

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are once more hurtling towards the end of a busy year here at Holymead. Despite Covid absences still affecting school, we have managed to pack in lots of the normal end of term activities, with others such as discos and Brean, still to come.

The last day of term will be Wednesday 20th July.

The new academic year starts with two INSET days on 1st and 2nd September 2022 (for staff only).

Therefore, Term 1 starts for ALL pupils on Monday 5th September.

There will be an INSET day on October 31st following the half term holiday (24th -28th Oct) so school re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 1st November for Term 2.

We wish you a happy, and hopefully relaxing summer holiday!

What's Happening

Dates for the Diary

July

Sports' Day –see separate box

7th Shuffle Up - new classes announced

12th Open Day- current parents

13th Head teacher Tours for prospective parents on the infant site at 9.10am and 1.15pm.

13th Infant Disco YR 3.30, Y1 4.30, Y2 5.30

15th Infant Face painting

18th Y6 Leavers' Disco 5.30pm

20th Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

Y6 Brean trip



School Spaces in Reception

Due to the falling birth rate and other external factors, we find ourselves with spaces in our new Reception Classes.

We are looking to our parents to spread the word as ambassadors for Holymead! If you know of parents who didn't get their preferred school and are looking for a Reception place for September 2022, please ask them to contact the school.

There have also been a lot of house moves post Covid and we have a few spaces in other year groups if you know of new families who have moved into the area.

We look forward to welcoming new families.

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Sports' Days -

We are inviting KS1 parents to watch KS1 on the playground (8.7.22). Each year group will have an hour outside as follows:

9.15am – 10.15am Year 2 children

10.30am - 11.30am Year 1 children

1.45pm – 2.45pm Reception children

KS2 Sports' Days are on the junior site:

Y5 & Salamander class - 11th July

Firecrest: 9.00 – 9.45

Firefly: 10.00 - 10.45

Finch: 11.00 – 11.45

Salamander: 1.30 – 2.15



School dinner money accounts.

Please can we ask that parents ensure that all school dinner money accounts are either in credit or sat at zero, at the end of this term so that they can be reconciled.

Year 6 parents, please ensure that any outstanding balance are cleared as a matter of urgency. Any accounts in credit on the last day of term, money will be credited accordingly. This will take approximately 2 to 3 days to show back into your account.



School Uniform

Summer Uniform- summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colours.

Pupils may wear **black or grey** school shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school wear, except on PE days.

Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals should be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours.

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Small bows and headbands are acceptable, large or sparkly ones get in the way and are distracting to others.



Summer Concert

It was lovely to be able to enjoy the musical delights of the Summer Concert once more last night! Well done everyone for all your hard work and hours of practice. Thank you to all the staff for their commitment and a special thank you to Miss Pick for organising this, her last concert with Holymead.



Open Day 12th July- the school invites current parents to look round both sites. This will be an opportunity to meet the teachers and look at the classrooms your child will be

moving to in September. The infant site will be open at 9.10- 10.00am and 1.15-2.00pm. Parents who have children currently in Key Stage 1 will be shown around by their children (please make sure they are registered first).

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am and 2.00-2.45pm. Y6 ambassadors will be showing current parents round. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will need to stay in class (as Key Stage 2 learning is more structured and less fluid than learning in Key Stage 1).

The school will be open for 10-15 minutes after school to see your child's classroom for September.

I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents on 13th July at 9.10am and 1.15pm on the infant site.



School Reports have been sent out. Parents need to collect their reports in person or send a signed note naming a trusted adult to collect it on their behalf. Please can parents let the office know if a

second copy needs to be sent elsewhere.

Reception Reports (Foundation Stage) - parents will receive their children's diaries, which contain comprehensive details of your child's achievements over the year. A short summary report is sent home to highlight your child's strengths and areas for development, which you can help with at home.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 - parents will receive a report detailing their child's progress and achievements. There are targets which parents may be able to support their child with.

There will be a **feedback sheet** enclosed with the reports, which needs to be signed and sent back to class teachers so we know you have received them.

Attendance- please note that attendance is calculated in half days. So if the report shows 6 absences then your child has been off school for the equivalent of 3 days. This is because the register is called twice a day (once in the morning and once in the afternoon) so pupils get 2 possible attendance marks each 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.



Shuffle up Day- on the afternoon of 7th July all children will shuffle up to their new classes to meet their new teachers. This includes Y2 going up to the juniors and new Reception children coming into school this year. 7th 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 12th July at 3.45pm on the junior site. Children can attend and visit their new classrooms in Y3.



Governors' Corner

As another parent vacancy has suddenly arisen following Deb Miles' resignation, the next candidate on the list has been elected to the Governing Body. We are pleased to welcome Michael Starbuck to the board as his skills in finance match the needs of the board. New governors will be introducing themselves later in Governors' Corner. We thank Deb for her supportive contributions to the Governing Body.



