

Thursday 7th June 2018 Number 1, Term 6

WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 6 which promises to be very busy with visits, sports' days and summer activities such as the Summer Fayre. We hope to see you at these various events.

Remember it's non-uniform day tomorrow where we ask children to bring in items we can use for the summer fayre. Please make sure toiletries and food are in date and toys and all donations are of a good quality. Thanks.



Staff are starting to prepare new class lists for next year as ALL the classes will be mixed up. We try to put children with a friend and

split up those who don't work well together. This is a complex task as classes also need to remain balanced with even numbers of girls and boys of different abilities. Staff ask the children to name a couple of friends that they try to put them with **BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS.** If you want to speak to teachers it is best to approach them now rather than later. I realise this can be an anxious time, usually more so for parents than children! We find the children are actually very adaptable and make new friends quickly in September so please don't worry. Making new friends is an important life skill and we find moving the children round can balance friendship groups better.



Holymead Summer Fayre

Saturday 30th June,
12pm-2pm.

This will be held on the larger junior site where of course everyone is welcome. We are planning lots of fun activities and stalls so please come along.


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What's Happening

TERM 6

8th June non-uniform day to bring in donations for the summer fayre

11th June pm- Reception Grandparents' visit

Y5 Harry Potter trip

YR police dog visit

Y2 drama workshops

Y2 Zoo visit

Y3 Botanical Gardens visit

YR trip to Tyntesfield

Open Day 10th July



Summer Concert

Our musicians and choir invite you to their Summer Concert in the Upper Hall on 20th June at 6.30pm. Please make sure your child is regularly practising their part at home. We look forward to hearing them perform in the concert.



Culture Day- Music and Stories

Thank you to all the parents who took part in making this a lovely celebration of different cultures in our school.

Friends' Activities –Coin

Line 21.6.18

This year we are asking parents to help raise money for school funds by organising a Coin line. 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.



Class Assemblies-

Robin 21st June- Infant Hall

Red Panda 28th June- Infant Hall

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

The Year 1 and Y2 (re-test)

Phonics Check will be administered in the week beginning 11th June.



It is therefore essential that 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.



Friends' Events:

29th June Face Painting on infant site.
Friends' Meeting TOMORROW 8th June on the infant site (for WHOLE school parents/carers) after 'drop off'. Please come and offer as much or as little time as you can eg an hour to help at the summer fayre or face painting. Pre-school children welcome. Thank you.



Attendance

You probably won't be surprised to hear that attendance at school correlates closely to children's success at GCSEs. In order to build on their previous learning children need to be in school regularly.

To encourage this we are trialling an attendance reward system. This will start in Y3 and Y4 this term with 100% attendance certificates being given out for pupil attendance each TERM (therefore if a child is off for an illness one term they can still get the 100% certificate the next term). There will also be a certificate for Improved Attendance for pupils who have made a noticeable improvement in attendance according to data from SIMs (our attendance recording system).

Whilst the 'improved attendance' is based on figures it is not as clear cut as 100% and therefore we welcome polite feedback from parents. I will be making judgements such as 'this child doesn't really deserve the Improved Attendance Certificate this term because the reason they've improved is because they went on a 2 week holiday last term!' It is more judgemental. If we get complaints that it's not fair then we will take that into consideration when we review the trial and decide whether to continue with these certificates or not.



Sports' Days

Parents and carers are invited to watch our Sports' Days on the following dates:

KS1 Sports' Day (YR-Y2) 22nd June 2018

We need volunteers to help organise the activities at the infant site. Please see your class teacher if you can help.

KS2 Sports' Day (Y3-Y6) 15th June 2018

The juniors will walk to Oasis, Brislington who have kindly offered to host our junior sports' day again.



Governors' Corner. Thank you to everyone who voted in the parent governor elections and to Nimco Youssuf, Ruth Clacey-Roberts and Valerie Dehaney for standing for these important positions. Details of the vote are posted outside both school offices. Nimco and Ruth were duly elected and were welcomed onto the Full Governing Body last term. At the meeting governors decided to co-opt Valerie as she has many skills the governing body requires and we had a co-opted vacancy. Thank you to our governors for all the support they give our school.



TERM DATES

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.



Parking Reminder! Please do not park on the zig-zags outside either site. They are there to try and keep children safe. Some parents are endangering lives by parking on the zig- zags. Please find a safe place to park away from the busy entrances. Thank you.



The Diversity group meets regularly to discuss ways to promote and celebrate Cultural diversity within our school community. The next meeting will be held next Wednesday 13th June at 9am in the Library on the Junior site. All are welcome. The main focus for the meeting will be to discuss raising awareness of the group at the Summer Fayre on 30th June. Mrs Cole will facilitate the meeting - we hope to see as many parents and carers as possible.

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. This is simply part of the cycle of moving around and keeping staff up to date with ways of teaching in all the age ranges.



Permission Slips.

Permission slips are a very important piece of school documentation. Without the return of completed permission slips for school

trips, children will not be allowed to participate with the rest of their class. Please can we remind parents that ALL permission slips issued in respect of any school trip, must be completed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. The annual permission slip that we ask parents to complete for local visits, are only valid for local 'trips'. Thank you.



Year 5 trip. Reminder to our Year 5 parents that there are still missing Harry Potter payments. In order to continue providing amazing trips such as this, we do rely on the support of our parents. If you are yet to pay, please can we ask that you do so, as soon as possible. Thank you.



Please note the school prospectus, which is available on our website states: 'Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be **sensible and appropriate for school** e.g. not unnatural colours or shocking styles'.

Jewellery should not be worn in school (except small pierced earrings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher.

Please also note pupils are NOT allowed to bring any personal items from home such as toys or accessories. The only exceptions are Y6 pencil cases. The school accepts no responsibility for items brought from home. Thank you.



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.



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 must be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours.

Please remember hairstyles and accessories such as hats should be sensible and conducive to learning. **Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way.**

Pupils should NOT wear trainers.

Sunglasses get broken very easily so they are not allowed in school except for medical reasons. Parents need to write a brief note to the teacher explaining the reason. 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.

Yours sincerely
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