

Dear Parents and Carers,



We will be celebrating World Book Day on FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March this week (not on the official date of 3<sup>rd</sup>). We are asking children to dress up as their favourite book characters this Friday. Book tokens are also being handed out today.



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## 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

4.3.22 TOMORROW 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 separate item.

21-25.3.22 Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

### April

1.4.22 Real Maths Day



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

24<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6pm for all year groups.

29<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6.00pm YR-Y2 (infants)

5<sup>th</sup> April 3.45-6.30pm for Y3-Y6 (juniors).

The online booking system will be open soon 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 29<sup>th</sup> March

We have booked a theatre treat for KS2 children (Y3-Y6).

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 24<sup>th</sup> March. We are asking for cash as paying online incurs charges that are prohibitive for small donations.

Many thanks!



### Book Fair on both sites.

The Travelling Book Fair will be on both sites from 18<sup>th</sup> March until 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Please feel free to come along and spend your World Book Day tokens on a book. Thank you.

### Information for parents/carers.

If you would like some support in talking to your child about Russia's invasion of Ukraine please see this link:

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducationhub.blog.gov.uk%2F2022%2F02%2F25%2Fhelp-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ca85568dbf54c4b0d825c08d9faad9cd6%7C6378a7a50f214482aee0897eb7de331f%7C0%7C0%7C637816445827077482%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=I%2BmvBxwqYeleTlt%2F0rR%2BxJAYiAgoZf9ijRm%2BOT12c%2B4%3D&reserved=0>



**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 should have been paid by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**There are many second instalments that are yet to be paid. Please can we ask that this receives your immediate attention. The school has already paid an interim payment for your child's place, so it is imperative that instalments are paid in advance of their due date. Your cooperation regarding this matter is much appreciated.**

Many Thanks.



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

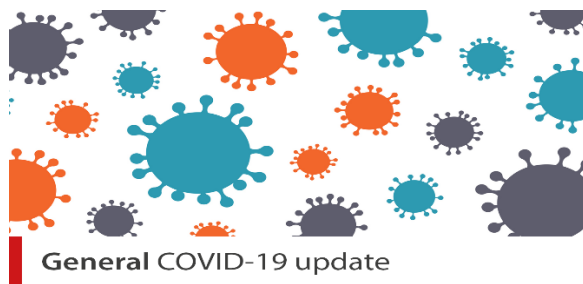
As a healthy school we do not encourage the bringing of sweets, cakes, biscuits and treats to share for special occasions such as birthdays or children returning from holiday.

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.



#### **Red Nose Day – Comic Relief.**

Children can wear red noses, a red tee-shirt or red nose charity merchandise on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and bring in a £1 for charity.



#### **General COVID-19 update**

Following the government's announcement about Covid, please see the following information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>



#### **Safer Internet Day**

The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is 'All fun and games?

Exploring respect and relationships online'. Parents may find the following link useful, to help with defining 'online slang'.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>



**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 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Re-opens Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> November- 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Term 3

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

#### Term 4

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Term 5

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### Term 6

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

### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### Term 1

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

#### Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
Re-opens Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### 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

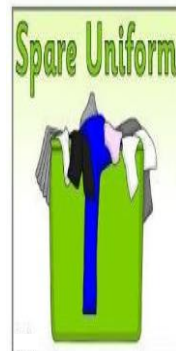
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Term 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### 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  
Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



**Spare Clothes-** we are very short of girls' socks and tights and larger size KS2 trousers for changing children. If you have spare clothing suitable for changing children when they have accidents, please send them to the office. If your child is changed in school, please wash and return any borrowed clothing. Thank you.

### 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.



**The Friends of Holymead Primary** are planning to meet again in person on 4.3.22 at 2pm on the infant site. New friends and pre-schoolers are welcome. The Friends will be holding a Hamper Raffle for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which the school will be celebrating w/b 23.5.22.

We will hold a non-uniform day on 29<sup>th</sup> April to bring in hamper gifts but as this is somewhat off, details will follow later.





**KS2 Spanish Day:** We had so much fun celebrating Spanish Day this week. Children enjoyed creating their own Pablo Picasso inspired portrait, exploring food from different cultures and tasting some delicious Spanish delicacies. We were lucky enough to watch a flamenco performance in the afternoon which really gave us a taste of Spanish culture. ¡Olé!



**Adverse Weather and possible School Closure.** In exceptional circumstances e.g. heavy snow, high winds 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. <http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web>

#### Covid cases in school as at 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

YEAR GROUP	COVID CASES
YR	0
Y1	0
Y2	3
Y3	1
Y4	0
Y5	2
Y6	0
<b>TOTAL PUPILS</b>	<b>6</b>



**The Y6 SATs tests** will be administered during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Year 1 Phonics Check and the Y4 Multiplication Time table Check** will be

administered in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June and will run until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**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.

#### 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 Curriculum and Standards Governors met this week. They heard about how the new Cabin is being used to teach practical Science outdoors and how we are introducing the new Systematic Synthetic Phonic (SSP) programme called Unlocking Letters and Sounds which is helping us to teach children how to read and providing interventions for those who are struggling. Parents have probably noticed a lot of new decodable books being sent home with younger children to support reading.

Yours sincerely  
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