

Thursday 9th May 2019 Number 2, Term 5

Dear Parents and Carers



You are invited to come into your child's class after school on 23rd May to see what the children have been learning on Heritage Day. We have an art focus this year, where year groups have chosen to study the art of different cultures around the world. Please note this is NOT a dressing up day this year.



The Scholastic book fair - We sold a grand total of £702 and the commission raised from this fair will be spent on books for the KS1 library and classrooms. Thank you to everyone who purchased books at the fair.



Class Assemblies-

Octopus Friday 10th May- infant hall 9.10am

Otter Thursday 23rd May infant hall 9.10am

Owl Thursday 6th June infant hall 9.10am

Firefly Tuesday 14th May Upper Hall 2.45pm

Fox Tuesday 21st May Middle Hall 2.45pm **PLEASE NOTE CHANGED DATE**

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. Thanks.



Meeting for parents of children starting school (new Reception) in September 2019, will take place on Thursday 23rd 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 in September.


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What's Happening

May

13.5.19 Y6 SAT's week

23.5.19 Heritage Day

23.5.19 7pm New YR Parents' Meeting

10.5.19 Class and Team Photos- new date

June

Y2 Tyntesfield visit

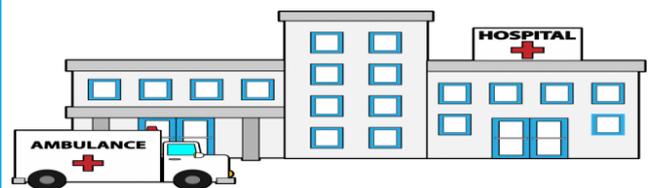
6th June Boys' cricket tournament

7th June Girls' cricket tournament



Non- uniform day for the Summer Fayre

On the first Friday back after the half term (June 7th) we will be holding a non-uniform day and asking children to bring in donations for the summer fayre (June 29th). This will include items such as bottles, unwanted and unopened gifts such as toiletries and in-date food for the hamper raffle, as well as games, books and cuddly toys. The Friends are also looking for volunteers to run the stalls on the day and help with setting up and clearing away afterwards. Thank you.



Thank you to everyone who sent donations in memory of Kane Woodington. We raised £595.10 for Harefield Hospital. This amount will be added to Kane's Harefield Fundraising page where the total raised so far for the hospital sits at £13,583. The family are hoping to get to their target of £15,000 by the end of the year for Kane's legacy. We wish them well.

Bristol Schools' Football Finals, Wednesday 1st May 2019, Ashton Gate Stadium



It was a special day for our school on Wednesday as we had three teams representing us in the Bristol Schools' Football Finals at Ashton Gate Stadium, home of Bristol City Football Club. All three teams did us proud and represented our school with distinction. Players, Coaches and supporters enjoyed a fabulous day. Thank you to all the family and friends who were able to join us and make the occasion even more special for the players.

Year 4 Team

Our Year 4 team played five group matches, winning 2 and losing 2. They finished third out of five teams in their group, just missing out on a place in the semi-finals. Goals from Ethan (2) Dominik and Marshal

Team: Josh, Liam, Finlay, Fraser, Mouhamed, Szymon, Ethan, Marshal & Dominik

Year 6 Team

The Year 6 Boys' Team battled through a tough group to reach the semi-finals before losing 1-0 in a tight encounter with Ashton Park. A tremendous effort from all the boys who have enjoyed the best season for our Year 6 team that any of us can remember. Goals from Ronnie (2) Oliver and Luka

Team: Luka, James, Theo, Louis, Oliver, Sam, Remi, William, George, Ronnie & Max

Girls' Team

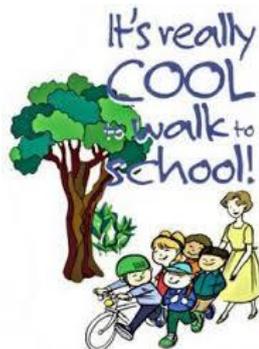
Our Girls' Team made it all the way to the final with 1 win and 2 draws in the group matches before a brilliant 3-0 win in the semi-finals. The team were simply amazing with superb performances throughout. The final was a very close game and despite putting St Peters' under considerable pressure, we went down to a 1-0 defeat. Special mention to our goalkeepers Maha and Ellie, and our two defenders Rosie and Quanna, who played so well we only conceded 1 goal in four matches. A simply brilliant effort from an amazing team! Goals from Aisha (2) and Poppy (2).

