

Thursday 1st February 2018 Number 3, Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers



We have had a few issues with children bringing 'slime' into school. Please can parents remind their children

that they are not allowed to bring ANYTHING in from home e.g. toys, cards, games, jewellery, make up, mobile phones, pencil cases, money.

The only exception is for Y6 who are allowed to bring pencil cases.

Anything else may be confiscated.

Thank you for your support.



Weather

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.



Class Assemblies-

Tawny Owl- Tuesday 6th Feb- middle hall

Salamander- Tues 6th Feb- upper hall

Toucan- Wed 28th Feb- infant hall

Tiger – Thurs 15th March- infant hall

Tamarin- Thurs 22nd March- infant hall

Please note class assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers, as we want the children performing to be heard. There will be a crèche. Thanks.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

What's Happening

Y3 Times Table Meeting 1st February at 3.30pm

Number Day 2nd February

Y6 Camp meeting 26th February 3.20pm

Y5/6 E-safety Parents' Meeting 5th March 3.20pm

Treasure Island 14th March (Y1 to Y6)

The last day of Term 3 is Thursday 8th February. (Friday 9th is INSET)

Term 4 starts on MONDAY 19th February.

Advance Notice



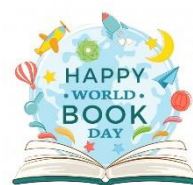
Parents' Evenings will take place in MARCH:

7th 3.30-5.30pm and 13th

3.30-6.30pm for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and

8th 3.30-6pm and 14th 4.30-7pm for juniors (Y3-Y6).

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.



World Book Day will be happening on Thursday 1st March.

To celebrate World Book Day we would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Year groups will buddy up to share books across the school.



Term Dates 2017-2018

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)

Term Dates 2018- 2019

Term 1

(Mon and Tues 3rd and 4th Sept 2018 CLOSED for INSET)

Open Wed 5th Sept 2018 for KS1 and KS2

Thurs 6th Sept 2018 for new Reception to Fri 26th October

Term 2

Mon 5th Nov to Thurs 20th Dec 2018

(Fri 21st Dec CLOSED for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.

Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:



In response to requests from parents we will be 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 now available to purchase from the school office and are £4.50 each (slight reduction on cost price). Thank you.



Governors' Corner. We welcome Jessica Coggins to Holymead as a new governor. Jessica is a former pupil so I expect she will see a few changes as she visits her year group this week.



Friends' Events:

The Friends are organising a Bingo night in March.



Cake Sale 7th Feb on junior site, after school. Please send donations from Monday 5th Feb. Thanks

Next Friends' Meeting- 23rd February after drop off on the infant site. New members always welcome. You can give as many or as few hours as you can spare to help.

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 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.



The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 14th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check will be administered in the week beginning 11th June. **The Y2 SATs test** will be administered during the month of May.



It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2 children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised. If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see me or ring school immediately. Thank you.



The diversity group is a group of parents and carers who meet to discuss, celebrate and promote cultural diversity within the school. The next meeting will be held on 20th February at 9.00am

in the library on the Junior site. All are welcome to attend. Thank you.



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.

Maths Challenge



Congratulations to Oscar, Caleb, Emily and Isla for performing with such distinction in the Bristol Grammar mathematics Challenge. There were 46 teams taking part in total with our boys finishing 17th and our girls finishing 26th overall. This represents our best ever performance in this competition. Well done to all of you!



This is just to say well done to everyone who did the Percy Smith Swimming Gala on Wednesday. Also thank you to Mr Nock and Mrs Moore for helping.

It was Hunter, Archie, Takoda's first gala and they did really well! All the relay teams did excellent. Well done to Rosie for winning her freestyle race! We all did really well in the canon. If you win the canon then you win lots of points. Written by Iris and Olivia.



Year 6 Football Team news. This was our final time playing on Thursdays and we have good news. We played very well as a team and this is the results; we did not lose a game and we won all of them. We came 3rd out of 16 teams which means we go through to a different tournament. The top four teams go through against each other. If we come in the top two in that match, we go through to a different tournament, which eventually goes to Ashton Gate. We play today! Good luck to all the boys.

