

Thursday 5th January 2017 Number 1, Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy
New
Year

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year. This is a short term of 6 weeks so please note the term dates in your diaries.

The last day of Term 3 is Thursday 9th February.
Term 4 starts on MONDAY 20th February.

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 and 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.



PAY
ONLINE

School dinner money records are now up to date on ParentMail and are showing the true dinner money balances. Please remember to check

your child's balance on a regular basis and ensure that their account remains in credit at all times. We are a cash less school (where possible), yet we are still receiving payments in to the school office. Please ensure you pay future payments online. Thank you.

Staff News

After 7 and a half years of dedicated service as a school administrator, Mrs Conway is off to start a new job for the new year. I'm sure you will want to join me in thanking her for her hard work and wish her well in her new venture.

Update

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



Swimming Club – The next Percy Smith Gala at Horfield is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th January.



Mark Your
Calendar



Events this term

Whole School Bread Week- 16th January onwards.

All classes will have the opportunity to make different kinds of bread. Y6 will do Bread Week in the summer term.

Y2 SAT's Meeting for parents- 25th January at 3.20pm. Crèche provided.

STAGES Red Panda class will be performing at the Colston Hall in February.

Y4's RE will involve a visitor from the Wesley Chapel in February.

25th January- Y3/4 Boccia Club to play at Oasis



Sweets and treats. We are a healthy eating school and we do NOT allow sweets in school. This includes for birthday treats as well. We prefer it if parents do not send birthday cakes or sweets at all on children's birthdays but keep these to have at home. If you really feel you must bring something then please send BISCUITS only. Any sweets will be handed back to parents.



Sickness and diarrhoea

Please note if your child is ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea they should be kept at home for at least 24 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. This is to try and prevent the spread of germs.
Thank you.



Characters Stage School Drama Club runs on **TUESDAYS** (commencing 10th January 2017) after school for Years 3-6. We only have a few more places available in this popular club! Have fun creating characters, playing drama games and working towards performances in local theatres, in these friendly fun-filled sessions. £6 per session. Limited places left-to book yours or try FREE. Call Moira asap 07932 785807 or email moira@charactersstageschool.com
For more detail about Characters in general visit www.charactersstageschool.com

Class Assemblies:

Tuesday 31st January 2.50pm Tree frog - Middle Hall
Tuesday 31st January 2.50pm Salamander - Upper Hall
Thursday 23rd February 9.10am Toucan- Infant 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 and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. If everyone who uses the crèche volunteers to help out in a different one then we have plenty of helpers. Please put your name forward at either office if you can help.
Thanks.

Internet Safety - Have you spoken to your children about using the internet safely recently? At school internet access is fire walled and usually when children type in something unsuitable then access is denied. However, there are some people who occasionally find ways to get round this so we always say to the children if something they don't like comes up on the screen switch the screen off and tell an adult so we can help them. These very rare incidents are always investigated but please be aware the same thing can happen at home even with Parental Controls on.



We are offering parent meetings about using the internet with your child on the following dates:
Y5/6 21st February 3.30pm
Y3/4 28th February 3.30pm



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.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Changes in red.

Term 3

Tues 3rd January 2017 to Thurs 9th February 2017 (Friday 10th school closed for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 20th February 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017

Term 5

Mon 24th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017
(Thursday 4th May is now an INSET day as the school will be closed for polling).

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2017 to Thursday 20th July 2017
(Note: Monday 5th June the school is now open NOT an INSET day)
(Friday 21st July closed- INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.





Holymead Primary School is registered as a data controller and together with the Local Authority and Department of Education holds information about your child on record. Details of what is held by a data controller can be found on the school website in the Documents section under the title Data Protection/ Privacy Notice. We draw your attention to this so you can read its contents and be aware of the information held by school. A copy is also available for reference at the school office. **There is no requirement to respond to the school regarding this information.** It is for information only.

The law has changed on holidays taken in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS). Any suspicious absence will be investigated.



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 securing the skills that children will need as they make the transition to secondary school.

These workbooks are available from the school office at £2.50 per book.



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.

Yours sincerely
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