

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 Number 1, Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers

As always it's another fun packed term ahead.

Letters will come out separately with dates and details for trips.

I look forward to seeing you all at parents' evenings.

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

#### 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.

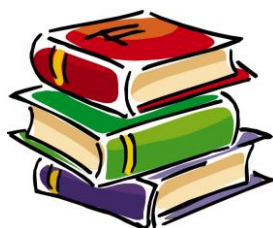
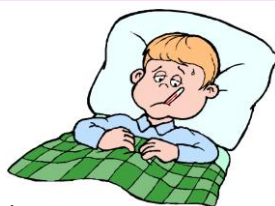
You can also try phoning the school if you are uncertain or coming from a long way away. In the event of partial closure we allow 30 children to attend for every teacher present.



#### 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.



**Scholastic Book Fayre-** Will be open between 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Middle Hall on the junior site. Please come and browse and buy books. The more books you buy the more books the school gets for the library and classrooms. Thank you.

  
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#### Events this term

**Good Luck** to Red Panda Class who will be performing at the Colston Hall this Saturday.

**Boys' Football** Competition - Congratulations boys on making it through to play at Ashton Park!

**Y4** Caerleon Visit and Roman Day.

**Y2** SS Great Britain trip.

**Y6** Life Skills

**YR** Chew Valley Farm Visit

**Y6** Camp. We have moved the camp out of the final term as there have been clashes with secondary school visit dates in previous years. This is despite us always giving our camp dates to secondary schools well in advance. We therefore booked camp a term early to avoid similar clashes happening again.

**Y5** Cooking

**Y5** Pirate Pete Walk and M-Shed trip

**15th March** Percy Smith swimming

**Y5/6 Internet Meeting** 21<sup>st</sup> February 3.30pm

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



There will be a **Y2** meeting about Maths on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3.30pm. There will be a crèche available.

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 open for other Holymead children to join. Please book online. First come first served. Ask the office for details.

## 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 were very excited to welcome the authors Sean Taylor (KS1) and The Etherington Brothers (KS2) this week. 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 all entertained and inspired the children.

## Class Assemblies:

NEW DATE Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.10am Toucan- Infant Hall

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.10am Tamarin- Infant Hall

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9.10am Tiger- Infant Hall

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2.50pm Falcon- Middle Hall

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2.50pm Firecrest- Upper 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.



**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). Please sign up for your appointments now. 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.**

**Special Educational Needs:** Mrs Cole and Miss Phillips, our SENCOs, will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. For KS1 Miss Phillips will be available at the infant site on both dates from 3.30 – 5.00 and for KS2 Mrs Cole will be available on 15<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30 – 5.30 at the junior site. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening.



## Spelling Bee Winners:

Congratulations to the following Spelling Bee Winners:

Y1 – Aurelia L

Y2 – Leyna T

Y3 – Katherine H

Y4 – Saul R

Y5 – Frank R

Y6 – Namu M

The winners received a small trophy and a £5.00 book token. Well done to all the children for learning their spellings.

## 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.



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.

**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**

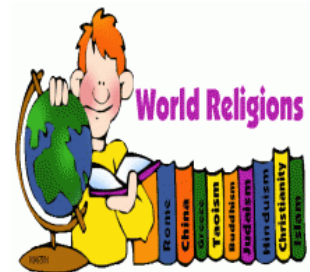
## Know the Rules



**School rules and expectations** - please remember nail varnish and any other make-up should NOT be worn in school. Hair styles and hair accessories 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.

**RE and Citizenship:** as part of being a Rights Respecting School we teach the children about a variety of different religions and cultures. Last term we had visits from a Sikh, a Methodist Christian and a Humanist. This term we will hear from a Muslim and towards the end of term we will hear about the Christian celebration of Easter. We aim to develop children in their thinking and encourage them to become good global citizens who have an informed and balanced view of the world. We promote tolerance and respect and were very pleased to hear when a visitor recently said this was the best school they had been to in Bristol because we were welcoming, polite and respectful (across both sites). What a lovely thing to have said about your children.



**The Railway Children.** We are delighted to be able to offer the children a theatre performance of The Railway Children on 15<sup>th</sup> March. This performance is for Years 1 to 6. We have arranged a different theatre performance suitable for Reception in July. We are asking for a £2 voluntary contribution towards the cost of this visit. The Friends' have also kindly offered to contribute towards the cost. Please send your contributions in to class teachers from 13<sup>th</sup> March onwards. Thank you for your contribution which makes theatre experiences like this possible.



**Friends' Meeting** 9am 24<sup>th</sup> Feb (tomorrow) 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.

**JUBILEE POOL UNDER THREAT** - Bristol City Council must save in excess of £100million during the next five years and is looking to make significant spending cuts which are likely to severely affect services across the city. As part of these cuts there is a proposal to scrap council funding for Jubilee Pool (making a saving of £62,000).

Jubilee Pool is a much-loved local resource. A great place to learn to swim, keep fit and enjoy time with family and friends, and in particular as you will be aware Holymead uses to teach children to swim from year 3 upwards. Swimming is a wonderful way to enjoy better physical and mental health, for all, not just the young.



A head of steam is building up behind the campaign to Save Jubilee Pool, which apart from the those who have stepped forward to help 'Save Jubilee Pool from Closure', from the councils perspective, support is being led by Knowle Cllrs Gary Hopkins and Chris Davies and strongly supported by Brislington Cllr Jos Clark and campaigner Andrew Varney.

Jubilee Swimming Pool was threatened with closure over 5 years ago when Labour and Tory Councillors agreed that the provision of the new Hengrove Pool was all that was needed in this part of Bristol.

A demonstration took place on Saturday 18th, which was well attended, but we need to make sure the council have the view of as many people in the BS4 locality and whose children attend Holymead Primary School. Please can we ask you to sign the petition on the Council website at the following LINK:  
[http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition\\_core/community/petition](http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition_core/community/petition)

A Facebook page has been set up for those who want to campaign to save the pool. If you want to get involved or have ideas then search Facebook for 'Save Jubilee Pool from Closure'. There will also be a chance to make your feelings known at the next Neighbourhood Forum on Tuesday 28 February 2017, 7pm to 8.30pm at Knowle Community Centre, Crossways Road, Knowle, BS4 2SS.



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-aware.org.uk/> This has up to date information about sites, games and apps and how to keep your child safe in today's digital world.

Yours sincerely  
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