

Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you enjoy the half term break next week. We start back on Monday 28th February and have some exciting activities planned for term 4, including World Book Day. We will be celebrating World Book Day on FRIDAY 4th March (not on the official date of 3rd). We are asking children to dress up as their favourite book characters on the first Friday back after the holidays.

There is information about cycling activities over the holiday at the end of newsletter.



Parents' Evenings are anticipated to be in school but we will let you know if they need to move to telephone calls if necessary.

24th March 3.30-6pm for all year groups.

29th March 3.30-6.00pm YR-Y2 (infants)

5th April 3.45-6.30pm for Y3-Y6 (juniors).

The online booking system will be open after the holidays on ParentMail.

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

Parents' Evenings are not suitable for children to attend. There is no crèche.



Scrooge Theatre 29th March

We have booked a theatre treat for KS2 children (limited numbers because of spacing). We are asking for £3 donation to cover the cost of this theatre visit. Please send £3 cash in an envelope to your class teacher before 24th March. We are asking for cash as paying online incurs charges that are prohibitive for small donations. Many thanks!



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



Adverse Weather and Holymead School Closure TOMORROW. The Met Office has issued a RED warning for wind in the South West on Friday.

Due to the red warning for wind being a 'risk to life' a decision has been made by the local authority to advise all non-essential services to close for the day, **this includes schools and settings**. Although the school community are likely to be safe in the building, a significant risk is the travel required, both for pupils as well as staff and the associated risks that unnecessary travel will bring.

Holymead Primary School will be closed TOMORROW (Friday). We will re-open after the half term on Monday 28th February.

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



Child of Hope

We have just received a lovely letter and photo from the Child of Hope School, thanking everyone for the donation of £283.77 for the school in Uganda.



Holymead Primary School are participating in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel this year. It is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. The aim of the event is to encourage more families to travel to school actively and help create healthier and happier communities. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps pupils arrive to school more relaxed and alert and is great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year's challenge will run for 2 weeks from 21 March- 1 April 2022. On each day of the challenge, we will be competing with other schools across the UK to see who can record the greatest proportion of their pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school. Pupils are more than welcome to scoot to school but please note that any scooters will have to be taken home again by parents or carers as we do not have the space to store them safely in school. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 who wish to cycle to school must ensure that the school cycling agreement has been signed by a parent or carer prior to the event. Year 5 and 6 pupils may use the bike shed to store their bicycles in school. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to store bicycles in school for other year groups; they will also have to be taken home by parents or carers.



Y6 Croft Farm Camp

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp on April 25th 2022 that the next instalment of £87.00 must be paid by 28th February 2022.

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.

Many Thanks.



Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

As a healthy school we do not encourage the bringing of sweets, cakes, biscuits and treats to share for special occasions such as birthdays or children returning from holiday.

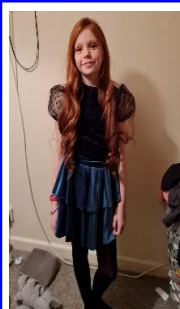
Many children have special diets for varying reasons, so we ask that parents/carers do not send any treats for consumption in school because of the issues that can arise. Thank you.



Staff News

We will sadly be saying good-bye and good luck to Mrs Bernie Monks who has been a great smsa over the past few years. We wish her well in her new job.

Mrs Buckley will be retiring at the end of next term after 32 years dedicated service to the Holymead community. We are pleased to have recruited Ms Yvette McLoughlin who will be taking over Mrs Buckley's health and safety role from Term 5.



Raya's Hair Donation.

Raya in year 5 has recently donated some of her hair for charity, as she wanted to help others. When she was asked why she wanted to do it, she said 'I don't like seeing others upset'. Her chosen charity is Alopecia UK.

This is a small registered charity working hard to improve the lives of those affected by alopecia. Raya herself suffered with hair loss at the start of lockdown in 2020 and this is a charity that is close to her heart. We are extremely proud of her.

If anyone would like to make a donation, please click on the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gemma-Coombs2?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=59a4ae5e-70d3-461b-a8e5-df2e3833ab69&utm_medium=email&utm_source=p_ostoffice&utm_term=1640636356035



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.

Spelling Bee



Please note the Spelling Bee is due to take place in 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. Good luck!



Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1st November
Re-opens Tues 2nd November- 17th December.

Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4th January 2022
Re-opens Wed 5th January-18th Feb 2022

Term 4

Mon 28th Feb- 8th April 2022

Term 5

Mon 25th April- 27th May 2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022
Re-opens Tues 7th June- Wed 20th July 2022.
Closed for INSET Thursday 21st July 2021.
Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22nd July 2022

Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st and 2nd September 2022
Pupils start Monday 5th September- 21st October

Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31st October 2022
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

Term 6

Mon 5th June-Thurs 20th July 2023
Closed for INSET Fri 21st July 2023
Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



The Equality policy and Equality Plan are on the school website.

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

We have purchased lots of lovely books and posters that celebrate our diverse community. We are sure the children will enjoy reading and looking at them.

