

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 Number 3, Term 3

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Dear Parents/Carers



The last day of Term 3 is **THURSDAY** 9<sup>th</sup> February. We are closed on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb for an **INSET** day.

Term 4 starts on **MONDAY** 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Y2 meeting** about Maths on 1<sup>st</sup>

**S.A.T.S**

March at 3.30pm. There will be a crèche.



#### Events this term

##### **Whole School Bread Week- 16<sup>th</sup> January.**

All classes will have the opportunity to make different kinds of bread. A Caterlink chef is supporting us in this venture. Y6 will do Bread Week in the summer term.

**Y6** will be dressing up for WW2 Day on 3.2.16

**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.

**Y5's RE** will include a Sikh visitor this term  
**25<sup>th</sup> January-** Y3/4 Boccia Club to play at Oasis  
**Boys' Football Competition** Thursday's after school this term. See the website for match reports.

**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.

**Our Rights Action Group held a cake sale in aid of Macmillan on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

They raised £102.68 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you for all your support.



After  
School **Club**

#### **Holymead Hub After School Club**

The school and governors have been busy setting up a new club called the Holymead Hub After School Club. Places will be allocated to children who have previously attended Oasis After School Club, in the first instance. However, we are now opening for other Holymead children to join. Please book online. First come first served.

## World Book Day.

**World Book Day will be happening on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

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



# WORLD BOOK DAY

We are also excited to announce that we have authors Sean Taylor (KS1) and The Etherington Brothers (KS2) visiting us during the first week back in Term 4. The Etherington Brothers are best known for their work in The Phoenix comics and The Beano as well as their own books such as 'Long Gone Don' and 'Baggage'. Sean Taylor is the internationally renowned author of 'Robot Rumpus' and 'We have lift-off!' They will both be talking to the children and will also be carrying out book signing session during the day. Further information will be issued to the children.

## Class Assemblies:

**NEW DATE** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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** 21<sup>st</sup> February 3.30pm

**Y3/4** 28<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm



## Advance Notice

**Parents' Evenings** will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 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.**

## Term Dates 2016-2017

### Changes in red.

#### Term 3

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

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### Term 5

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

(Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May is now an INSET day as the school will be closed for polling).

#### Term 6

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

(Note: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June the school is now open NOT an INSET day)

(Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July closed- INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.





**Governors' Corner:** The finance governors met to monitor spending and check we are spending school finances appropriately. I can report all financial matters are up to date and follow correct procedures. The latest financial check has been submitted to the local authority in accordance

with policy and we have a reasonable carry forward which we are planning to spend on repair and maintenance jobs. We are currently in the process of renewing all the lighting in the classrooms on the junior site and painting some of the infant classrooms.

**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.**



**Friends' Meeting** 9am on the infant site. Come along and get involved in organising fun events for the school. New members always welcome. Feel free to bring your pre-schoolers along.



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.

**News Flash; Cake Sale on the Infant Site.**

Jane McColl, a parent from Holymead is climbing Kilimanjaro to raise money for another Holymead family affected by cancer.

A group of parents are organising a cake sale next Wednesday after school (8th February) on the infant site to raise money to help pay for some climbing kit that Jane needs. They would love donations of cakes or other sweet delights to sell, please bring them to the infant reception next week.

If you would like find out more about what Jane is doing and to donate to Jane's page please visit :<http://bit.ly/2jM8ZEJ>



**BAKE SALE**

**Know the Rules**



**School rules and expectations** - please remember nail varnish and any other make-up should NOT be worn in school. Hair styles should be sensible and conducive to learning. Pupils should wear BLACK school shoes not trainers. Purple school sweat shirts are available on line through our website or plain purple jumpers are available in shops.

Socks and tights need to be black, white/cream or dark purple. No spots, stripes, patterns or other colours please.

Yours sincerely  
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