

Non-uniform Day 17th 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.



As the date coincides with Children in Need Day children may like to wear something spotty and bring in donations of £1 which we will send to Children in Need.

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.



Class Assemblies- Junior Site



POSTPONED-Tuesday 21st November 2.50pm Turtle – This will be re-arranged in January 2018.

Tuesday 21st November 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 and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. Thanks.



Next Gen Photographs. These are being collected by the photographer today and all orders placed, should be received back in approximately two weeks. Thankyou.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

What's Happening

School Open Day 9th November- details below.

Parents' Evenings -details below

7th November, 3.30pm- Fun with Fractions meeting for parents to help their KS2 children, Upper Hall, with crèche

10th November- Remembrance silence at 11.00am- any donations go to the Poppy Fund

13th November, 3.30pm Lego event in the infant hall

17th November- non-uniform day for donations for Christmas Shopping events

November- Y6 to the cinema

November- Y5 and Y6 out to the panto

20th November- YR RSPB workshop

20th November- Y5 and Y6 Writing Meeting for parents in Salamander, 3.30pm

21st November- Y3 Times Tables Parents' Meeting

24th November- Christmas Shopping Evening, 6.30-8.30pm at the junior site

28th November- Year 2 Maths meeting, 3.30pm with crèche.

29th November- Getting to grips with grammar- for Y4 parents, 3.30pm, Falcon.

8th December- KS2 Children's Shopping Day

12th December- Beauty and the Beast- YR to Y4

KS2 Parents' Evenings 14th November 3.30-6pm and 15th November 4.30-7pm. Details in separate letter.

Senco Meetings: Mrs Cole will be available on 15th November from 3.30 – 5.30 at the junior site. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening.

Please note staff will not be running after school clubs on these evenings as they are in meetings!





Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 1

(Sept 4th school closed for INSET)
Tues Sept 5th school starts for KS1 and KS2
Wed Sept 6th school starts for new reception.
Term 1 ends Thursday October 19th
(Friday October 20th school closed for INSET)

Term 2

Mon 30th Oct to Fri 15th Dec

Term 3

Wed 3rd Jan 2018 to Thurs 8th Feb (school closed on Tues 2nd Jan and on Fri 9th Feb for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd March

Term 5

Mon 9th April to Fri 25th May

Term 6

Mon 4th Jun to Mon 23rd July 2018 (school closed Tues 24th July for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



Open Day

9th November

The infant site will be open at 9.10- 10.00am and 1.00-2.00pm.

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am and 2-3pm.

Both sites will be open 3.30-4.30pm.

Infant children will be able to show their parents round on the infant site. Please wait in the playground while children are registered first.

Y6 ambassadors will show parents round on the junior site as the different nature of KS2 lessons means junior children need to stay in their classrooms, not go round with their parents.

I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents on both sites as far as possible.

I will also run conducted tours on 22nd November 2017 and 4th January 2018 at 9am for prospective parents to look round if they are looking for school places and are unable to attend Open Day.

We look forward to welcoming you.



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the infant site from 6th November and on the junior site from 16th Nov, for one week. Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child.

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.



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN

1st SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 31st AUGUST 2014? If they were, you need to be putting your child's name down at the school you wish them to attend in September 2018. 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. Thank you.



Sporting Events

Boys' football- 3rd November against West Town Lane

Girls' football- 8th November against Broomhill Juniors

Girls' football tournament- 10th November- South Bristol Sports' Ground (Imperial)



Governors welcomed a new community governor, Jessica Coggins to the governing body. Jessica, who works in higher education at UWE, is a former pupil of the school who wishes to give something back to the school.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Holidays 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). 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. Fines are not only issued for children being taken on holiday but can be given out when children are kept off school for 4 days or more without the head teacher's authorisation. PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT.



Friends' Cake Sale – Thank you for all the donations of cakes and uniform. We raised £88.24 for the school.

