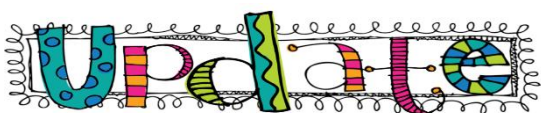


Dear Parents/Carers
Welcome back everyone.



We had a busy term last term and you can see many of the exciting things

your children got up to by visiting the school website (search Holymead) and the year group page. As many items are now in our blog page where children write their own reports and stories we have put a link from the year group page to the blog so you can read these as well. Alternatively, you can search for the Holymead Blog directly.



We are delighted to report that, as part of his work as a Maths Specialist for the South West, Mr McSmythurs has been selected to travel to Shanghai to see how they teach Maths in China. I'm sure Mr McSmythurs will come back with lots of ideas to share. He will be away for 2 weeks from 11th November. Miss Roberts will be teaching Tamarin along with Mrs Wiltshire while he is away.

Open Day

Wednesday 13th November



The infant site will be open at 9.10-10.00am and 1.00-2.00pm.

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am and 2-3pm.

Both sites will be open 3.30-4.30pm.

Infant children will be able to show their parents round on the infant site. Please wait in the playground while children are registered first.

Y6 ambassadors will show parents round on the junior site as the different nature of KS2 lessons means junior children need to stay in their classrooms, not go round with their parents.

I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents on both sites as far as possible.

I will also run conducted tours on 26th November 2019 and 7th January 2020 at 9am for prospective parents to look round if they are looking for school places and are unable to attend Open Day.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



Y6 Showcase cinema visit

Y5/6 Girls' football matches at Wicklea and Knowle Park

Reception Parent/Carer Reading Meeting 6.11.19
at 3.20pm in the infant hall, crèche in Robin.

12.11.19 Y3/4 Fun with Fractions- come and see how we teach fractions to KS2 children- upper hall

Percy Smith Swimming gala 13.11.19

19.11.19 Y5/6 How we assess writing- Salamander 3.30

Y3 visit to St Fagans

Y3 Little Zoo comes to school

Y4 visit to Folly Farm

Y4 visit to the Synagogue

Y1 and Y2 St Luke's Church visits

28th Nov KS2 Film Night

29th Nov Christmas Shopping Night

3rd Dec at 3.30pm Y6 KS2 SAT's meeting in Salamander

4th Dec at 3.30pm Y4 Getting to Grips with Grammar



Non-uniform Day 22nd November

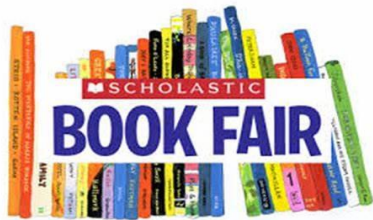
in aid of the Christmas Shopping Night and Children's Shopping Day. We are asking parents

to send donations for the school Christmas Hampers and for children to buy as gifts during their shopping day.

Suggested donations are toiletries; make up, perfume, jewellery and Christmas food and drink. Any unopened nearly new gifts for ladies, gents or children will be welcome.



Children in Need Day 15th November – this will be a normal school uniform day but if children wish to wear spotty accessories eg hair bands, ties, neckerchiefs or socks etc and bring in donations of £1 we will send it to Children in Need.



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the infant site from Monday 4th November and the junior site from 21st November.

Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child.



Parking Reminder!

Please don't park on the zig-zags outside either site. They are there to try and keep children safe. Some parents are endangering lives by parking on the zig-zags. Please find a safe place to park away from the busy entrances. Thank you.

School Dinners

School dinner increase

Please note from 4th November school dinners on the KS2 junior site will increase to £2.15.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please ask for information at either office. Having free school meals can also open the door to **pupil premium funding** which means we can give your child extra support but you must apply for it on both sites. If you are on a low income please ask for details.



The Friends' group is already busy organising the Christmas fundraiser, which will be making Christmas cards. We will be sending out your child's Christmas card design next term for you to order in time for Christmas.

The Friends will be purchasing swimming kits for the school team with the money they have raised. Thank you!

Friends' Cake Sale 7th November. TODAY at the infant site after school.



On the KS1 site we have had a working party from Teleperformance in helping to clear the garden areas. We would like to say a big thank you for all their hard work. Teleperformance are the worldwide leader in outsourced Omni channel customer experience management. They connect the biggest and most respected brands on the planet with their customers by providing customer care, technical support, customer acquisition, digital solutions, analytics, back-office and other specialized services to ensure consistently positive customer interactions. We are grateful for them taking the time to help make our grounds look attractive. Thank you!



The governors' year has started with a few changes. Jon Chamberlain, who served as the Health and Safety governor, resigned at the start of the school year. Jon gave a lot of time to the school and we thank him for his help in ensuring the school premises have been kept in good order. This means we have a vacancy for a co-opted governor.

After a number of years as chair, Phil Wright stepped down as chair of governors, but remains on the governing body. On behalf of everyone I'd like to thank Phil for his dedication in the role of chair, particularly his strong leadership during the time when the two schools merged to become an all-through primary school.

