# Thursday 6th October 2022 Number 3, Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,



Please take time to read the school newsletters each fortnight as they contain important information which you may not receive in other formats.

Please check out the dates and times for Parents' Evening on this newsletter and make sure you have booked an appointment for your face to face meeting with your child's class teacher.

# **Reward Systems**



**Praise Book-** on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker. This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour. Children's names are read out and they receive their sticker in

assembly. This record of their achievement is also put up on display in the Link the following week for everyone to see.



Star of the Week- on the junior site, as the children get older, we introduce a Star of the Week where children nominate and vote for a child they think deserves to be Star of the Week. Whilst the children have more say in who is chosen, this system is still overseen by the teacher to ensure fairness.

## **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 increased to £2.45 a day from 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



# WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2019?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2023. If you know of friends with nursery age children, please check they have applied online to the local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.

#### **Starting School 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 on both dates.

# 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.



# **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating Harvest w/b 10<sup>th</sup> October and will be collecting food for the Bristol food bank as we did last year. If you would like to send a donation we are collecting the following items:

- \* Long life fruit juice
  - \* Biscuits
- \* Tinned soup
- \* Rice
- \* Tinned fruit
- \* Tinned rice pudding
- \* Long life milk
- \* Sugar
- \* Custard
- \* Toiletries

Please don't send any donations until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October as we don't have much storage space in school. Thanks



#### October

**Black History Month** celebrating diversity and inclusion.

**EYFS/KS1 (YR-Y2) Parents' Evenings** -6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October- details to follow

**NextGen individual photos**- October 10<sup>th</sup> (juniors) and 11<sup>th</sup> (infants and families)

Colour Photo- photographers in school to update photo boards in entrance halls

7.10.22 Dressing up for Aspirations Day

12.10.22 Harvest

19.10.22 **Maths Parents' Meetings.** KS1 in the infant hall and KS2 in the upper hall. 3.20pm. No crèche but children can attend.

#### November

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



# Aspirations' Day Friday 7th October.

We will be holding an Aspirations' Day TOMORROW to get the children thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up. Children are invited to come into school dressed to show their aspirations. This activity can give rise to lots of interesting discussions about children's hopes and dreams for the future. The Rights' Action Group have asked if children can bring a £1.00 donation on this day with the aim of using this money towards the postage of Christmas Shoeboxes so parents who want to fill a Shoebox but can't afford the postage as well, can have help towards the cost of postage. We will be sending out more information and details about this Christmas appeal later. We are just asking for the £1.00 on Aspirations' Day. Thank you.



## **Staff News**

Congratulations to Mrs Bell on the safe arrival of her baby girl, born last Wednesday. Mother and baby are doing well. We hope to have a visit soon!



### **Developing our School Curriculum**

**Black History Month** 

A diverse and representative school curriculum will recognise the contribution of people from different cultures and nations throughout the world.

We therefore feel it is important that Black History Month is a focus for our pupils as it provides pupils with the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact and contribution of black heritage and culture.

During Black History Month this October, we will explore and celebrate the impact and contribution of people from African and Caribbean backgrounds, as well as people from various cultures and nations including Asia, the Americas, the Middle East and Australasia.

Black History Month is part of our vision to deliver a diverse and representative curriculum throughout the school year and supports our work in addressing issues relating to inclusion, equality and diversity.



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/



# **Class Assemblies for parents- Junior Site**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2.45pm

Falcon – Middle Hall

Tuesday 18th October 2.45pm

Finch – Upper Hall

Please note class assemblies are NOT suitable for preschoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. We do run a crèche with school staff. Thanks



This year, World Mental Health Day is on Monday 10th October. If you would like your child to participate in this, then we would welcome pupils wearing the green pin badge to school on that day.

More information regarding World Mental Health Day is available at <a href="https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day">https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day</a>



# For Parents - Snapchat Family Centre Update

Snapchat remains one of the most popular apps used by children and

young people. Snapchat has a Family Centre feature and the company has been adding a couple of updates recently which you may find useful, this includes seeing what friends their children have been sending messages to and a complete list of their child's existing friends.

