

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Number 1, Term 2

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers



I enjoyed my visit to the Houses of Parliament to launch the Parliamentary Review. It was very interesting to meet other heads and leaders in industry to share ideas. Please look out the magazine around school during Parents' Evenings and read all about our successes.

In other Parliamentary News we are pleased to welcome Kerry McCarthy, MP, to school on 9<sup>th</sup> November.



## Food Collection

### Harvest Donations

Thank you for your generous donations. The people collecting the food were very grateful for all your donations.

### WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2015?



If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2019. If you know

of friends with nursery age children please check they have applied online to the local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.



**Next Gen Photographers** –we will send out photos as soon as they arrive in school. Please note that this is the last year that they will be sending out proofs and next year you will be able to view your child's photos on line only, before ordering.



## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the infant site from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November and the junior site from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November (after school). Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child.

## What's Happening

School Open Day 13<sup>th</sup> November- details below.

KS2 Fun with Fractions 12<sup>th</sup> November

YR Walk to Victory Park

9<sup>th</sup> November WW1 Commemoration Day

Y3 St Fagans trip

Y4 Folly Farm trip

Y1 Hedgehog workshop

21/22<sup>nd</sup> November –NHS flu jobs

Christmas Concert Dates- details below



### Class Assemblies-

#### Junior Site

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm Turtle – Middle Hall

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm Shark – 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. Thanks.



### Friends' Meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9am on the infant site and all are welcome.

Lisa Holden is the new chair and Helen Watts will support as Vice Chair. Kay Morgan is the treasurer and Amy Walden takes on a new role as the secretary.

# OPEN day



## Open Day

13<sup>th</sup> November  
The infant site will be open at 9.10-10.00am and 1.00-2.00pm.

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am and 2-3pm.

Both sites will be open 3.30-4.30pm.

Infant children will be able to show their parents round on the infant site. Please wait in the playground while children are registered first.

Y6 ambassadors will show parents round on the junior site as the different nature of KS2 lessons means junior children need to stay in their classrooms, not go round with their parents.

I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents on both sites as far as possible.

I will also run conducted tours on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9am for prospective parents to look round if they are looking for school places and are unable to attend Open Day.

We look forward to welcoming you.



## Parent's Evening

**KS2 Parents' Evenings** will be on 21<sup>st</sup> November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and on 22<sup>nd</sup> November between 4.30pm and 7.00pm. Letters will be issued during the last week of term.

**Senco Meetings:** Mrs Cole will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. She will be available on 16th October on the infant site and 21st November on the junior site. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the school office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening. Thank you.



# TERM DATES

## Term Dates 2018- 2019

### Term 1

(Mon 3rd September 2018 CLOSED -INSET)

Open Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept for KS1 and KS2

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 for new Reception

to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October

### Term 2

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

### Term 3

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

### Term 4

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### Term 5

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET)

### Term 6

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

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



## Dinner money accounts:

**Please can we remind you that the cost of school dinners increased to £2.10 with effect from this week (05.11.18).**

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. 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.

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.





### 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.**



**Christmas Carol Service-** as you know we are a very large primary school and being split over two sites means we don't have a large enough hall to ever get together in one place.

Our Carol Concert at St Cuthbert's has become a bit of a Christmas tradition where we all get together and this year we are fortunate enough to have been welcomed back on 5<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately (if that's the right word!) we are such a large community that the church was absolutely packed last year just with children and a few adult helpers so we are unable to invite parents to come and join the service.

However, if you are really keen to get involved then we do need a couple of parents from each class to help us walk down and supervise children whilst in the church and walk back. Please see your class teacher to volunteer to help out. I'm afraid it's standing room only for helpers.

**Permission** is covered in the general local visits sheet but if you haven't returned that yet please do so this week. If you wish to withdraw your child on religious grounds please see the Head Teacher so alternative arrangements can be made to stay in school.

**Children should not be kept at home as alternative education is provided.**



**Governors' Corner.** The Finance and Infrastructure Committee met to monitor the budget and the 5 year plan. Despite the chancellor's promise of increased funding, money remains incredibly tight but we are managing the budget well.



Holmead Primary

Mon 3:20-4:30  
Starts: 12th Nov

## ANIMALS CLOSE UP



SIGN ME UP!

£38 for 5 weeks (£7.60 a session)  
including all resources and refreshments

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or contact Emma: [emma@gosketch.co.uk](mailto:emma@gosketch.co.uk) 07717 313 651



## Christmas Concerts

Parents/carers are invited to attend one of the following Christmas performances. Arrangements for tickets will be sent out later.



**11th Dec** 1.40pm YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

**11th Dec** 2.30pm Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

**12th Dec** 9.30am YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

**12th Dec** 10.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

**12th Dec** 2pm and 6pm Year 4 performance (Flamingo, Fox, Falcon). The 6pm performance ONLY is open to all ages.

**13th Dec** 9.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

**Christmas Concert-** Y4-Y6 musicians at St Cuthbert's Church- 19th December, at 7pm - all ages welcome.

**Please note the performances DURING SCHOOL HOURS are NOT suitable for pre-school children as the children have worked hard to learn their parts and we want them to be heard.** We will run a crèche.

We do not charge entry to the school concerts but there will be a collection bucket on the way out if you wish to make a donation to charity (money will not go to the school). Thank you.

**Child Safety** - As in previous years anyone performing in plays/concerts may be photographed by parents during the performance and whilst we hope parents will be mindful of where they put photos of children, the school has no say in where photos end up. If you don't want your child in any photos then they cannot perform in the play and we will make arrangements for them to stay with another year group during the performances so they are safe.

Please see your class teacher if you need your child to be kept from public view.

Yours sincerely  
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