Jo Randall has also stepped down as vice chair but remains a dedicated and very supportive governor.

We are, therefore, pleased to announce that Jess Coggins was elected as the new chair with Ruth Clacey- Roberts as vice chair. We welcome them to their new roles.



School Prospectus

School Prospectus.

Please note the school prospectus which is available on our website states: 'Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate for school e.g. not unnatural colours or shocking styles'. Jewellery should not be worn in school

(except small pierced ear rings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher. Thank you.



Infant Bedtime Story

13th November 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.

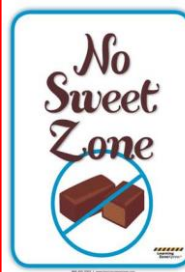


Holidays in term time.

It is 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 or 8 half days).

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.



Reminder

Please do not send any cakes or sweets to celebrate birthdays or special occasions in school. As many children have special diets for varying reasons we would rather parents didn't send any food for consumption in school. If you feel you really must send something then a packet of plain biscuits with clearly labelled ingredients would be best so these can be given out on the way out of school and parents can check them. Thank you.



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.



Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 3rd December 2.50pm

Turtle – Middle Hall

Tuesday 3rd December 2.50pm

Shark – 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. Thanks



KS2 Parents' Evenings

will be on 21st November 2019

Between 4.30pm and 7.00pm and on 26th

November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Parents' Evening bookings will need to be made using our online booking system via our ParentMail App.

Booking is now open

These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities.

Please note that teacher run clubs cannot operate on parents' evenings as teachers are meeting parents.

Sendco Meetings: Mrs Cole will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. Please phone the office when you have made your online booking for Parents' Evening.

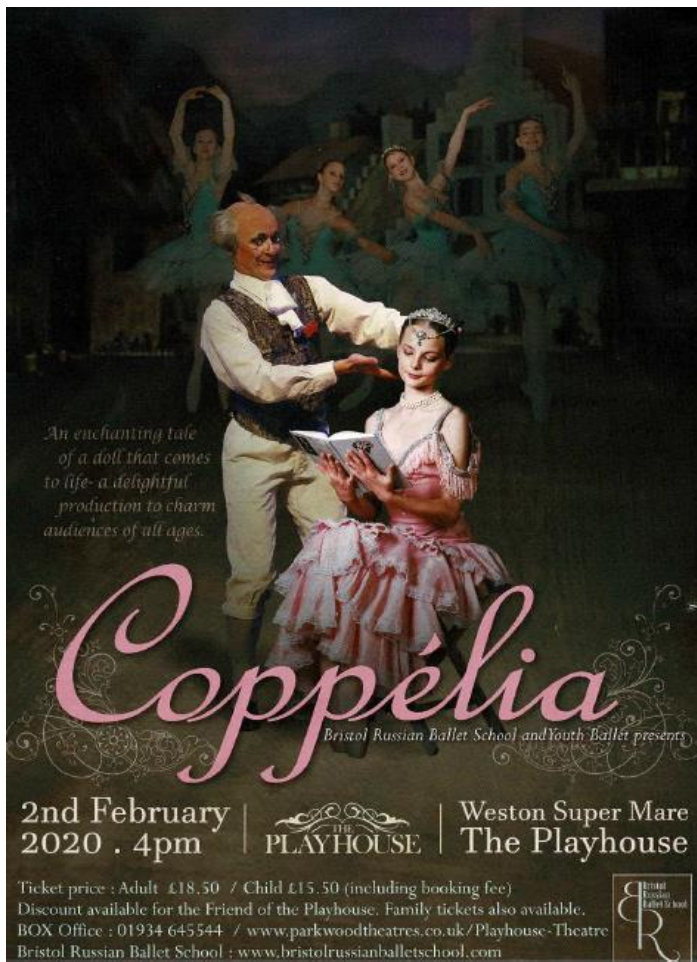


WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2015 AND 31st AUGUST 2016?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2020.




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.



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2nd February 2020 . 4pm |  | Weston Super Mare The Playhouse

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BOX Office : 01934 645544 / www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/Playhouse-Theatre
Bristol Russian Ballet School : www.bristolrussianballetschool.com



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2019- 2020

Term 1

(INSET 2nd, 3rd Sept.)

Wed 4th Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 5th Sept- New intake Reception start.

Fri 25th October- last day of Term 1.

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov- Thurs 19th Dec 2019 (INSET 20th Dec)

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 – Thursday 13th Feb 2020 (INSET 14th Feb)

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb- Fri 3rd April 2020

Term 5

Mon 20th April- Fri 22nd May 2020

Term 6

Mon 1st June- Friday 17th July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)



QUIZ!

URC Church

7.00pm-10.00pm

£5 per ticket

Teams of 6 max

FRIDAY 15TH NOV

THE FRIENDS OF HOLYMEAD!

