

Dear Parents and Carers,



Staff are starting to prepare new class lists for next year as ALL the classes will be mixed up. We try to put children with a friend and split up those who don't work well together. This is a complex

task as classes also need to remain balanced with even numbers of girls and boys of different abilities. Staff ask the children to name a couple of friends that they try to put them with **BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS.** If you want to speak to teachers it is best to approach them now rather than later. I realise this can be an anxious time, usually more so for parents than children! We find the children are actually very adaptable and make new friends quickly in September so please don't worry. Making new friends is an important life skill and we find moving the children round can balance friendship groups better.

#### 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. The school has signed up to be part of Safer Streets Bristol which aims to make areas safer for pedestrians and we will let you know when we hear anything.



It is important that parents/carers follow Covid-19 guidelines.

**DO NOT** send your child to school if **anyone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms.**

**DO NOT** send your child to school if **anyone in the household is waiting for the results of a Covid test.**

Further advice is available online.

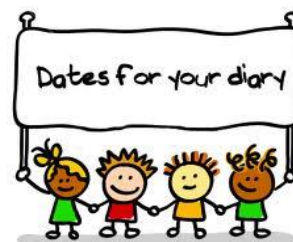
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring the office 01179030377 or 01173772381 for advice.

#### Dates for the Diary

10.6.21 KS1 Next Gen photos

21.6.21 Theatre visit for YR, Y1 and Y2 in school. We are asking for £2 donations towards the cost of the theatre visit. We can only re-book again for next year if we receive enough donations to offset the cost. Thank you.



#### Next Gen Photos

KS2 class photos were taken on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

KS1 class photos will be taken June 10<sup>th</sup>.



#### Friends' Meeting

If you would like to attend Friends' zoom meetings, please email [holyeadfriends@gmail.com](mailto:holyeadfriends@gmail.com) to request the meeting details.



#### Bad Hair Day 21.5.21

Thanks everyone for your lovely donations for the Summer Hamper Raffle. Raffle tickets will be going on sale and the draw will be on 28<sup>th</sup> June. All money raised will be spent on children at school.



### Sponsored Run-a-thon

Thank you everyone for your generous sponsorships in the recent Run-a-thon.

### Holymead Primary School's Runathon raises over £7,000 for local foodbank

Holymead Primary School in Brislington, Bristol has raised over £7000 for South and East Bristol foodbank. The money was raised by our families and people in the local community sponsoring pupils to participate in a runathon. The event, which was run by the school's Rights Action Group, was held throughout May. The idea for the event was suggested by pupils who wanted to help local families who may have fallen on hard times as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

South and East Bristol foodbank provide nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Fundraising is a top priority for Holymead Primary School who have recently been re-accredited with the Gold Rights Respecting Schools' Award. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others. Gold is the highest accolade given by Unicef UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life.

Headteacher of Holymead Primary School, Kate Slatcher, said: We are proud that our pupils have been so enthusiastic about raising money for others. I think the community has really got behind this fundraising event because they recognise the important role that foodbanks have played during these uncertain times. Well done to all the pupils for their determination and



### Reminders!

**Reminder.** 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 agreement before letting their child bring a phone to school and the cycling to school agreement if they want their child to cycle.

Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags.



**Staff moving classes.** For those of you who know the school well, you will know that teachers and LSAs are employed to work throughout the whole age range and regularly move about through different year groups,

across both sites. Staff are expected to move around the age ranges to become competent at teaching all ages. I am keen to dispel the myth that staff who move from Reception to Y6 are getting promoted and those who move from Y6 to reception are getting demoted!! As staff will be moving around (in September) I think they would be dismayed to think parents considered a change of age range as a promotion or demotion. It is not. This is simply part of the cycle of moving around and keeping staff up to date with ways of teaching in all the age ranges.



### Don't Forget!

**As Mr Hough is away at camp on 7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> June, Tree-frog will be covered by a supply teacher and Mr Hough's football club will be cancelled that week. Thank you.**



### No Scooters.

Please can we remind you that no scooters (including electric scooters) are to be used on school premises. Please ensure they are dismantled at the school gates and are pushed around, whilst on either school playground. Many thanks.



Our Year 5 children are off to camp on Monday and will be visiting the PGL site at Liddington. We hope they have an amazing time and we look forward to seeing the photos.



