

Thursday 6th December 2018 Number 3, Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers



A huge THANK YOU to the Friends' group for their fantastic organisation of the Christmas Fayre. Thank

you to everyone who turned up to support the event. I hope it's got you in the festive spirit. The draw for the Hamper Raffle will be on 17th December and the school will be in touch with winners to collect their hampers Soon after that.

Thank you everyone for your generous donations for the Christmas Fayre, Hamper Raffle and KS2 Children's Shopping Day. What a lot of lovely gifts you sent in on non-uniform day. All of this will go towards fund raising for the school and we will let you know how much you've helped raise when it's all been counted.



Christmas Concert

Christmas Concert: December 19th at St Cuthbert's Church:

The following children are performing – Y4, Y5 & Y6 choir, Y4, Y5 & Y6 recorders,

Instrumentalists including guitar/keyboard/woodwind/violin players. Recorder players should have music and instruments in school every day from now until the concert. Other instrumentalists will be rehearsing before the concert and should come suitably prepared.

The concert starts at 7.00 pm. Children should arrive by 6.30pm to have instruments tuned. School Uniform should be worn. The concert should last about an hour.



Weather

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, 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.


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What's Happening

Y6 Camp Meeting 10th Dec at 3.30pm in Salamander

Last day of term- **Friday 21st December 2018.**

Term 3 starts- **MONDAY 7th January 2019.**



Rights Action Group

Last night, the Rights' Action Group held our annual film night event for Charity. The children voted to watch The Incredibles

2. The event was very well attended and it was lovely to see all the children relaxing and enjoying the film whilst lounging in their pyjamas. We have raised a grand total of £536.07 for The Marmalade Trust - a Bristol Charity that helps the homeless which is particularly important as the days are getting colder. Thank you to all those children that supported this event.



Governors' Corner. The Health and Safety governors met last week to do a walkabout on the junior site. There are always a lot of things to do to ensure the safe running of the school. Governors also check the Premises Log Book to see that all the safety checks that need doing are done such as Legionella water checks and the asbestos survey. Governors are pleased with the new office area which enables visitors to sign in before entering the school.



Friends' Events:

KS2 Children's Shopping Day- 14th December.

The Friends have organised an event for junior children to buy small gifts e.g. for parents, siblings and grandparents. We suggest children bring no more than £5 in pound coins or small change. **Please DO NOT send a £5 note.** Staff will be on hand to help with buying presents and giving change.



On the infant site the Friends organise a visit and a present for children from Father Christmas and fund the entertainer. We feel these are age appropriate activities.

Next Friends' Meeting- 18th January after drop off on the infant site



Tuesday 18th December – Infants.
Friday 21st December- juniors.

Please can junior parents make sure they read the separate Parentmail that was issued and book and pay ONLINE for

Christmas lunch by Friday 7th December.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and they would like a Christmas lunch, please let the office staff know and we will add them to the booking. Thank you.

It is anticipated that the majority of children in KS1 will be served a Christmas dinner. It will be helpful if **infant** parents let us know if their children are definitely NOT having a hot Christmas Dinner.

If children really don't want a Christmas dinner they can bring a packed lunch and decorate their lunch boxes on both sites.

All children can wear a Christmas Jumper for Christmas Dinner with their usual school uniform.



Dear Parents/Carers

Now the 'No Stopping' sign has gone up on Eton Road the School Keep Clear Zigzags are enforceable. If you stop or park on the Zigzags you will be liable for a fine.

The 'No Stopping' restriction applies to all vehicles, including school buses, coaches, taxis and vehicles displaying a blue disabled badge. There are no exemptions except for Police, Fire and Ambulance and maintenance of the highway. The restrictions will apply from Monday to Friday 8.00a.m. - 6.00p.m. These timings coincide with Children and Young Peoples Services Extended School guidelines. For consistency the restrictions are generic for all schools and will apply throughout the year.

Mobile Enforcement Vehicles will visit schools on an ad hoc basis to issue penalty charge notices. These are £70.00 or discounted to £35.00 if payment is made within 14 days of the issue of the notice.

Please support your school and the wider school community by keeping the markings clear and maintaining good visibility and crossing routes for everyone wishing to access the school.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Mason

Road Safety Officer



TERM DATES

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.



Our children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 had the opportunity to watch a Christmas production of Aladdin in school yesterday. It was a great performance and a wonderful time was had by all. If you are yet to pay your £3.00

contribution towards this cost, please can you hand this into the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



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.



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.



Dinner money accounts: Please can we remind you that the cost of **school dinners increased to £2.10 with effect from 5th November 2018.**

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.

Please note that 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.



Christmas Parties

These are taking place across the school on Wednesday 19th December, except Y4

who will be holding their party on 18th. Children need to wear normal school uniform but may wear Christmas hats or hair bands.

Infant classes and Y3 will NOT need party food sending in as they are cooking their party food themselves. Please check notices and parentmails for requests for party food from Y4 to Y6. Each year we are trying to get more children involved in the creation of their own party food. **If your child has a special diet eg for religious reasons or for allergies, parents may send a separate covered plate of food just for their child. Please name clearly.**



Christmas Cards: As an ecologically aware school we are keen to do our bit to reduce the amount of waste produced at Christmas. Don't forget to send you one card for the class Christmas Card Tree.

We are not stopping individuals from sending cards if they really want to but this is an alternative to the mass writing of cards. Thank you

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.



There is a Christmas Tree Festival being held at St Cuthbert's Church on Sandy Park Road this weekend. The opening times are -

Saturday 8th December – 10.00am until 5.00pm

Sunday 9th December – 12.00pm until 5.00pm

Admission is free and there will be live music to entertain you and teas, coffees and hot lunches available for you to purchase.

Our Year 5 children have a tree there this year and they have made all of their own decorations. They are beautiful. Please pop along and have a look.



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 was a wonderful opportunity to all get together. The singing was lovely, the nativity children looked great in their costumes and Y6 read beautifully. Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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