The Bristol Brick Show

 **16th-17th November 2019**

 **Action Indoor Sports, Bamfield, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 OXA**

LEGO Exhibition **LEGO Exhibition Plus**
£4 Entry All Ages Soft Play/Seating Area*
£8 - Child, £4 - Adult

Amazing LEGO® Based Fan Builds

 **Brick Play Area**
Tombola Competitions

 **Prizes!** **Soft Play Area** 

 **Hot & Cold Refreshments**



 **Bristol Brick Show 2019**

 **BristolBrickShow@gmail.com**

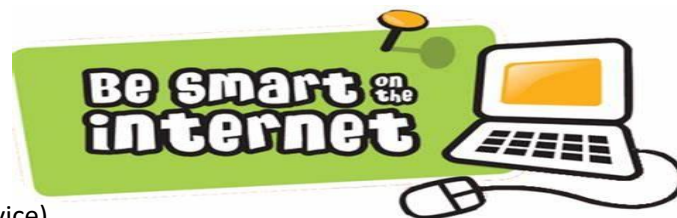
*Soft play/ seating area are ticket only. On sale from 1st September. First come first serve

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 **children's hospice SOUTH WEST**

E-Safety.

Please find attached two links for information on e-safety that are useful for supporting our parents with children's general use of electronics at home.



In order to limit screen time per app (instead of the whole device)

as well as track activity, set daily limits, view device location and more, please follow

<https://techcrunch.com/2019/09/18/googles-parental-control-software-family-link-gains-much-needed-features/>

Swiggle - child friendly search engine for younger children.

For use at home and in school, Swiggle is a child-friendly search engine developed by South West Grid for Learning and built on the Google Safe Search technology. It is free, ad free, has a reporting page for children and adults, active blocking of inappropriate search strings and even a Swigglebot to give advice.

For more information go to the link below and look at the menu (top right of page) <https://swiggle.org.uk/>

Thank you to those at www.esafety-adviser.com for making us aware of these links.

Christmas Carol Service 6th December-

As you know we are a very large primary school and being split over two sites means we don't have a large enough hall to ever get together in one place. Our Carol Concert at St Cuthbert's has become a bit of a Christmas tradition where we all get together and this year we are fortunate enough to have been welcomed back on 6th December. Unfortunately (if that's the right word!) we are such a large community that the church was absolutely packed last year just with children and a few adult helpers so we are unable to invite parents to come and join the service. However, if you are really keen to get involved then we do need a couple of parents from each class to help us walk down and supervise children whilst in the church and walk back. Please see your class teacher to volunteer to help out. I'm afraid it's standing room only for helpers.



Permission is covered in the general local visits sheet but if you haven't returned that yet please do so this week. If you wish to withdraw your child on religious grounds please see the Head Teacher so alternative arrangements can be made to stay in school.

Children should not be kept at home as alternative education is provided in school.



Holymead Primary
Junior Site

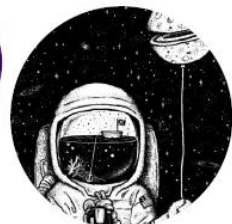
Tues 3:20-4:30
Starts: 12th Nov
(2nd week back)

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Girls' Football News.

Broomhill Girls 2 - 6 Holymead Girls
Scorers: Sophie 3, Poppy 2, Drew 1
Thursday 24th October 2019

After going 1-0 down early on our Girls Football Team battled back to equalise just before half time. Poppy came on at half time and scored two quick goals, followed by two more from Sophie and a first goal for the school from Drew. Some excellent performances from the whole team. Special mention to Tamsin for her endless running and tackling in midfield, and for Avah for her excellent goal kicks that helped set up several goals. A fantastic hat trick from Sophie was also great to see! Well done to Flora, Charlotte, Mary-Sophia, Avah, Drew, Tamsin and Poppy.

Christmas Concerts

Parents/carers are invited to attend one of the following Christmas performances. Arrangements for tickets will be sent out later.



10th Dec 9.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

10th Dec 1.40pm YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

10th Dec 2.30pm Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

11th Dec 9.30am YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

11th Dec 10.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

11th Dec 2pm and 6pm Year 4 performance (Flamingo, Fox, Falcon). The 6pm performance only is open to all ages. The 2pm is not for pre-schoolers.

Christmas Concert- Y4-Y6 musicians at St Cuthbert's Church- **18th December, at 7pm** - all ages welcome.

Please note the performances DURING SCHOOL HOURS are NOT suitable for pre-school children as the children have worked hard to learn their parts and we want them to be heard. We will run a crèche but need some parent volunteers to work with staff.

We do not charge entry to the school concerts but there will be a collection bucket on the way out if you wish to make a donation to charity (money will not go to the school). Thank you.

Child Safety - As in previous years anyone performing in plays/concerts may be photographed by parents during the performance and whilst we hope parents will be mindful of where they put photos of children, the school has no say in where photos end up. If you don't want your child in any photos then they cannot perform in the play and we will make arrangements for them to stay with another year group during the performances so they are safe. Please see your class teacher if you need your child to be kept from public view.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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