Police Scheme

The school has noticed that police/traffic agencies are taking action against vehicles that are parked illegally or dangerously around school. Thank you to those members of the community who have been reporting dangerous parking using the online process.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

Please park legally and safely.



Bristol

Harlequins

A great local family club

Kenny 07791346898



Year 2 Age 6-7

Come join Isaiah and friends

Players wanted
join a great team
make friends
build confidence
keep active and develop new skills
all whilst having fun!

Sunday morning at Broomhill Road
Bristol, BS4 5RG

Free taster session no pressure to join



What's Happening

Dates for the Diary

Please note the term dates for 2022-2023 are listed below.

Nb all in-school meetings are subject to cancellation if Covid guidance changes.

March

- 1.3.22 Spanish Day (no dressing up)
- 4.3.22 World Book Day (dress up as book character)
- 8.3.22 E-safety workshop for Y5
- 29.3.22 Theatre visit
- 18-24.3.22 Travelling Book Fair for parents to come and buy books in school.
- Parents' Evenings- please see below.
- 21-25.3.22 Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

April

- 1.4.22 Real Maths Day

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 £3.00 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £10.00. Thank you.

Governors' Corner

The Full Governing Body met this week. Items included managing the school budget, the Equality Policy and Plan, progress on the School Improvement Plan, including the changes to early reading and the introduction of a new systematic synthetic phonic programme.



PANCAKE DAY!

Join us for your usual menu of the day with pancakes for pudding...

£ 2.30

We have whipped up some super light and fluffy pancakes in the kitchen! Join us on **Tuesday 1st March**

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TODAY!

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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Hello

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2022! Find out about our latest news, timetables and upcoming information about our Bikeability courses.

- [Upcoming Half Term Timetable](#)
- [Bikeability Level 1 Courses this Half Term](#)
- [We are excited to welcome you to our new session. Rusty Bikers](#)

Upcoming Half Term Timetable

19th - 27th February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Family Cycling 9:45 – 10:30	Learn to Ride 9:45 – 10:30	Rock Up and Ride 9:45 – 10:30	Learn to Ride 9:45 – 10:30	Family Cycling 9:45 – 10:30	Rock Up and Ride 9:45 – 10:30	Rock Up and Ride 9:45 – 10:30
Learn to Ride 10:45 – 11:30	Rock Up and Ride 10:45 – 11:30	Learn to Ride 10:45 – 11:30	Disability Cycling 10:45 – 11:30	Learn to Ride 10:45 – 11:30	Learn to Ride 10:45 – 11:30	Learn to Ride 10:45 – 11:30
Learn to Ride 11:45 – 12:30	Disability Cycling 11:45 – 12:30	Disability Cycling 11:45 – 12:30	Disability Cycling 11:45 – 12:30	Rock Up and Ride 11:45 – 12:30	Disability Cycling 11:45 – 12:30	Cycle Skills 11:45 – 12:30
Disability Cycling 1:15 – 2:00	Learn to Ride 1:15 – 2:00	Learn to Ride 1:15 – 2:00	Learn to Ride 1:15 – 2:00	Learn to Ride 1:15 – 2:00	Learn to Ride 1:15 – 2:00	Learn to Ride 1:15 – 2:00
Rock Up and Ride 2:15 – 3:00	Family Cycling 2:15 – 3:00	Cycle Skills 2:15 – 3:00	Family Cycling 2:15 – 3:00	Learn to Ride 2:15 – 3:00	Family Cycling 2:15 – 3:00	Family Cycling 2:15 – 3:00
Rusty Bikers 3:15 – 4:00	Learn to Ride 3:15 – 4:00	Rusty Bikers 3:15 – 4:00	Learn to Ride 3:15 – 4:00	Rusty Bikers 3:15 – 4:00	Learn to Ride 3:15 – 4:00	Learn to Ride 3:15 – 4:00

[Click here for our website timetable for more information.](#)



The
Bikeability
Trust

Bikeability Level 1 Courses this Half Term

Book onto our Bikeability Level 1 courses, available for a limited number of riders.
Register your interest in advance and choose one of the following dates and times.

Monday 21st February

- 1.30 - 3.30pm

Wednesday 23rd February

- 10am – 12pm or
- 1.30pm – 3.30pm

The courses are 2 hours and cost £10. They will be booked on a first come first serve basis and payment will be taken in advance.

Riders must be aged 7+ and able to ride a two wheeler with some confidence. This is not for early beginners but for riders to start to practise their skills; stopping, starting, bicycle basics and road safety.

[Register your interest in the Bikeability Level 1 here.](#)



We are excited to welcome you to our new session.

Rusty Bikers.

- Are you or someone you know new to cycling? Wanting to learn to ride as an adult?
- Or maybe not ridden for years and wanting to practice somewhere safe?
- Have a bike in the shed you want to ride again?
- Wanting to know more about cycling safely on the roads?
- Get your confidence back and get cycling with the help of our friendly, knowledgeable Bikeability instructors

Learning to Ride a bike can be rewarding and create life long memories. Practising with friends and family as a child. Or finding out how to pedal as an adult. There is no age limit to cycling and the memories you can create.

This session is for riders over the age of 16.