

Thursday 27th April 2017 Number 1, Term 5



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Dear Parents/Carers

REMEMBER



Welcome back to what is a very short term!

Remember we will be closed 1st May for Bank Holiday and 4th May for polling/INSET.

The last day of term is Friday 26th May.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Changes in red.

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.



Scholastic Book Fayre- Opens 25th April- 2nd May on the infant site. Please come and browse for books to buy.

After School Club

Holymead Hub After School Club

The new Holymead Hub is now open for all Holymead children to join. Please book online. First come first served. Ask the office for details.



Meeting for parents of children starting school (new Reception) in September 2017 on

Thursday 25th May at 7pm in the infant hall. This meeting is for

adults only. There will be no crèche. Come and find out about your child starting school.

School Dinners

Please note that the cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.05 with effect from 1st May 2017. Thank you.

What's Happening

Girls' Football Competition- starts 26th April
YR -Tyntesfield

May 17th Swimming gala at Horfield at 7.30pm.

May 24th Class Photos on both sites

May 24th Boys' Football teams at Ashton Gate



All PE kits need to be taken home for washing during the holidays. Next term, with the warmer weather there will be lots of outside PE so it essential that children should have a full PE kit- T Shirt, shorts and daps/trainers.

Please can parents of upper KS2 in particular, remind their children to bring their kits to school. Thanks.



Sports' Days. We will be holding separate infant and junior sports' days as organising over 600 primary pupils on one day would be difficult and you may miss watching an infant child if a junior event was taking place at the same time and vice versa.

KS1 Sports' Day (YR-Y2) 9th June 2017

KS2 Sports' Day (Y3-Y6) 16th June 2017

We will send out details so you can come and join us.



Class Assemblies:

Thursday 18th May 9.10am Otter- Infant Hall

Tuesday 23rd May 2.50pm Flamingo- Middle hall

Tuesday 23rd May 2.50pm Finch- Upper hall

Thursday 25th May 9.10am Owl- 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.



TERM DATES

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 6th Jun to Mon 23rd July (school closed Tues 24th

July for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



Your Opinion Counts!

Normally at this time of year we send out a parent/carer questionnaire. This year we are asking parent/carers to fill in the OFSTED online questionnaire instead as the questions are very similar to what we would ask you anyway. You can find the survey on the OFSTED website. Thanks for your help.



Governors' Corner: Through careful monitoring of finances governors and staff have managed to close the budget with a reasonable carry forward that will go some way to helping us cope with the shrinking budget that we are expecting next year. All schools are in a difficult financial situation with money coming in staying stagnant and money going out (such as increased NI and pension contributions) going up.



The Friends are organising a Lego Event on the infant site on 15th May at 3.15 to 4.30pm.

Please book online.

The next Friends' Meeting is 9am on the infant site. New members are always welcome. Please come along.

English for Speakers of Other Languages.



Come and join our friendly classes

to help improve your English for life in Bristol. Learn to speak with confidence to your doctor, school, employer and other people. The course is being run at Holymead Primary School (junior site) and will run every Thursday from 27th April until 20th July, from 1pm to 3pm. To book a place call the office on 0117 9030377.



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.

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.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



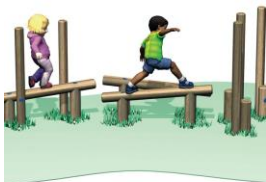
Summer Uniform- summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colour. Pupils may wear **black or grey** school shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school. Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals should be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours. Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way. Pupils should NOT wear trainers.

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 8th May.
The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 re-check will be administered in the week beginning 12th June.



KS1 SATs - Y2 are undertaking statutory assessments in May. We don't make a big deal of SATs at this age and children don't usually notice much difference to normal work. Generally pupils have a reading booklet, a maths' booklet and some writing to do. The work done in a test format is only used to support what teachers already know about your child by working with them all year. A disaster on one booklet due to your child having a headache etc that day will not affect the outcomes that are awarded. Outcomes are given to parents at the end of the school year.

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 period will not be authorised. If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this time please see me or ring school immediately. Thank you.



We are very pleased to announce that over the holidays there was some new playground equipment installed in the junior site playground. The money was part funded by the school and part by the Friends' Group. Please note the equipment is for use during school time only and children should not be playing on it before or after school. Thank you.

Children were able to view the plans before the final decision was made and helped to choose which apparatus they preferred. We therefore expect ALL children to respect this equipment and use it properly.



Friends' Activities -Coin Line

This year we are asking parents to help raise money for school funds by organising a Coin line. This is in response to suggestions following our previous copper and silver lines. We are, therefore, requesting that children collect silver and/or copper coins. The children will then lay out the coins and measure their lines. The class with the longest line wins the trophy. We will carry out the activity in June so recommend children start saving their coins now! All legal tender coins welcome! Thanks.

Congratulations to our swimming team who have made it through to participate in the English National Swimming competition in Sheffield.

We have a record number of children qualifying and wish them every success in the finals. Please get behind our team if they ask you to sponsor them to raise money for the trip to Sheffield.

Good luck everyone!



Year 4 PGL Weymouth Camp 2017

Mr Thorne will be holding a camp meeting at 3.30pm on Wednesday 10th in Falcon Class, for parents/carers of those children who are attending the Year 4 camp to PGL Weymouth (5th to 8th June 2017). Mr Thorne will be providing key information regarding the camp and activities that the children will be participating in. A crèche will be available for younger children.



Sainsbury's Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers.



This week is the deadline for getting all those Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers into school. So please can we ask that you dig deep into your handbags/pockets/purses for those last minute vouchers and hand them into the school office by Friday 28th April! Thank you.

Yours sincerely
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