The Friends of Holymead Primary

The Friends plan to sell ice-creams on the KS2 site after school on 12th July. If you are able to help with the sale, please let the Friends know. We always need volunteers to help with the various activities we do.



Staff News

This year we are sad to say good-bye to Miss Harris, Miss Pick and Miss Tominey. We wish to thank all these staff for their commitment and hard work at Holymead Primary School and wish them well in whatever ventures they pursue.

We welcome Miss Thompson (Firecrest), Miss Robb (Turtle, covering Mrs Bell's maternity leave from 1.9.22) and Miss Robbins (Red Panda)

We hope Mrs Milton and Mrs Bell have a happy maternity leave when the time comes! Mrs Bell will still be with us into September.



Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7th June- Wed 20th July 2022.

Closed for INSET Thursday 21st July 2022.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22nd July 2022

Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st and 2nd September 2022

Pupils start Monday 5th September- 21st October

Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31st October 2022

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

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



Infant Disco 13th July:

There is a charge for entry (see Friends' letter).
Drink included.

As previously, Reception staff and Friends will help change reception classes and take them to the disco so parent/carers don't need to come to school until after the disco.

Reception - 3.30pm - 4.15pm.

Year 1 - 4.30pm - 5.15pm.

Year 2 - 5.30pm - 6.30pm.

Please drop children off at the Main Entrance and pick up afterwards in the Pencil Playground, except for **Red Panda Class, Otter Class and Tamarin Class** who need to be picked up from outside Tamarin classroom by their steps near the hall.

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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.



Class Photos

Please ensure you return your photo orders before the cut-off date of **Sunday 10th July 2022**, in order to have free delivery of your orders back to school. Any orders received after this date will automatically incur postage and packing costs and will be delivered directly to the purchaser's home address. Thank you.



Book Amnesty

Please can everyone have a good rummage under the sofa and in the wardrobe for any books that haven't been returned to school? We will be happy to see any books returned regardless of how long they have lain forgotten under the bed! Thank you!



Year 6 trip to Brean.

We have booked our Year 6 trip to Brean Theme Park, to celebrate the end of their time here at Holmead Primary School.

The Friends kindly pay for the cost of the transport there and back and the only other charge for this trip will be for the charge of the unlimited wristband, which is £12.50 per child for educational bookings. Payments can be made using the online payment system in ParentMail. Thank you.



Swimming Team Competition

Well done to all our swimmers who took part in the competition on Sunday 26th June at Easton Leisure Centre. We are proud of the following children who represented our school:
Ben G, Ben J, Eva M, India H, Lola M, Maxi S, Tiggy L-L and Zac K.

SATs Results.

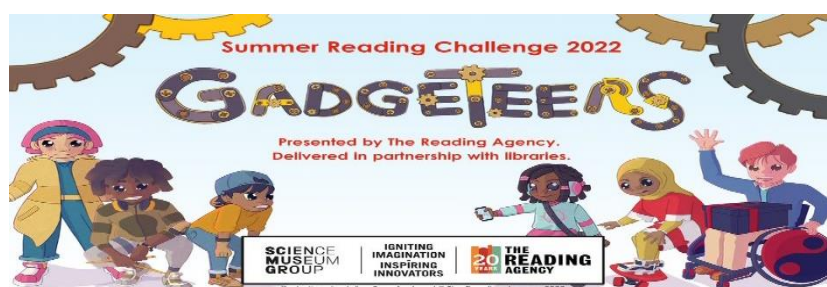
Please find below our SATs results for 2022. We are incredibly proud of how hard our children have worked this year. This is a fantastic set of results, especially in light of all the interruptions to learning due to Covid. Nb. there are no KS1(Y2) national figures out yet so these are compared to the 2019 results. Well done, everyone!

Year 6 Statutory Outcomes KS2

Subject	Holymead Expected Standard	National 2022 Expected Standard	Holymead: Average scaled score	National: Average scaled score:
Reading	84%	74%	106.3	105
EGPS	81%	72%	107.2	105
Mathematics	77%	71%	103.6	104
Writing	71%	69%	NA	NA
Science	88%	79%	NA	NA

Year 2 Statutory Outcomes KS1

Subject	Holymead Expected Standard	National 2019 Expected Standard
Reading	72%	75%
Mathematics	64%	69%
Writing	76%	76%
Science	86%	83%



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving in Libraries and online this summer!

We're teaming up with the Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge, to show children that science is all around us every day and inspire them to unleash their curiosity and creativity!

Children will be introduced to many aspects of science engagement, including food, fashion, music, and sport – something for everyone to enjoy!

Gadgeteers will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of creative & fun science!

How to take part

Children can join at the library from Saturday 9th July.

To take part in the library, simply pick up a free folder, collect stickers and then read at least 6 library books. At the end the reward is a brilliant Summer Reading Challenge medal!

Children & families can also take part online.

To take part online go to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ where children create their own profile with the assistance of an adult. Children are encouraged to read library books, digital eBooks and listen to eAudio books. With fun digital activities, digital badges & a downloadable certificate when they finish.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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