



Dear Parents/Carers
Well, after a lot of jolly exciting Christmas events the term finally draws to a close. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year! Please note the last day of term is tomorrow, Friday 21st December 2018.

Term 3 starts for children on
MONDAY 7th January 2019.



Christmas Concert

Christmas Concert: December 19th at St Cuthbert's Church

What a lovely concert we were treated to again this week. The children practised very hard and the standard of musicianship was amazing. Well done everyone and thank you to all the staff who work tirelessly to put on these performances. Well done!

Governors' Corner. We will be holding a parent governor election in the new year. If you are interested in finding out more about what being a governor entails please come and talk to me or Mrs Buckley after the holidays.



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.



What's Happening

January

YR Space Dome 16.1.19

Y6 Arnos Vale cemetery walks

Application deadline for YR places for September 2019 – 15.1.19

Y6 Boys' football starts 10.1.19

Friends' Meeting 18.1.19 at 9am

Y2 SAT's Meeting 24.1.19 at 3.20pm

School Tours

The final conducted tour on the infant site will be on 9th January 2019 at 9am for prospective parents to look round if they are looking for school places and were unable to attend Open Day.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Friends' Events:



Thank you to ALL the Friends who have done a fantastic job of organising Christmas Events this year.

The Fayre, Hamper Raffle and KS2 Children's Shopping Day raised £2,376.74 for the school, which is AMAZING. Thank you so much. We will let you know when all the money is counted for the tea-towels.

The infants loved seeing Father Christmas and having the Adam Richards Magic Show at the parties. It was soooo exciting!



Next Friends' Meeting is 18.1.19 after drop off on the infant site.



Friday 21st December- juniors.
If children has not booked a Christmas dinner they can bring a packed lunch and decorate their lunch boxes.

All children can wear a Christmas Jumper for Christmas Dinner with their usual school uniform.



Now the 'No Stopping' sign has gone up on Eton Road the School Keep Clear Zigzags are enforceable. If you stop or park on the Zigzags you will be liable for a fine.

The 'No Stopping' restriction applies to all vehicles, including school buses, coaches, taxis and vehicles displaying a blue disabled badge. There are no exemptions except for Police, Fire and Ambulance and maintenance of the highway. The restrictions will apply from Monday to Friday 8.00a.m. - 6.00p.m. These timings coincide with Children and Young Peoples Services Extended School guidelines. For consistency the restrictions are generic for all schools and will apply throughout the year.

Mobile Enforcement Vehicles will visit schools on an ad hoc basis to issue penalty charge notices. These are £70.00 or discounted to £35.00 if payment is made within 14 days of the issue of the notice.

Please support your school and the wider school community by keeping the markings clear and maintaining good visibility and crossing routes for everyone wishing to access the school.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Mason - Road Safety Officer



Junior Choir: Please note that there will be no KS2 Choir practise after school on a Wednesday during term 3. Choir practise will recommence in term 4. Mrs May will advise the children accordingly. Many thanks.



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.



E-Safety: Keeping up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge, especially if you feel that your children may have

better technical skills than you do. However, children still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely. A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion.

Conversation starter ideas: Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them?

What is OK and not OK to share?

- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and [how to report](#) or block on the services they use.
- Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

Further information about these issues is available from ChildNet or Thinkuknow.co.uk and on the school website.



School Uniform.

Polo Shirts: These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

Shoes: Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS! Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE BLACK JEANS, LEGGINGS AND HOODED PURPLE 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: just a reminder that 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.

NO TOYS OR GAMES ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 FOR A HOLIDAY 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.

PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT. YOU CAN STILL BE FINED IF YOU DON'T FILL OUT A FORM.



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.



Dinner money accounts:

Please can we remind you that the cost of school dinners increased to **£2.10 with effect from 5th November 2018.**

All dinner money accounts must be kept in credit at all times. Automatic reminders will be sent to those accounts that are in arrears. Any accounts that are more than £10.00 in arrears, school policy procedures will be adhered to and an email will be sent asking that a packed lunch be provided until such time as the arrears are cleared in FULL.

Please note that we will not accept payment for one meal (and provide a meal that day) where there are existing arrears on the account. All arrears must be cleared in full, before a school dinner will be provided.

Christmas Plays and Concerts

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas plays and concerts. We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we enjoyed doing them for you! Thank you also for all the donations given during all the performances. We have raised £805.50 for the Bristol Night Stop which supports 16-25 year olds who are homeless and for The Marmalade Trust who support people who are lonely. Both are small, local charities and I know they will appreciate your generosity.



Year 6 Red Ridge Camp 2019.

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp in March 2019 that the next instalment of £100 must be paid by the end of this term (tomorrow). We are due to pay our next interim payment to the Centre and can only do this once all these payments have been received.

Many Thanks.



Diversity Group meeting.

The Diversity group is a group of parents and carers who meet to discuss celebrating and raising awareness of cultural diversity in our school community. Our next meeting will take place on Friday 25th January at 9am in the Library on the Junior Site in Wick Road. Anyone interested in joining us would be warmly welcomed with a hot drink and refreshments. If you would like further information please contact Mrs Cole through the school. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible



Whitchurch Primary School Vacancy: Whitchurch Primary School currently has a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant. This is a temporary position working on a 1 to 1 basis with a child or children, which starts in the New Year. Part time or full time hours will be considered.

If you require further information, their contact details are as follows -
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Yours sincerely
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