

Dear Parents/Carers

**Stop press! Miss Elston's parents' evening has been cancelled this evening as Miss Elston has gone home ill. We will rearrange when she is back in school.**



There are lots of events for your calendar in the lead up to Christmas. Please see the end of the newsletter for information regarding plays, pantomimes and concerts.



**Congratulations to Annabel in Year 6** who won the Hays' Christmas card regional category. Annabel receives a framed picture of her card and the school receives £50 in vouchers to spend on Art equipment. Annabel's design will also go forward to the national finals and you can vote for the best entry by using the link below:-

<https://www.hays.co.uk/job/education-jobs/christmas-card-competition>

Voting closes at 5pm tomorrow, so please ensure you place a vote. It would be lovely if Annabel's design was the winning one. Good luck Annabel!

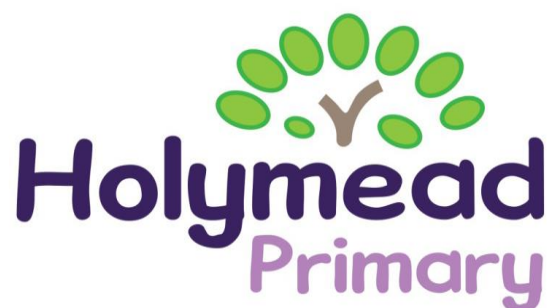


**Adverse Weather and possible School Closure.**

In exceptional circumstances e.g. heavy snow 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.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



**Y4** visit to the Synagogue

**Y1 and Y2** St Luke's Church visits

**28<sup>th</sup> Nov** KS2 Film Night

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov** Christmas Shopping Night

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Y1-Y4 panto- in school, £3 donation please

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Boys' football

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** at 3.30pm Y6 KS2 SAT's meeting in Salamander

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 3.30pm Y4 Getting to Grips with Grammar

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec** Whole School Carol Concert

**Y5/6** Tobacco Factory Panto

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Y6 Camp Meeting- Salamander

**KS2** Children's Shopping Day 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas hamper raffle draw

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas parties

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** Y4-Y6 musicians Christmas Concert at St Cuthbert's Church, 7pm

Last day of term **THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December** (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)



**Non-uniform Day 22<sup>nd</sup>**

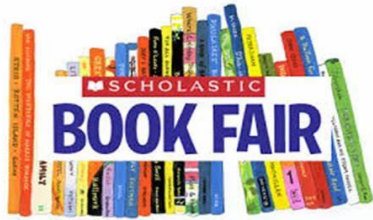
**November** in aid of the Christmas Shopping Night and Children's Shopping Day. We are asking parents

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 15<sup>th</sup> November** – it was great to see so many children wearing Pudsey ears and spotty accessories to support Children in Need on Friday. We raised the grand total of £242.62. Thank you!



**Thank you** to everyone who came and purchased books at the Scholastic Book Fayre on the infant site. We are still

counting how much we raised.

The Book Fayre arrives on the junior site today and will be available to our parents/carers and children after school, until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along and bag yourself some early Christmas purchases. Thank you.



### Rights Action Group

On the 28<sup>th</sup> November, the Rights' Action Group will be holding our famous film night once again. The children voted for Toy Story 4. Don't forget to get your tickets by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at £3.00 each. This will include popcorn. Please bring your own non-fizzy drink to cut down on plastic waste. We are having fun whilst fundraising for The Child of Hope this year - a charity that provides education for children in Uganda. The children have had a visit from a teacher from the school to see how the school compares to our own. This is part of the school's work as a gold standard UNICEF Rights' Respecting School. Don't forget your PJs!



We are pleased to announce that Jess Coggins is the new chair of governors with Ruth Clacey- Roberts as vice chair. We welcome them to their new roles.

We now have a parent vacancy on the governing body and are seeking interest from parents. Please see details as they come out. This is an essential role to the smooth running of the school. If you feel you have the skills required, for example finance, HR, Health and Safety or education either from work or voluntary work then please come and have an informal chat with myself (Ms Slatcher) or Mrs Buckley (SBM) about what the role entails.

Thank you.



### 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.



**The Friends' group** met last week and agreed to fund resources for early years and books for KS2, in addition to the swimming kits for the school team. Thank you to everyone who supports the Friends' fund raising events to make these purchases possible.

### Friends' Events:

**KS2 Children's Shopping Day-** 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The Friends have organised an event for junior children to buy small gifts e.g. for parents, siblings and grandparents. We suggest children bring no more than £5 in pound coins or small change. **Please DO NOT send a £5 note.** Staff will be on hand to help with buying presents and giving change.