Friends' Meeting- 10th November to help organise Christmas events, infant site 9am

Lego event at the infants- 13th November after school. Book online

Friends' Quiz Night- 17th November



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.



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.



Whitchurch Sports Junior Football Club have a new girls' football team that is starting every Saturday morning. They will be training from 10.00am to 11.00am at their site on Manor Farm playing fields (at the bottom of Sturminster Road). For further information please contact the coach Kevin French on 07704 101542. Thank you.

Christmas Carol Service- 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 1st 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.





On the KS1 site we have had a working party from Teleperformance in helping to clear the area at the back of Red Panda and Rabbit classes. We would like to say a big thank you for all their hard work. Teleperformance are the worldwide leader in outsourced Omni channel customer experience management. They connect the biggest and most respected brands on the planet with their customers by providing customer care, technical support, customer acquisition, digital solutions, analytics, back-office and other specialized services to ensure consistently positive customer interactions. The meadow area now looks amazing.

Christmas Concerts

Parents/carers are invited to attend one of the following Christmas performances. Arrangements for tickets will be sent out later.



- 5th Dec 1.30pm** YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)
- 5th Dec 2.30pm** Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)
- 6th Dec 9.30am** YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)
- 6th Dec 10.30am** Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

6th Dec 2pm and 6pm Year 4 performance (Flamingo, Fox, Falcon). The 6pm performance only is open to all ages.

7th Dec 9.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

Christmas Concert- Y4-Y6 musicians at St Cuthbert's Church- 12th 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. If you can volunteer to help in one of the crèche sessions please come in and sign up at the office.

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.

Knowle Cricket Club
Presents:
FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Friday
3rd November
Knowle Cricket Club, Broadwalk, Knowle

Tickets:
Adults £5
Children £3
Family £15
(2 Adults 2 Children)

Gates Open - 1630
Fireworks - 1830

Food & Drink Available

No Sparklers

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Join in Bristol's 2K Challenge!

Join the challenge to get Bristol's children running 2K this November. Take part and win a limited edition wristband to celebrate Bristol's year as European City of Sport.

If you're aged 4 - 14, you can run, walk, jog, or skip 2K at your local park - and it's completely free!

There are 3 junior parkruns happening in Bristol every Sunday morning - Windmill Hill (9am), Eastville Park (9am) and Kingsweston Estate (10am)

bristolcityofsport17.co.uk/2k-challenge for details and how to register.

Don't forget to print off your barcode and bring it with you to collect your free wristband.

It's not about how fast you run. Get active and join in the fun!

Windmill Hill and Eastville junior parkruns are fully accessible.

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Children's cycle coaching at the Family Cycling Centre -The Bristol Family Cycling Centre in Hengrove offers cycle coaching for children aged 7 to 12, led by a British Cycling-qualified coach. This is in addition to the range of learn-to-ride, disability-friendly and family sessions that take place at the Centre.

The coaching sessions improve bike handling skills using fun games and are suitable for those wishing to get more confident on their bike ready for independent riding on the roads as well as would-be racers.

The sessions are run on our traffic-free space. Children can bring their own bike or use one of the Centre's.

Sessions take place most Saturday mornings.

- Session 1 (9.10 to 9.55 am) for those aged 7-12 who have not done any coaching before to master a range of bike handling skills. Children need to be able to ride already. £3.50 per child (£2 for those eligible for free school meals).

- Session 2 (10-11am) for those aged 8-12 who are very confident bike handlers. £5 per child (£2.50 for those eligible for free school meals).

Please book sessions via Eventbrite. There are sessions running November 11, 16 and 25 and December 9 and 16. More information, future dates and links for booking are on our website

www.betterbybike.info/familycyclingcentre and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/familycyclingcentre>.

Do get in touch if you have any questions; Bristol Family Cycling Centre, Bamfield, BS14 0FE. Tel: 01275 832800
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