


Dear Parents/Carers



Some of our Y6 pupils have asked to have an event to raise funds for the charity Cancer Research as they want to support their friends and

families who have been affected by cancer. We will therefore be having a Crazy Hair day on July 13th and asking pupils to bring in a donation of £1 for the charity. Please note children MUST wear normal school uniform and it is hair/headgear that is crazy. Children should be able to return to school as normal the following Monday so no permanent hair dyes etc. Thanks



New class lists are now closed and changes cannot be made.
IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS.

Making new friends is an important life skill and we find moving the children round can balance friendship groups better.

Infant Disco 17th July:

There is a charge for entry (see Friends' letter). You will need your ticket to get in on the evening. Drink included.



As previously, Reception staff and Friends will help change reception classes and take them to the disco so parent/carers don't need to come to school until after the disco.

Reception - 3.15pm - 4.00pm.

Year 1 - 4.15pm - 5.00pm.

Year 2 - 5.15pm - 6.00pm.

Please drop children off at the Main Entrance and pick up afterwards in the Pencil Playground, except for **Red Panda Class, Otter Class and Tamarin Class** who need to be picked up from outside Tamarin classroom by their steps near the hall.



Friends' Activities -Coin Line

Thank to everyone who sent in contributions to the coin line. This event raised a grand total of £557.90, which was amazing. Robin Class had the longest line of 50m!

Well done to everyone!

What's Happening

TERM 6

Shuffle Up 9th July

Open Day 10th July

6th July Spanish Day- this is NOT a dressing up day, pupils must come in uniform.

Y3 Recorder Concert 6th July 2.50pm

Y6 Performance 11th July 1.45 and 6.30pm

Y6 Leavers' Disco 18th July 5-6.30pm Upper Hall

Y2 Moving Up Assembly 20th July 9.10am

Y6 Leavers' Assembly 23rd July 9.20am

Y2-Y3 Parents' Meeting on the junior site 10th July at 6pm

Y5-Y6 Camp Meeting in Salamander Class- Mon 9th at 3.20pm.



Assemblies-

Y2 Moving Up Assembly 20th July 9.10am- Infant Hall

Y6 Leavers' Assembly 23rd July 9.20am- Upper Hall

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



Friends' Events: Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Summer Fayre and to those who turned up on the day to support the school. We couldn't have asked for better weather and it looked like everyone was having a great time! Thank you!

Meet Your TEACHER



Shuffle up Day- on the afternoon of 9th July all children will shuffle up to their new classes to meet their new teachers. This includes Y2 going up to the juniors and new Reception children coming into school. This is the day parent/carers are informed which class their children will be in. No changes to classes can be made once the class lists are put up on the doors so please talk to teachers NOW.

Y2 transition to Y3. As part of our transition programme to get children ready for Y3 we have been taking them to visit the junior site where they have a buddy to tell them what it is like in Key Stage 2.

We are also holding a short meeting with Y2 parents to welcome you to Y3 on the evening of 10th July at 6pm on the junior site.

School Reports will be sent out in early July. Parents need to collect their reports in person or send a signed note naming a trusted adult to collect it on their behalf. Please can parents let the office know if a second copy needs to be sent elsewhere.



Reception Reports (Foundation Stage) - parents will receive their children's diaries, which contain comprehensive details of your child's achievements over the year. A short summary report is sent home to highlight your child's strengths and areas for development, which you can help with at home.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 - parents will receive a report detailing their child's progress and achievements. There are targets which parents may be able to support their child with.

There will be a **feedback sheet** enclosed with the reports, which needs to be signed and sent back to class teachers so we know you have received them. **Attendance-** please note that attendance is calculated in half days. So if the report shows 6 absences then your child has been off school for the equivalent of 3 days. This is because the register is called twice a day (once in the morning and once in the afternoon) so pupils get 2 possible attendance marks each day.



Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 6

Mon 4th Jun to Mon 23rd July 2018 (24th July INSET)

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)

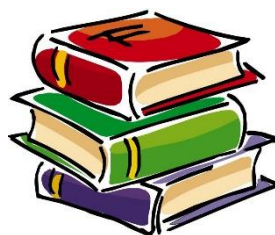
Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Fri 19th July 2019 (22nd, 23rd INSET)
School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



Congratulations Year 1 and those in Y2 who did their Phonics Check.

We are very pleased with how well the children have worked to learn their phonics. Parents will get results at the end of the year. Any children who haven't passed the check are already having interventions to help them learn the sounds they don't know and this will continue into next year. Teachers are happy to share ideas of how to practise phonics at home so please ask.



Text Books- we have a couple of sets of text books which the school no longer uses. They are a bit out of date and no longer useful for our curriculum needs but if anyone thinks they can use them in a different situation please ask at the office before we dispose of them at the end of term.

Open Day

**Open Day Tuesday
10th July** - the school
invites current and

prospective parents to look round both sites. This will be an opportunity to meet the teachers and look at the classrooms your child will be moving to in September. The infant site will be open at 9.10-10.00am, 1.00-2.00pm and 3.30-4.30pm. Parents who have children currently in Key Stage 1 will be shown around by their children (please make sure they are registered first). I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents.

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am, 2.00-2.50pm and 3.30-4.30pm. Y6 ambassadors will be showing current parents round. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will need to stay in class (as Key Stage 2 learning is more structured and less fluid than learning in Key Stage 1). If you are concerned and wish to discuss your child's report (which you will have by then) then the OPEN EVENING session from 3.30-4.30pm is a good time to do this. (Please ring the office to make an appointment with the class teacher).



Staff moving classes. For those of you who know the school you will know that teachers and LSAs are employed to work throughout the whole age range and regularly move about through different year groups. Staff are expected to move around the age ranges to become competent at teaching all ages. I am keen to dispel the myth that staff who move from Reception to Y6 are getting promoted and those who move from Y6 to reception are getting demoted!! As staff will be moving around (in September) I think they would be dismayed to think parents considered a change of age range as a promotion or demotion. It is not.



Reminder to Parents: please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and afterschool club accounts (Liburcra) are

either left in credit or at zero at the start of the summer break.

All year 6 dinner money accounts must be left at zero before the children move onto their secondary destinations. All trip payments, music and swimming money/fees must be received before the end of the summer term, in order to allow for accounts to be reconciled and closed for the end of the academic year. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



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.



Situations vacant:

Holymead Primary School have a couple of vacancies for an SMSA to supervise the

children at lunch times. Our SMSAs are integral members of staff and are highly valued. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested but is not necessarily connected to the school, please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office. Thank you.



Governors' Corner.

The Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion committee met to discuss the results in Early Years, the phonics check and KS1 results. We are delighted to see a big improvement in all these areas compared to our results last year. We are still waiting for KS2 results to be published. Governors also heard from the history lead teachers about how we teach this subject.

The Health and Safety governors met and looked at the accident and reporting books and walked round the infant site checking for health and safety issues that may need dealing with.

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

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 READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

MISCHIEF MAKERS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

Bristol Libraries are getting ready to launch Mischief Makers the [Summer Reading Challenge](#)™, run by independent charity [The Reading Agency](#).

For 2018 the theme is Mischief Makers, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic Beano. Mischief Makers will celebrate adventure, friendship, reading and fun and is a must for all children who want to live in the moment and be themselves.

Across the school summer holidays, Mischief Makers will introduce young readers to a variety of Beano characters, in an exciting reading challenge through Beano Town!

Each year the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) to children is simple.

They're encouraged to read six or more library books of their choice – fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books just as long as they are borrowed from the library – during the holidays. Library membership is free – just take along a grown up from home to join.

There are smelly stickers to collect, completes the Challenge! Bristol and all materials are absolutely free!



plus a certificate & medal for every child who Children can sign up at their local library in



Yours sincerely
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