

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful response we have had to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The appeal is now closed and we are sending off 182 shoeboxes full of lovely gifts. We have used some of the donations to fund postage where this wasn't covered on boxes and we will donate the rest of the money (£226.40) to the charity.

Thank you everyone for your generous donations and thank you to Miss Strang and Miss Nashnush for organising this collection.



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.

There will be tours of the infant site for prospective parents looking for a Reception place for **September 2023 on 22.11.22 at 9.10am and 10.00am.**

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.



Friends' AGM NEW DATE 4.11.22 TOMORROW

Please join us after half term at drop off on the infant site to get involved in the forthcoming events that the Friends organise. We are always looking for new volunteers to join the group so please come along. Pre-schoolers welcome.



SMSA vacancy

Holymead Primary School is actively looking to recruit an SMSA to supervise the children at lunch times.

Our SMSAs are integral members of staff and are highly valued. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested but is not necessarily connected to the school, please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Holland, via the school office.

Thank you.



Class Assemblies for parents- Junior Site

Tuesday 29th November 2.45pm

Fox – Middle Hall

Tuesday 29th November 2.45pm

Firecrest – 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



Term 2 is traditionally full of events in the run up to Christmas and we are planning a return to a full programme of Christmas Events (where possible).

6th and 7th Dec, Reception to Y2 will be performing Christmas Nativities and Y4 will be putting on a Christmas Play.

Child Safeguarding - If you don't want your child in any performances we will make arrangements for them to stay with another year group during the recordings so they are safe from view. Please see your class teacher if you need your child to be kept from public view where photos will be taken.

We have booked theatre treats this year so please look out for details on this and later newsletters.

We are also making the usual arrangements for parties and hope Father Christmas will put in an appearance at the KS1 party as he usually does! We also hope to be able to run the KS2 Children's Shopping Day held during the school day in December.

We are planning to hold the Church Carol Concert at St Cuthbert's and the Christmas Music Concert is planned for 15th Dec. (Y3 do a recorder concert later in the year when they have more notes to play with!) The Friends are arranging the return of the Christmas Shopping Night on 18.11.22 and will need volunteers for this. We will have the Christmas Hamper Raffle once again and will be asking for donations on 18th November when we'll hold a non-uniform day. This will coincide with Children in Need Day where £1 donations may also be brought in.



Developing our School Curriculum

Holymead Primary School is working with Babbasa to deliver a diverse and representative curriculum throughout the school year and to support our work in addressing issues relating to inclusion, equality and diversity. Please see our Equality Policy and Action Plan in the policy area of the school website. We are also continuing our workshops on anti-racism with SARI.

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

Dinners



Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) are available on the infant site. That means everyone up to and including Y2 can have free hot dinners. At the same time, you can also apply for free school meals (even if your child is currently in receipt of UFSM) if you think they are entitled, as this will also make them eligible for pupil premium funding.

For KS2 (juniors), hot dinners will be increased to **£2.45** a day from 22nd October 2022. All school dinners must be paid online using the ParentMail facility. Dinner money accounts must always be held in credit. If you think you are eligible for free school meals (FSM) please ask the office for further details.



Parents' Evenings

KS2 Parents' Evenings will be on 15th November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and 24th November between 4.00pm and 6.30pm.

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

Senco Meetings: Mrs Davies 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.



Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies at the school offices to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

What's Happening

November

Y2 visit to St Luke's Church

Y2 Fire Service Talks

Y3 St Fagan's' visit

8.11.22 KS2 Film Night and KS1 Bedtime Story – fundraising for Water-aid at the RAG group's request

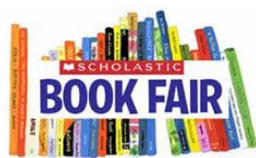
14.11.22 Y6 Height and weight measures; online consent forms have been sent out.

18.11.22 Non-uniform day to bring in donations for the Hamper Raffle/ Children in Need

December

1.12.22 Beauty and Beast- Theatre in school

NHS seasonal flu (not covid) nasal vaccines 8th Dec. Consent forms will be sent to parents nearer the time
6th and 7th Dec-Christmas Plays (details to follow)



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the junior site from 11th to 17th November.

Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child. The more books we sell the more commission we get to buy books for the school. Thank you for your support.

The Cabin

At Holymead we are delighted to be expanding the use of our new Cabin for outdoor learning. All age groups use this space for a variety of activities including identifying and drawing plants and mini-beasts as part of science and art; studying the weather in geography; story-telling as part of well-being and literacy; shape walks in maths and imaginative play and seasonal walks in EYFS and other year groups.



