

## What's Happening

**New Reception Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting 26th September.** We will be holding a curriculum meeting at 6.30pm in YR classrooms for parents/carers to come and find out more about what your children will be learning this year in school. **This meeting is not suitable for children so please do not bring them to school during the evening as there is no crèche.** Thank you.

**New Reception Reading Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3.30pm**

**Y2 Reading Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**- no crèche

**YR and KS1 Parents' Evenings 12<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> October** -details to follow

**Y4 Camp Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 3.20pm** in Falcon

**Secondary school transfer meeting for Y5 and Y6 on 25<sup>th</sup> September** at 3.30pm in Upper Hall.

**KS2 Reading Meeting at the juniors- 18<sup>th</sup> October 6pm.**

**School Open Day 9<sup>th</sup> November**- details to follow.

# Holymead Primary

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**Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion governors** met last week. This committee monitors standards in school and hears from staff about how we teach different curriculum areas such as RE and PE. During the meeting we discussed the progress pupils are making across the whole school, including looking at the progress of different groups such as boys and girls. This can identify areas where improvements can be made and can lead to us putting support into particular year groups or areas where it is needed. Please be assured individual children are never named or discussed at governor meetings.

### WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



The school buildings open at 8.50am for the children to be registered at 9am. Infant children should be handed over at the **OUTSIDE** classroom door from parents to teachers. Junior children may be left in the junior playground when a member of staff is on duty i.e. at 8.40am. Home time is 3.10pm for infants and 3.20pm for juniors. The school office is open from 8.40am if you need to call in. Please do not wait inside the buildings before or after school unless you are queuing for the office.

### Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2.50pm

Tree frog – Middle Hall

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2.50pm

Springbok – 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.



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 normally named on this occasion.



## Term Dates 2017-2018

### Term 1

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

### Term 2

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Term 3

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

### Term 4

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March

### Term 5

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jun to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 (school closed Tues  
24<sup>th</sup> July for INSET)  
School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.

## Sweets and birthdays

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. Don't be surprised if sweets are handed back to you.



## Breakfast club



**School News!** Our breakfast club has now moved from the infant site and is running from 'The Holymead Hub' on the junior site. Doors open at 8.00am and entry to Holymead Hub can be gained from the entrance off Rossall Road. We are moving over to all bookings being made online. If parents book their child in online, then they can just drop their children, sign them in and go. Those that do not book online, will need to wait and sign their children in with a member of staff before leaving them. The link can be found on the school website. Thank you.



**Friends' News-** Our Holymead Friends' Group have raised a staggering £3,526.15 from the Summer Fayre, coin line, raffle and face painting day. Thank you to everyone that helped. It couldn't have been done without you!

**Friends' AGM 28<sup>th</sup> September 9am infant site-calling all parents in both KS1 and KS2 (infant and junior sites).** We always need new members to keep joining the Friends' Group and get involved in organising social and fund raising events. We will be looking for new people to help by taking up positions in the group to ensure it runs smoothly. Support is always on hand. Meetings are held during and after school on the infant and junior sites and pre-schoolers are welcome.



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

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

**If you want a FAMILY group photo with ANY age children including across both 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.



## Outdoor Equipment!

**Please note the outdoor equipment on both sites is for use during school time only and children should not be playing on it before or after school. Thank you.**

## 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.

### PLEASE! NOTE

**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.



### Message for our new year 3 Parents/Carers.

Whilst your child was in KS1 they would have been entitled to Universal Free School meals (a National Government incentive). This entitlement automatically stops in KS2 and if you now order your child a school dinner, there will be a charge of £2.05 per dinner.

If you are currently in receipt of certain benefits (a full list can be found on the link below) then your child could be entitled to Free School Meals.

Further information and how to apply can be found at <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals>

If you need any further assistance please speak to the office staff who will be more than willing to assist. Thank you.