**On the infant site,** the Friends organise a visit and a present for children from Father Christmas and fund the entertainer. We feel these are age appropriate activities.



**The Infant Bedtime Story** was great fun with children enjoying stories in their pyjamas with hot chocolate and biscuits.

We raised £317.70 for Unite for Sight, a charity who partners with phenomenal local eye clinics in Ghana, Honduras, and India to provide quality eye care to patients who are otherwise unable to access or afford care. Thank you for your support.



**Friends Christmas Fundraiser.** Please note that tomorrow is the deadline for placing online orders for the Friends' Christmas fundraiser (Christmas cards, thank you cards, mugs, gift tag and value packs). The order will be sent off next week and the production and the return of items ordered, is approximately 2 weeks.

Thank you.



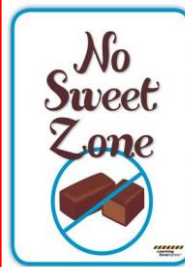


### Holidays in term time.

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.



**Christmas Cards:** As an ecologically aware school we are keen to do our bit to reduce the amount of waste produced at Christmas. Don't forget to send your one card for the class Christmas Card

Tree. We are not stopping individuals from ending cards if they really want to but this is an alternative to the mass writing of cards.

Thank you



### 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.

School Prospectus



### Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2.50pm

Turtle – Middle Hall

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Between 4.30pm and 7.00pm and on 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.

**The Girls' Football Team have played two more matches recently and have won both.**

### **Friday 8th November 2019**

Wicklea 0 – 6 Holymead Primary School (Afia 2, Poppy 2, Remmi, Own Goal).

An excellent all round performance from all the girls. Special mention to Poppy who scored 2 (including a header) and provided 3 assists.



Well done to Quanna, Amy, Remmi, Tianni, Poppy, Afia, Rachele and Sarah.

### **Monday 18th November**

Knowle Park 5 -8 Holymead (Afia 5, Remmi, Tianni, Shannon).

What an amazing game! And our most challenging match so far this season. Despite racing into a 3-0 lead our hosts battled back to make it 3-2, then 6-4 and 7-5 before Afia settled the game with her fifth goal. This was an outstanding team performance where everybody played well. Most pleasing was seeing the team working hard and digging deep to overcome a very good Knowle Park team. Special mentions to Quanna who was a rock in defence and Shannon for her bravery and heroics in goal. It was also wonderful to see Tianni and Shannon scoring their first goals this year. Our super striker Afia now has 9 goals in 3 games.

Well done to Quanna, Amy, Remmi, Tianni, Poppy, Afia, Shannon, Caitlin, Adrianna and Amira.



## **TERM DATES**

### **Term Dates 2019- 2020**

#### **Term 1**

(INSET 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.)

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

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept- New intake Reception start.

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October- last day of Term 1.

#### **Term 2**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 (INSET 20<sup>th</sup> Dec)

#### **Term 3**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 (INSET 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)

#### **Term 4**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

#### **Term 5**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

#### **Term 6**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)



**In-house Christmas Production:** Please note Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be watching the Christmas Production of Robin Hood on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please can parents pay their £3.00 contribution online via ParentMail. We are currently trying to arrange a suitable Christmas event for YR.

The visit to the **Tobacco Factory** in order to see their Christmas Production of 'Snow White' (for our Year 5 and Year 6 children) has now all been finalised, tickets have been purchased and ice-creams are in the process of being ordered.



An enchanting tale of a doll that comes to life- a delightful production to charm audiences of all ages.

# *Coppélia*

Bristol Russian Ballet School and Youth Ballet presents

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

Ticket price : Adult £18.50 / Child £15.50 (including booking fee)  
Discount available for the Friend of the Playhouse. Family tickets also available.  
BOX Office : 01934 645544 / [www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/Playhouse-Theatre](http://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/Playhouse-Theatre)  
Bristol Russian Ballet School : [www.bristolrussianballetschool.com](http://www.bristolrussianballetschool.com)



## 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.



## Christmas Carol Service 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Infants

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Juniors.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December-.**



**Please can junior parents make sure they read the separate Parentmail that has been issued and book and pay ONLINE for Christmas lunch by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.**

It is anticipated that the majority of children in KS1 will be served a Christmas dinner. It will be helpful if **infant** parents let us know if their children are definitely NOT having a hot Christmas Dinner.

**If children really don't want a Christmas dinner they can bring a packed lunch and decorate their lunch boxes on both sites.**



**All children can wear a Christmas Jumper for Christmas Dinner with their usual school uniform.**

**The Friends will be organising a 'bring and buy' Christmas Jumper stall at the Christmas Shopping Night event-more details later.**

Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



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