

Thursday 23rd January 2020. Number 2, Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers



Reception children have been thoroughly enjoying their topic on space, including a visit to the space dome. The children were wowed by the experience. Well done on your great behaviour in the dome YR!

Parents' Evening dates are below. Details will follow.

The last day of this term is Thursday 13th February 2020. The school will be closed on Friday 14th February for INSET.



Tawny Owl- Tuesday 4th Feb- middle hall

Salamander- Tues 4th Feb- 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.



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.



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January

Y5 Sikh visitor for RE

Y4 Parents' Meeting- Getting to Grips with Grammar, 22.1.20 at 3.30pm, in Flamingo Class

Y2 Science Day 23.1.20

Y2 Parents' SAT's Meeting 29.1.20 at 3.30pm

February

Safer internet week 10th Feb

Y2 Dance performance to parents 13.2.20 at 9.10am, infant hall.

Y1 Parents' Meeting 12.2.20- Numbers and calculation 3.30pm, infant hall.



The Friends' Group are in the midst of organising a few events over the next two terms, including a cake sale/spring sale on 20th March 2020 on the junior site and a quiz night on 27th March 2020. Further information will be released near the time. They do an amazing job raising funds for the school and have agreed to pay for lots of resources for the children.



Spare Clothes- we are very short of girls' socks and tights and larger size 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.



Times Tables Rockstars. This is a times tables app for tablets or website access to support children in recalling their times tables fluently. Pupils from Y2 to Y6 should be accessing this regularly. As you are aware, learning times tables is a very important skill for children to be able to succeed in maths. Children in Year 2 to Year 6 can log in using their password, and access a range of games to upgrade their "Rock Star" status and earn points to upgrade their online avatar. You can download (FREE) Times Tables Rock Stars in the App Store for your device (iOS/Android) or visit the website trockstars.com



Thank you to everyone who donated or bought cakes at the infant cake sale last week. We raised £620.42 to help those affected by the Australian bush fires. The fire brigade kindly attended but were called away for an emergency. Thank you everyone for your support. Thank you Felix for your great idea.



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 in 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.



Parents' Evenings will take place on 26th and 31st March for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 25th March and 2nd April for juniors (Y3-Y6). Details to follow.

These meetings are not suitable for children to attend. **Please do not bring children to school for Parents' Evenings as there is no crèche and the school will not be supervising children.**

Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings, as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.

Year 4 camp to Tregoyd PGL.

For those children who have paid their deposit in order to secure a place to attend the Year 4 camp to Tregoyd PGL in Brecon in June this year, the camp has now been costed accordingly. The option to pay further instalments of your choice is now available for you to purchase on ParentMail.



Year 6 Red Ridge Camp 2020.

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp in March 2020 that the next instalment was due to be paid by 6th January 2020. A total of £280.00 must have been paid by this date. If you are yet to make this second instalment payment of £100, please can we ask that you do so at your earliest convenience. The balance is to be paid in full by Friday 6th March. Many Thanks.

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.



Now the 'No Stopping' sign has gone up on Eton Road the School Keep Clear Zigzags are enforceable. If you stop or park on the Zigzags you will be liable for a fine.

The 'No Stopping' restriction applies to all vehicles, including school buses, coaches, taxis and vehicles displaying a blue disabled badge. There are no exemptions except for Police, Fire and Ambulance and maintenance of the highway. The restrictions will apply from Monday to Friday 8.00a.m. - 6.00p.m. These timings coincide with Children and Young Peoples Services Extended School guidelines. For consistency the restrictions are generic for all schools and will apply throughout the year.

Mobile Enforcement Vehicles will visit schools on an ad hoc basis to issue penalty charge notices. These are £70.00 or discounted to £35.00 if payment is made within 14 days of the issue of the notice.

Please support your school and the wider school community by keeping the markings clear and maintaining good visibility and crossing routes for everyone wishing to access the school.

Yours sincerely
Jonathan Mason - Road Safety Officer



Sweets and treats. We try to be a healthy eating school and we do NOT allow sweets in school. This includes for packed lunches and birthday treats as well. We prefer it if parents do not send cakes or sweets at all on children's birthdays as there are many different dietary, religious and cultural observances in school. Please keep birthday treats to have at home. If you really feel you must bring something then please send BISCUITS only that can be given out as children leave the classroom for parents to check.

Any sweets will be handed back to parents.



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.



Reminder. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones. All items brought into school are brought in at the owner's risk.

Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags. The only exception is for Y6 who are allowed to bring pencil cases. Thank you.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

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Paediatric First Aid Certificate

Useful for those working with or hoping to work with babies and children as well as parents and carers wanting to learn basic first aid skills

Tuesdays from 21st April to 2nd June from 9.00 to 11.30

At Holymead Primary School, Wick Rd, Brislington, BS4 4HB
Free if you get benefits or are on a low income

To book a place contact
Wendy Kelly, Family Link Worker
or the school office.
School phone number
0117 9030377



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Munchkin Markets

Buy and sell new and preloved baby and childrens items!

St Annes Church, Brislington,
Bristol, BS4 4EL

Free goody
bags for the
first 50 buyers!

Saturday 29th February
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Entrance Fee:
£1 Adults
Munchkins Free

Book your stall today and keep 100%
of your profits!!

£10 a stall - £20 for business/craft stall

To book a table or for more info, please
contact 07921865981

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On-road Cycle Training

Bikeability Holiday course for ages 9-12 years

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th February 2020



Get the skills & confidence to ride on-road

- Bikeability Level 2 for primary school pupils
- 6 hours of training over 2 mornings
- A great way to get active this half term!

For more information and to book:

<https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/bristol-holiday-courses>

Courses are partially funded by Bristol City Council for local young people. The additional cost to families is just £20



www.lifecycleuk.org.uk
0117 353 4580



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2019- 2020

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 – Thursday 13th Feb 2020 (INSET 14th Feb)

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb- Fri 3rd April 2020

Term 5

Mon 20th April- Fri 22nd May 2020

Term 6

Mon 1st June- Friday 17th July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20 school closed)

Term Dates 2020-2021

Term 1

1st Sept 2020 school closed for INSET

2nd Sept 2020 KS1 and KS2 start (all current pupils)

3rd Sept 2020 New Reception start part time.

Other dates are the Bristol website but DO NOT include our INSET dates.

Safer Internet Week w/b 10th Feb: Keeping up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge, especially if you feel that your children may have better technical skills than you do. However, children still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely. A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion.

Conversation starter ideas: Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and [how to report](#) or block on the services they use.
- Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

Further information about these issues is available from ChildNet or Thinkuknow.co.uk and on the school website.



Percy Smith Gala – Wednesday 22nd January 2020.

Holymead Swimming team competed last night in the third Percy Smith Gala of the year and did really well. A special mention to Ben G and Zach K, who stood at the last minute. Also well done to Amy J and Riley C who performed excellently in their respective events. With Three Galas left there are still lots of points to fight for. A big thank you to all the swimmers and their continued supporters.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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