If you can spare a few minutes, we would be grateful if you could go onto the OFSTED website to fill in the parent and carer questionnaire. This gives the school feedback on what we need to do to improve and gives OFSTED a good indication of what parents and carers think of the school. Here is a link to the OFSTED parent and carer questionnaire site:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Cyber Security

As well as schools having a good understanding of cyber security, it is really important for parents and children too. Internet Matters have put together a really good, simple article so that parents can learn more about cyber security which you can access at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-cybersecurity/>.



Governors' Corner

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for a co-opted governor. This position is open to parents or carers and wider members of the community. If you are interested in being a governor and have the following skills: Health and Safety, Finance, Safeguarding. Please see the advert on parentmail and email Jessica Coggins, chair of governors, via office@holymeadprimary.co.uk



Please meet one of our new parent governors, Michael Starbuck.

(Michael and Kaylene are hoping to be present at the Friends' Christmas Fayre and would like to meet you in person there).

I am really pleased to be a parent governor at Holymead Primary School and joined the Governors' Board in June 2022. Due to my previous experience working in Bristol City Council's Schools Finance Team, I will be sitting on the Financing and Staffing Committee.

I currently work in the Civil Service where I take an active role encouraging and challenging Equality, Diversity and Inclusion issues with colleagues and senior leaders.



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

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.

Roads around school sites.

Parents please think about the safety of our children when driving and parking around school.



Please don't park on the zig zags.

We have put out parking signs and we've rung the police to come and monitor dangerous driving and parking around school. If you see dangerous driving and parking, please report it to:

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

The more parents who report dangerous driving the more likely police and highways agencies are likely to listen.



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.



School Uniform.

Uniform gives us a sense of community belonging.

All uniform needs to be ordered online (with logo) or bought from any shop (without logo). We stock

different sizes of sweat shirts etc so you can try on a sample to get the right size before ordering.

If you have any problems with uniform, eg both sweat shirts are in the wash on one day or you're waiting for new trousers to arrive, please explain your circumstances to a member of staff.

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

Shoes: Children need to have black school shoes for school.

Please note black jeans, leggings (unless for PE) and hooded tops must not be worn in school.

ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

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



Reminder to all.

Please can we remind all visitors to our school that for health and safety reasons, we do not allow children or adults to ride bikes and scooters on the school playground. Anyone caught

doing so, will be politely asked to dismount and walk to their school destination.

Please can we also take this opportunity to remind you that dogs are not allowed anywhere on school premises. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Rules



Toys, games, 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. The exception to this is Y6 where pupils can bring their own stationery as they prepare for secondary school. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones and bikes. All items brought into school are brought in at the owner's risk. Parents and carers must sign the mobile phone or cycling agreement before letting their child bring a phone/cycle to school.

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

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.



Christmas dinner will be on the following dates:

KS1 – Thursday 15th December

KS2 – Friday 16th December

We will soon be asking our KS2 parents/carers to book Christmas lunch in advance, if their child wishes to have one via ParentMail and further information will be sent in due course.

SPLAT Christmas Light Switch On
Saturday 26th November 2022

Well, it's nearly here Sandy Park! Its all VERY exciting.

As you know we have a full road closure on Sandy Park Road from 12pm – 7pm. The closure is from the junction with Repton Rd and Sandhurst Rd up to the junction with St. Cuthbert's Church. Sandringham Road will be open for access. There is no access to Sandy Park Road from Harrow Road or Winchester Road for vehicles.

There will be a stage across the road by the Sandringham pub and the program is as follows. We will have a surprise compere on the day!

2pm – Event opened by ZumZumba Crew and ZumbaGold
2:30 pm – BDP Choir
3:00pm – Holymead School Choir
3:30pm – Wicklea Academy Choir
4:00pm – Broomhill Primary School Choir
4:30pm – Light Switch On
ZumZumba Crew will close the event with Zumba Gold

The Sandringham Pub car park will allow access to any emergency vehicle that needs to get into Sandy Park so is not available for anyone to park there.

SPIROLUX continue to support SPLAT and this year will be our third year of lighting up Sandy Park with their support!

We still need Marshalls to help us support the event so please contact gilltip@gmail.com.

We really need your support to make this event super. You can still donate in any Pink Pot in the shops on Sandy Park to support the event or find our GoFundMe page on SPLAT Facebook page, <https://gofund.me/7333242d> or QR code here.

SPLAT Team
Jax, Gill, Sher, Carly

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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