There is a full breakdown of the Snapchat safety features here:

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snap chat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/#snapchatfamily-centre



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the infant site from

will be on the infant site from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October and the junior site from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



### SMSA vacancy

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for 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.



Parents' Evenings EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings are on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 3.20-6.30pm and 11<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5.40pm. These are short 5-10

minute appointments so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues, you are welcome to arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school. We will be holding these meetings in classrooms, not by phone.

**KS2** Parents' Evenings will be on 15<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and 24<sup>th</sup> November between 4.00pm and 6.30pm.

Parents' Evening bookings will need to be made using our online booking system via our ParentMail App. KS1 parents/carers are now able to book their appointments online. KS2 appointments will be available to book online, approximately 3 weeks in advance. 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 Phillips and 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.





#### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### Term 1

Pupils start Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September- 21<sup>st</sup> October

# **Closed for INSET Monday 31st October 2022**

Re-opens Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November- 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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 21st July 2023

## Term Dates 2023-2024

#### Term 1

# Closed for INSET 1st September 2023

Pupils start Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September (except new reception who start Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September, part time) -20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Term 2

Closed 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for INSET. Pupils start Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October- 15<sup>th</sup> December

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.

# New Secondary School



# Secondary School Applications.

Please can we remind our current Year 6 parents and carers, that the deadline for Secondary School applications for the academic year 2023-2024 is **31st October 2022**.

All applications need to be submitted online. Please use the link below. Applications can be changed at any point up to 31st October 2022

https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions



#### **Governors' Corner**

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for a community governor. This position is not open to parents or carers but if you know others who are interested in being a governor, please email Jessica Coggins, chair of governors, via office@holymeadprimary.co.uk

Please meet one of our new parent governors, Mr Sam Goss. (More introductions to follow).



I am delighted to become a parent governor at the school. I'm a chartered architect, and director of a local practice based at the paintworks. My three daughters are 6, 3 and 6 months old, and I have lived in Brislington since 2012. I will

be joining the Health and Safety and Wellbeing committee, and hoping to bring my experience, creativity, and experiences to bear to help ensure the school is a fantastic place for all of our children to learn and grow. I am passionate about community action, participation in education, and creating a sustainable environment and look forward to collaborating with parents and the governing body to try and make a difference for our children's future.



#### 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.

#### **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.



**Next Gen** Photographers will be in school on the following dates:

10<sup>th</sup> October- KS2 individuals and siblings on the junior site. (Not family groups.)

11<sup>th</sup> October- family, siblings and KS1 individuals on the infant site.

If you want a FAMILY group photo with ANY age children including across either sites or pre-schoolers bring them on 11<sup>th</sup> October to the infant site at 8.30am.

Siblings who are currently on the **same site** as each other will automatically be photographed together so do not need to come to the family session.

Please let teachers know the day before that you may be late for registration if you're having family photos done.



The Bristol Post usually come early to take a photo of new reception children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give permission or not for your child to appear in the paper. Pupils are not named on this occasion.



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.

#### 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.

#### Grassroots Sports Bristol



October Half Term Holiday Club

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 a Multi-Sports Holiday Club at <u>BS14 Youth Club</u>.

<u>Stockwood BS14 8SJ</u> from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATES	COST PER CHILD
MULTI-SPORTS This includes Football, Athletics, Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Games, Arts & Crafts & Much More!	All children aged 5-12	Normal hrs: 9:00 - 3:00. Extended hrs: 08:30 - 4:30.	24th – 28th October	Weekly: Normal Hours - £70 Extended Hours - £95 Daily: Normal Hours - £21 Extended Hours - £26

For More Info or to book a place, please contact Jeff Dickens via: Phone – 07877287072 or Emailjeffreydickens@hotmail.com. Limited Spaces Available!

To Secure your place a 50% Deposit is required by the Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October! You can do this by eithe contacting Jeff Dickens Direct or By Bank Transfer: ACC No -52293982 Sort Code 09-01-29







Yours sincerely

Ms Kate Slatcher









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