Team: Aisha, Amira, Rosie, Evie, Poppy, Ellie, Maha, Afia, Quanna & Chelsea



Governors' Corner

At the Finance and Staffing committee, governors were delighted to see that through careful financial management, the school has managed to make it to the end of the financial year with a healthy carry forward that will help us to manage next year's demands. Governors are already looking at plans to make the infant building more secure with a double door system, as we have done at the junior site. Governors are pleased to welcome a new community governor Daher Aden. Daher has experience of working in the areas of safeguarding and a background in frontline children's social services, policing as well as education charities. We are sure he will be an asset to the governing body.



Walk to School Week. As part of our Sustainable Development Goals, Holymead Primary School are participating with the national 'Walk to School Week' from 20th to 24th May 2019.

We encourage the children to leave the car and get to school without emitting any CO2

emissions. If you live far away, try park and stride! If you take the bus, try hopping off a stop earlier!

We hope to make the air the children breathe around our school cleaner and safer.

School Rights Action Group.

On Thursday 2nd May, the Rights Action Group on the junior site held a cake sale in order to raise funds for our chosen charity, Book Aid International. This is our international charity that we will be supporting until the end of the summer term. The children raised £156.70. Thank you to those parents who donated cakes for the children to sale.



The Rights Action Group on the infant site will also be holding a cake sale, after school on Monday 20th May and will be asking for donations of cakes to sell near the time. Keep an eye out for a ParenMail in due course. Thank you.



Reminder. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones. Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags. The only exception is for Y6 who are allowed to bring pencil cases. Thank you.



The photographer is in school this term to take class and team photos so please make sure children are looking smart in full school uniform on 10th May. Please note new date.

Details of school uniform are outlined below in this newsletter.



Situations vacant:
Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for a SMSA to supervise children at dinnertime. If you are interested, please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office. Thank you.

**Unpaid
BILLS**

Dinner money arrears.

We have a high amount of dinner money accounts in arrears at present. Please can we remind parents that **dinner money accounts on ParentMail MUST ALWAYS be kept in credit.**

Our school policy is that once an account for an individual child is in arrears of £10.00 or more, then a packed lunch MUST be provided for your child until such time as these arrears are cleared. A ParentMail will be sent to parents to advise them when accounts are in arrears and phone calls will be made home, should a school dinner be requested when there are arrears on the account.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 13th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 Phonic re-checks will be administered in the week beginning 10th June.

The Y2 SATs test will be administered during the month of May.

It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2 children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised. If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see me or ring school immediately. Thank you.



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2018- 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.

Term Dates 2019- 2020

Term 1

(INSET 2nd, 3rd Sept.)

Wed 4th Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 5th Sept- New intake Reception start.

Fri 25th October- last day of Term 1.

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov- Thurs 19th Dec 2019 (INSET 20th Dec)

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 – Thursday 13th Feb 2020 (INSET 14th Feb)

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb- Fri 3rd April 2020

Term 5

Mon 20th April- Fri 22nd May 2020

Term 6

Mon 1st June- Friday 17th July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)



Friends' Events:

17.5.19 - After school ice cream sale on the junior site. All welcome.

Coin Bucket June 2019

This year we are asking parents to help raise money for school funds by organising a Coin weigh in. All legal tender coins welcome! We will carry out the activity in June so recommend children start saving their coins now! There will be a class prize of books for the heaviest bucket on the infant site and the heaviest one on the junior site. Thanks.



Percy Smith Gala – Wednesday 8th May.

Last night saw the penultimate Percy Smith Gala for the school year. Special mentions go to the girls' age 10/11 medley team and free style team.

Several children also made their debut swim last night and performed admirably. Mr Nock is very much looking forward to taking part in the final gala where there are still places to fight for. Well done to all our School Swimming team.



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 or sparkly ones get in the way and are distracting to others.

Trainers and leggings are NOT school uniform and therefore should not be worn in school.



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.



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.

Yours sincerely
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