

Thursday 14th March 2019 Number 2, Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers



World Book Day celebrations

The children (and the staff!) had a great day celebrating books by dressing up, visiting each other's classes across the two sites to share books, and playing games and quizzes. It generated great excitement around reading at all age levels.

It was lovely to welcome parents into several classes to read favourite books. Thank you everyone for making it such a special day.



Thank you to everyone who sent donations to pay for The Hobbit theatre visit. The children had an amazing time. We can only book next year's visit if everyone sends

their contribution in. If you haven't done so yet please drop your donation into the office.

We are pleased to inform YR parents that we have booked a theatre company suitable for YR to enjoy on 2.5.19. We will be asking for donations nearer the time. Thank you.

Red Nose Day – Comic Relief.

Children can wear red noses, a red tee-shirt or a Red nose Tee-shirt on Friday 15th March and bring in a £1 for charity.



Class Assemblies-

Toucan- Thursday 14th March- infant hall 9.10am

Tiger- Tuesday 19th March- infant hall 9.10am

Tamarin- Thursday 4th April- infant hall 9.10am

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. Thanks.



Friends' Events:

29.3.19 Friends' Spring Sale on the junior site after school. Spot a possible Mother's Day gift!


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What's Happening

March

Y5 Sikh visitor

Y1 Court Farm visit

Y6 Camp

Y4 BSO Concert

YR Chew Valley Farm visit

Y1-2 Fire fighter visitors

13.3.19 Y1-Y6 theatre- The Hobbit

2.5.19 YR theatre story telling

Whole School number Day

Y6 Life Skills

What's the Buzz? The Bee is back!

Now in its sixth year The Spelling Bee will be happening this term. (Y6's will be later in the year). 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.



We look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evenings. This term KS2

parents will need to book online and we will let you know when the booking system is ready. KS1 bookings will continue as they have previously by filling in booking sheets on the classroom doors this term. KS1 will move over to the electronic system next time. Please bear with us as we set up this new system.

If you have problems please ring the office so we can help. Thank you



REMEMBER: Please don't park on the yellow lines or zig-zags. It is endangering people's lives.



Reminder. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones. Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags. The only exception is for Y6 who are allowed to bring pencil cases. Thank you.



It has come to our attention that some pupils have been using and accessing YouTube at home. In order to create a YouTube account, you have to confirm

that you're at least 13 years old. A good guide to access support and guidance with regards to social media is: <https://www.net-aare.org.uk/>

This site has up to date information about games, such as Fortnite, which you may have heard people talking about, and apps and how to keep your child safe in today's digital world.



Parent's Evening

Parents' Evenings.

These will take place on 28th March and 3rd April for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 27th March and 4th April 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.**

Special Educational Needs: Mrs Cole our SENDCO, will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. Mrs Cole will be available on 27th March (KS2) and 3rd April (KS1) from 3.30 – 5.30pm. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening. Thank you.



Diversity Group meeting.

The Diversity Group will be meeting to discuss Heritage Day on 23rd May. If you are interested in getting involved please come to the junior library on 29th March at 9am.

The theme this year is Art in different Cultures. If you'd like to get involved and share your skills please contact Mrs Cole through the school office.



Up to date Data, held by the school.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to keep the school updated with their current telephone numbers (mobile, work, home), addresses and any other relevant information (such as emergency contacts, dietary needs of children and medical needs that staff should be aware of).

It is important that the school holds this information and that it is current and up to date, as should there be an emergency in school we will be able to make contact with the relevant person as quickly as possible. Thank you.



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2018- 2019

Term 1

(Mon 3rd September 2018 CLOSED -INSET)

Open Tues 4th Sept for KS1 and KS2

Wed 5th Sept 2018 for new Reception

to Fri 26th October

Term 2

Mon 5th Nov to Fri 21st Dec

Term 3

Mon 7th Jan 2019 to Thurs 14th Feb 2019 (Fri 15th closed for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

Term 5

Wed 24th April to Fri 24th May 2019 (Tues 23rd INSET)

Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Fri 19th July 2019 (22nd, 23rd INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 13th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 Phonic re-checks will be administered in the week beginning 10th 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.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please note the following guidelines from Public Health England: To help prevent the spread of germs children should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting and diarrhoea. Thank you.



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 earrings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher. Thank you.



Situations vacant:

Holmead 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.

QUIZ!
URC Church
7.30pm-10.30pm
£5 per ticket
Teams of 6 max
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
THE FRIENDS OF HOLYMEAD!



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 Holmead School sites. Holmead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements with this school. Thank you.



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.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Please can we remind our Year 6 parents, that if you would like to order a Leavers' Hoodie for your child, all orders and payments must be received by Thursday 28th March 2019. No orders will be accepted after this date. Please can we remind those that have placed an order, to send back the reply slip attached to the original letter sent, advising us of the size of hoodie that you require to purchase. Payment must be made in order for a hoodie to be ordered. Thank you.

Yours sincerely
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