Written by Ethan.

Year 6 Bristol Community Trust Tournament.

We participated in the Bristol City community trust tournament at South Bristol Sports Centre.

The players in team 1 were Ethan, Paul, Max, Alfie, Luka, Ted, Ben and Oliver.

The first game we played we won eight nil.

The second game we played we won 2-1 but our amazing winning streak did not last long because in our third match we lost 4-0. Despite this, we managed to get into the knockouts where we knocked another team out. In the quarterfinal, we lost 2-1 and we were quite disappointed but we still had lots of fun. We were the only team not to lose against the winners West town Lane A.

The players in team 2 were Finn, Oren, Ronnie, Harrison, Ted, Max, Remi and George.

They lost their first game 3-0 but came back strong and won their second game 2-1. They lost the next game 2-0 and lost their final game 6-4. They also got into the knockouts and won but they were knocked out – like the other team – in the quarterfinals!

Written by Paul.



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

What's the Buzz? The Bee is back!

Following on from the success of previous years' Spelling Bees we are holding our fifth Spelling Bee after the holiday. You can help your child by checking they are learning their year group spellings. See your teacher or check the website for the year group spelling lists. There are year group prizes of a trophy and book vouchers to be won. It is a competition that is wide open so long as you practise the spellings.

We have noticed a huge improvement in spelling in general throughout the school but it is most noticeable in those children who take their spellings home and practise them regularly. Parents who support their children really are making a difference.

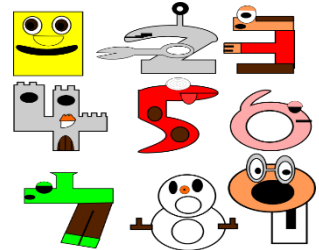


Times Tables Rockstars. This is a times tables app for tablets or website access to support children in recalling their times tables fluently. Pupils on the junior site had a launch assembly at the start of this term and should be accessing this regularly. As you are aware, learning times tables is a very important skill for children to succeed in maths. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 can log in using their existing blogging password, and access a range of games to upgrade their "Rock Star" status and earn points to upgrade their online avatar. Year 2 have also received their passwords. You can download (FREE) Times Tables Rock Stars in the App Store for your device

(iOS/Android) or visit the website trockstars.com

Upcoming event - Friday 2nd February, Number Day 2018

Children will participate in problem solving activities, puzzles, games and a times tables competition using the Times Table Rockstar app/website. We recommend everyone gets practising for tomorrow's event!



**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.



Can we remind parents that dinner money accounts (via ParentMail) and breakfast and afterschool club accounts (via Libarcura) must be in credit at all times. Please can we ask that you review your accounts regularly to ensure that you are not in arrears. Thank you.

With regards to the Year 4 Hillcrest PGL 2018 camp and Year 6 Red Ridge Camp 2018, please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the Payment agreements that ensure your child's place is secure:-

Year 4 Hillcrest PGL – The first £100 must be paid by 15.12.17 and the full balance (£202.50) to be paid by 30.04.18.

Year 6 Red Ridge – The first £200 must be paid by 03.01.18 and the full balance (287.50) to be paid by 09.03.18. Please can parents ensure that all these payments are paid up to date, by reviewing your ParentMail account. Thank you.

School Uniform.

Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS!



PLEASE NOTE JEANS AND HOODED TOPS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND MUST NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL.

PE kit: is a purple tee shirt and black shorts in a purple dap bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc.

ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Back Packs are not allowed on the infant site, as space is very limited.

Pencil Cases: pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. The only exception to this is in Y6 where pupils are getting ready for using their own pencil cases and equipment in secondary school.



Holymead
Primary

Mon 3:20-4:30
Starts: 19th Feb

WILD WOODS

Take a walk in the wild woods to create pieces of art by printing, drawing, painting and even mixed media!



SIGN ME UP!

£37.50 for 5 weeks (£7.50 a session)
including all resources and refreshments

BOOK: gosketch.co.uk and click **Book Now**
or contact Emma: emma@gosketch.co.uk 07717 313 651



Situations vacant:

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for a SMSA to supervise children at dinnertime. If you are interested, please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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