

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Number 3, Term 5

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

### Dear Parents/Carers

Following a refurbishment of the ground floor of the old Annex we now have a building with a separate entrance that can be used for polling so we do not need to close the school on 8<sup>th</sup> June for the election. I would like to thank staff and governors who have worked through a long term plan over many years to make this possible. You will be able to see it for yourself when you come to vote!



The gate on Rossall Road will only give access to the polling station on 8<sup>th</sup> June. To access the playground you will need to use the gate on Eton Road.

### Term Dates 2016-2017

Last day of term is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 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.

School will be OPEN on the next polling day.



All of the class and team photographs have now been taken and as soon as the proofs are available to distribute, then will be sent home for you to view and place an order.



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

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017. Thank you.



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.

## What's Happening

**Ice cream sale on the junior site after school tonight- 25<sup>th</sup> May.** Everyone is welcome to come and buy an ice cream to raise money for the Friends of the School.

**KS2 Sports' Day 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**KS1 Sports' Day 9<sup>th</sup> June- see below for details.**



### Non-uniform day

26<sup>th</sup> May (TOMORROW). Please do not send money on this occasion but rather bring in donations such toiletries and in date food, bottles and gifts for the summer fayre raffle and tombola.



**KS1 and KS2 SATs** Well done to our Y2s and Y6s. I am very proud of the calm and sensible way in which the children worked during the SATs. There were some very hard questions but your children were incredibly good at keeping focussed and doing their very best. We are extremely proud of their efforts regardless of the outcomes. The results of tests and teacher assessments will be sent out at the end of term.

**The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 re-check** will be administered in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June.



### Class Assemblies:

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** 9.10am Owl- Infant Hall

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** 9.10am Red Panda- Infant Hall

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** 9.10am Robin- 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 2017-2018

#### Term 1

(Sept 4<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

Tues Sept 5<sup>th</sup> school starts for KS1 and KS2

Wed Sept 6<sup>th</sup> school starts for new reception.

Term 1 ends Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>

(Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

#### Term 2

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Term 3

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018 to Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb (school closed on

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan and on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb for INSET)

#### Term 4

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March

#### Term 5

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May

#### Term 6

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jun to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July (school closed Tues 24<sup>th</sup>

July for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



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:** The finance and staffing governors met last week to discuss next year's budget. You will no doubt have heard in the national press about how cuts are really starting to affect schools. Whilst we are able to set a budget for next year we are planning cuts so we are not in deficit budget the following year. For more details see the separate letter from governors and raise your concerns with local MPs.



The Friends are organising the Summer Fayre on 1<sup>st</sup> July and will need volunteers to organise stalls, the raffle, food and setting up and clearing away afterwards. Please see Jonty, the chair of the Friends, or leave a message in the Friends box in the infant Link if you can help.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> April until 20<sup>th</sup> July, from 1pm to 3pm. To book a place call the office on 0117 9030377.



### Ice Cream Sale!

Please remember that the Friends' Group will be selling ice creams after school today, on the playground of the junior site. Please come along and buy your child an ice cream and show your support. Thank you.

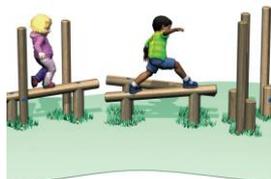
**School Trousers.** Do you have any small sized school trousers in good condition, hanging around at home, that are no longer required? If so, the school office on the infant site would love to have them. We are running very short at present on our supply of spare school trousers (black or grey please). Subsequently, if you have borrowed some school trousers and you still have them at home, please can we ask that you wash and return them as soon as possible. Thank you.



**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 or jewellery (except in agreed circumstances).

**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.**

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**



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.**



#### **Friends' Activities -Coin Line 15.6.17**

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.

#### **Ashton Gate Tournament News!**

Out of three matches, our **Year 6 Boys' Football team** won one game and lost two. They also went on to play two friendly matches afterwards and won both of these. **Our Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team** won 2 of their matches and drew the third match. They qualified for the semi-finals, however they lost their match and came 4<sup>th</sup> overall in their Tournament.