### Volunteer Request!

We need some volunteers to help bring the weeds on the infant site under control! We will be offering tea and biscuits to anyone kind enough to volunteer to get their gardening gloves on. Please meet at the link in the infants after drop off on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September (or after the Friends' meeting if you are going there first!). Many thanks.



### Homework

We are often asked how parents can support their children so we have set up a lot of meetings to help you help your child. Please see the What's Happening list above.

Another way you can help is through homework. Homework is set to reinforce work done in class and for children to be able to practise their skills. It also gives parents an idea of the sort of level their child is working at and what is expected of them in class. It is early days for teachers to know how much homework to set individuals but if you find after a couple of weeks that your child is still struggling or equally flying through their homework then please contact your teacher to discuss a way forward together. We want homework to be helpful to your child's progress and not to be too onerous that they get upset about it. Please see your teacher if you have concerns.

There is also lots of information on the school website.

### Year 4 and Year 6 camps for 2018!

The deposits have mostly been received and we will be looking at costing both camps over the next few weeks. A separate letter will be issued advising parents of the total costs and how to pay the outstanding balances. Places are still available. Please contact Mrs Holland (school Bursar) to discuss further. Thank you.





### Rules and Safety

As the new school year starts I would like to inform parents about some of the rules around school.

**Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport** may not be ridden in the school grounds. We have found it is too dangerous to allow children of any age to use wheeled transport round school. Scooters must be taken home, not left in school, as we do not have the capacity to store them. Children in Upper KS2 (Y5 and 6) may park bikes in the bike sheds if parents fill in the cycling to school agreement. Bikes are left at their owner's risk.

**Climbing Equipment** is not for use by children before or after school hours on either site.

**Dogs** are not allowed on the school premises at all. Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.

**The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe. Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers as playing in these areas can be dangerous.**

**Drains and drain covers** - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.

**Toys, games, pencil cases, mobile phones** etc are not allowed in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems.



**Swimming.** The school has only just been made aware that children with ear rings need to take them out before they can go swimming (not just cover them). If this is a problem it is something you need to raise with Jubilee Pool directly as it is not the school's decision. Flamingo Class swim first and we ask that they come into school for registration at 8.35am, in order to leave school at 8.45am prompt. Falcon and Fox Class will follow in turn, during the normal school day. All children will need a towel and swimming costume or trunks - **no long Bermuda shorts or bikinis please**. The children are allowed goggles if they wish. We strongly advise that parents provide swimming hats as this keeps their hair drier.

Each class will need parent helpers to assist with travelling on the coach and changing. This takes about 1 hour including the lesson. Please would you see your child's class teacher as soon as possible if you can help. **All helpers will need to have a DBS check in place.**



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.

Yours sincerely  
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## Holymead Primary School

### KS2 SATs Results 2016-17

#### All Pupils - 84

Subject	%AT & Above		Av Scaled Score	
	School	National	School	National
Reading	83%	71%	107.0	104
Writing	83%	76%	NA	NA
SPAG	85%	77%	108.1	106
Maths	85%	75%	104.8	104
RWM	69%	61%	NA	NA

#### Yearly Comparison - All Pupils

##### EXPECTED STANDARD and ABOVE

Subject	%AT & Above	
	2016	2017
Reading	65%	83%
Writing	78%	83%
SPAG	90%	85%
Maths	69%	85%
RWM	57%	69%

## KS1 SATs Results 2016-17

#### All Pupils - 88

#### KS1 Teacher Assessment (Tests not reported) 2016 and 2017

Reading			Writing			Maths		
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017
GD	14%	12.5%	GD	8%	8%	GD	16%	9.1%
EX	56%	58%	EX	52%	51.1%	EX	52%	59.1%
EX+	70%	70.5%	EX+	60%	59.1%	EX+	67%	68.2%
GD	Working at greater depth				L3 was the equivalent			
EX	Working at the expected standard				L2B+ was the expected standard			
EX+	At expected and above							