and if you're unsure please ask your class teacher. There are Spelling Bee trophies and book tokens for the winners.

We have noticed that this competition is wide open and won by the children who really practise their lists. This year KS1 will focus on their common exception words (CEWs) which help support them in their writing.

Good luck!



### Y6 Croft Farm Camp

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

that the next instalment of £82.50 must be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. **We do have a few parents that are yet to pay the first instalment. As school has already been charged an interim payment, it is imperative that this first instalment is paid. Please ensure this payment has been made. Mrs Holland will try and speak with these parents over the next few days.** Many Thanks.



### Y4 and Y5 Mendip Activity trip.

Please can we remind our year 4 and 5 parents and carers that the first instalment for their planned trip to the Mendip Activity Centre is due to be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. This payment will secure your child's place, so that they can be included on this trip.

Many thanks.



### Friends' News

The next Friends' meeting is at drop off at the infants on 3.3.23. Everyone is welcome, including pre-schoolers. Please come and sign in at the office.

Come and get involved in fund-raising and organising fun activities for the children. We are hoping for a return of the Summer Fayre this year after a long break due to Covid but this will only be possible if lots of Friends volunteer to organise it. Thank you.



### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### **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 (Closed for extra Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May following the coronation)

#### **Term 6**

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

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

### Term Dates 2023-2024

#### **Term 1**

**Closed for INSET 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

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

#### **Term 2**

Closed 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for INSET.

Pupils start Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

#### **Term 3**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

#### **Term 4**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March (28.3.24 INSET)

#### **Term 5**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### **Term 6**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June- 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Reminder**

**Toys, games, cards, pencil cases, mobile phones** etc are banned in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems. Pupils will be provided with all the stationery they need in school. (Y6 may bring their own stationery to get ready for secondary school expectations.) Where parents and carers agree to their child bringing in a mobile phone, they must sign the mobile phone agreement before letting their child bring it in.

Please note the school does not accept any liability for ANY items brought in from home including mobile phones, watches and bikes. All items brought into school are brought in at the owner's risk.



**Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport** may not be ridden in the school grounds. All bikes and scooters, including electric scooters, must be dismounted on entering the school grounds. 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 and the school accepts no liability for bikes brought onto the school premises.



### **Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats**

As many children have special diets for varying reasons, we ask that parents don't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of allergies, we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at

all. We will be returning any cakes, sweets and biscuits to parents. Thank you.



**In Term 4**, pupils in Year 4 and Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in workshops run by SARI, the Bristol based charity that

aims to build a greater understanding and respect for diversity and difference within our community. These workshops will explore issues relating to racism and inequality and how they impact on both individuals and communities. In the past pupils have benefited greatly from these workshops and have welcomed the opportunity to ask questions and discuss these issues in depth. Our work with SARI forms an important part of our PSHC Curriculum and our work as a United Nations Rights Respecting 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.



#### **Book Fair on both sites.**

The Travelling Book Fair will be on both sites from 17th March until 23rd March 2023. Please feel free to come along and spend your World Book Day tokens on a book. 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.

#### **Forward Planning**



**The Y6 SATs tests will be administered from 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

**The Year 1 Phonics Check is w/b 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The Y4 Multiplication Time table Check is 5<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The Y2 SATs test** will be administered during the month of May.

**It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 2 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.



#### **Governors' Corner**

The Chair of Governors, Miss Jessica Coggins, joined us for our School Improvement Officer visit to observe writing in KS1 just before the holiday. We were delighted with the high standard of work and behaviour from our pupils and we could see that children are making good progress and enjoying their writing. It is always good to get positive feedback from external advisors.

**Evaluating a new vaccine for the prevention of whooping cough**

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