**Our Year 4 Boys' Football Team** won three of their games and drew one game. They went through to the finals, but unfortunately lost on penalties. They came 2nd overall in their Tournament and were awarded a silver medal for their accomplishment!

We would like to say how proud we are of all our children that took part in the Tournament. They were extremely well behaved and were a credit to the school. Thank you to those parents/family members that helped out with transporting the children to and from the event and also to those that came along and supported the children.



**Deputy Head;** Following a thorough interview process and up against a very strong field of experienced candidates we are pleased to announce that Mrs Head was successful in her application to become deputy head on the infant site.

Mrs Head will gradually handover her classroom duties to Mr Hough this term. She Will take up her deputy head duties full time from September 2017.

Congratulations to Mrs Head and my sincere thanks to Mr Hough for his eight years of dedicated service as the out going deputy.



### **INFANT SPORTS' DAY 10<sup>th</sup> July:**

We are looking for volunteers to help on **Infant Sports' Day**. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on that day. Parents are invited to watch their children in the main playground at the following times:

9.15-10.15 Year 2 (Toucan, Tiger, Tamarin)  
10.30-11.30 Year 1 (Octopus, Otter, Owl)  
1.30-2.30 Reception (Robin, Rabbit, Red Panda)

As space is limited please leave the playground quickly when your class finishes so other year groups may come and watch. Arrangements are weather dependent!

### **Percy Smith Galas**

This year the Percy Smith Galas have been so close with only a few points separating the five teams.



Last Wednesday Holymead Swim Team swam really well and came fourth. Harrison and James competed in their first galas and swam their very best.

The final gala will be on 14<sup>th</sup> June. This is just before our trip to Sheffield to participate in the 23<sup>rd</sup> ESSA Primary Schools Team Championships. We will be taking our year 6 boys and girls relay teams to race. Good Luck to all those participating at Sheffield.

By Adam and Nia.



### **Holymead Diversity Group.**

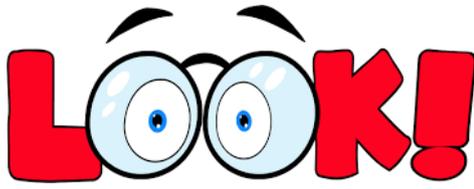
A group has been set up to represent different cultures within the school. The group meets to discuss ways in which diversity can be celebrated throughout the school. It also gives parents and children opportunities to learn about the different cultures within our community. Parents and carers can become involved by volunteering or attending meetings. Our next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 9.10 am on the infant site. If you would like to join the group, please contact the school office and a member of the group will contact you.



## **Rights' Action Group Corner**

**Pupil voice:** As you probably know there were deputy head interviews at the infant site. Some of the rights group from key stage 1 and 2 asked some questions and took part in the interview process. The candidates were all very nice. Congratulations to Mrs Head.

**Next term:** We will be having a bring a book, buy a book sale so if you have any old books suitable for the sale keep them to bring at the sale. We will be raising money for the 'The Underprivileged Children's Charity' (UPCC) – a Bristol charity.



**Reminder.** Please can we respectfully remind Parents/Carers that with school budget reductions occurring, we have to scrutinise our school expenditure more than ever. We would really appreciate if you could manage your child's school dinner money account more vigilantly and ensure that it is always in credit, rather than arrears.

With regards to trips, camps, cooking and music payments, we are not in a position to subsidise these payments any further. If your child has been booked into receive music tuition for example, you will be required to make these payments even if your child chooses not to attend.

Your continued support is much appreciated. Should you wish to discuss this further please speak to either Mrs Buckley, the School Business Manager or Mrs Holland, the School Bursar. Thank you.

*Rights Respecting Schools Article 13: Children have the right to get and to share information*

Yours sincerely  
**Ms Kate Slatcher**



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