**Shuffle up Day-** on the afternoon of 5<sup>th</sup> July all children will shuffle up to their new classes to meet their new teachers. This includes Y2 going up to the juniors but will not include new Reception children coming into school this year. (They have a separate transition visit in June.) 5<sup>th</sup> July is the day parent/carers are informed which class their children will be in. No changes to classes can be made once the class lists are put up on the doors so please talk to teachers NOW.

**Y2 transition to Y3.** As part of our transition programme to get children ready for Y3 we will be taking them to visit the junior site where they have a buddy to tell them what it is like in Key Stage 2.

**We are also holding a short meeting with Y2 parents to welcome you to Y3 on the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm on the junior site. Please wear masks.**



**SATs** - No doubt parents and carers will have heard in the news that SATs and other primary testing is not going ahead this year.

This was the case last year too and as a school we undertook

in-school assessments last year to be able to see where children were at in their learning. These were very informative and we intend to run similar assessments this year.

We will share any outcomes with parents as part of the reporting process at the end of the year, so you know how your children are progressing.



## Term Dates 2020- 2021

### Term 6

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> June- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 (INSET Mon 7.6.20)

## New Term Dates 2021-2022

### Term 1

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2021 school closed for INSET  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2021 KS1 and KS2 start (all current pupils)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 New Reception start part time.

**Term 1** ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

### 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- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Closed for INSET Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022



## Starting School 2022

Due to Covid-19, we will not be holding an Open Day this term. However, Mrs Head and I will do a limited number of tours of the infant site for prospective parents looking for a Reception place for **September 2022**.

### Tours must be booked by phoning the office on

**01173772381** and are limited to ONE parent only (pre-schoolers welcome) at the following times:

6.7.21 and 15.7.21 at 9.10am, 10.00am, 1.15pm. Please leave your name and contact number.

Dates for September tours will be released later.

Parents with children starting school in **September 2021** should have received details of your transition visit in June already. We look forward to seeing you then. If you haven't received any starting school information, please phone the office on the above number for help.



## 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.



## Dinner money arrears.

We have a high amount of dinner money accounts in arrears at present. Please can we remind parents that **dinner money accounts on ParentMail MUST ALWAYS be kept in credit.**

Our school policy is that once an account for an individual child is in arrears of £10.00 or more, then a packed lunch **MUST** be provided for your child until such time as these arrears are cleared. A ParentMail will be sent to parents to advise them when accounts are in arrears and phone calls will be made home, should a school dinner be requested when arrears are present.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Anyone in England who does not have symptoms of Covid-19 can now get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for the virus. We encourage parents to do these lateral

flow tests for adults (not on primary age children). For further information, please refer to the link below.

[Regular rapid coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests if you do not have symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



## Permission Slips.

Permission slips are a very important piece of school documentation. Without the return of completed

permission slips for school trips, children will not be allowed to participate with the rest of their class. Please can we remind parents that ALL permission slips issued in respect of any school trip, must be completed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. The annual permission slip that we ask parents to complete for local visits, are only valid for local trips. Thank you.

## Grassroots Sports Bristol

### Summer Holiday Clubs

Dear Parents/Guardians

We at Grassroots Sports Bristol in partnership with Young Bristol are delighted to inform you that we are going to be running 5 Multi-Sports Holiday clubs at St Silas Youth Club Stockwood BS14 8SJ from the 21<sup>st</sup> July-20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 ( New Extended Hours Available )

SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATES	COST PER CHILD	Week ATTENDING (PLEASE CIRCLE)
MULTI-SPORTS This includes football, Athletics, Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Netball Volleyball Games Arts & crafts & much more)	All children aged 4-12	08:30-04:30 9:00-3:00	21 <sup>st</sup> July Till 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Extended Hrs £30 week or £25 per Day Normal Day £25 week or £20 per Day	Week 1 21-23 Jul Week 2 26-30 Jul Week 3 2-6 Aug Week 4 9-13 Aug Week 5 16-20 Aug

Email [jeffreydickens@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffreydickens@hotmail.com)

: To Secure your place a £50 Deposit is required by the 19<sup>th</sup> July you can do this by either contacting Jeff Dickens Direct or By Bank Transfer/ ACC No -52293982 Sort Code 09-01-29

For more information please contact Jeff Dickens 07877287072

Yours sincerely  
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