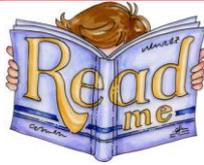


Thursday 9th March 2017 Number 2, Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fun day, packed with reading activities, we had on World Book Day.

The children looked fabulous dressed up as their favourite book characters. Look out for photos on the school website.



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 and 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.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please note the following guidelines from Public Health England: To help prevent the spread of germs children should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting and diarrhoea. Thank you.



After School Club

Holymead Hub After School Club

The school and governors have been busy setting up a new club called the Holymead Hub After School Club. Places will be allocated to children who have previously attended Oasis After School Club, in the first instance. However, we are now open for other Holymead children to join. Please book online. First come first served. Ask the office for details.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

What's Happening

Events this term

Congratulations to Red Panda Class on their amazing performance at the Colston Hall.

Boys' Football Competition - Congratulations boys on making it through to play at Ashton Park!

Y1 Court Farm

Y4 Caerleon Visit and Roman Day.

Y2 SS Great Britain trip.

Y6 Life Skills

YR Chew Valley Farm Visit

Y6 Camp. We have moved the camp out of the final term as there have been clashes with secondary school visit dates in previous years.

This is despite us always giving our camp dates to secondary schools well in advance. We therefore booked camp a term early to avoid similar clashes happening again.

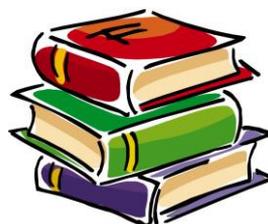
Y5 Cooking

Y5 Pirate Pete Walk and M-Shed trip

15th March Percy Smith swimming

Red Nose Day 24th March

As we have just had a dressing up day we will not be dressing up for Red Nose Day. Children should wear normal school uniform but may wear red noses or something red on their heads to show they are taking part. We will send any donations received to Comic Relief. Thank you.



Scholastic Book Fayre-

Will be open between 7th and 10th March in the Middle Hall on the junior site. Please come and browse and buy books.

The more books you buy the more books the school gets for the library and classrooms. Thank you.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Changes in red.

Term 3

Tues 3rd January 2017 to Thurs 9th

February 2017 (Friday 10th school closed for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 20th February 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017

Term 5

Mon 24th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017

(Thursday 4th May is now an INSET day as the school will be closed for polling).

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2017 to Thursday 20th July 2017

(Note: Monday 5th June the school is now open NOT an INSET day)

(Friday 21st July closed- INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 1

(Sept 4th school closed for INSET)

Tues Sept 5th school starts for KS1 and KS2

Wed Sept 6th school starts for new reception.

Term 1 ends Thursday October 19th

(Friday October 20th school closed for INSET)

Term 2

Mon 30th Oct to Fri 15th Dec

Term 3

Wed 3rd Jan 2018 to Thurs 8th Feb (school closed on

Tues 2nd Jan and on Fri 9th Feb for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd March

Term 5

Mon 9th April to Fri 25th May

Term 6

Mon 6th Jun to Mon 23rd July (school closed Tues 24th

July for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



Class Assemblies:

Thursday 16th March 9.10am

Tamarin- Infant Hall

Thursday 23rd March 9.10am

Tiger- Infant Hall

Tuesday 4th April 2.50pm Falcon- Middle Hall

Tuesday 4th April 2.50pm

Firecrest- 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. 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.



Governors' Corner:

We were delighted to welcome Deb

Phillips and Steve Johnson, parent governors, to join our World Book Day celebrations. Deb is the governor for Y5 and joined the juniors in their assembly and reading activities. Steve is governor for Y2 and attended the Y2 assembly and their reading activities. Both commented on the strong love of reading demonstrated by all the children and said the children were extremely well behaved, especially when walking between the sites to join different year groups to read across the different phases.



Parents' Evenings will take place on 8th and 14th March for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 9th and 15th March for juniors (Y3-Y6). Please sign up for your

appointments now. These meetings are not suitable for children to attend. **Please do not bring children to school for Parents' Evenings as there is no crèche and the school will not be supervising children.**

Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.

Special Educational Needs: Mrs Cole and Miss Phillips, our SENCOs, will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. For KS1 Miss Phillips will be available at the infant site on both dates from 3.30 – 5.00 and for KS2 Mrs Cole will be available on 15th March from 3.30 – 5.30 at the junior site. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening.



Friends' Cake Sale: The Friends plan to hold a cake sale on 6th April on the infant site after school. Details to follow.



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.

The law has changed on holidays taken 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). Any suspicious absence will be investigated.

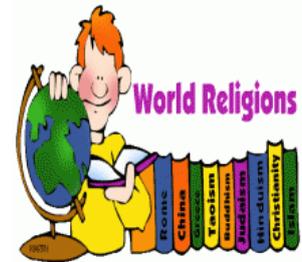


Know the Rules



School rules and expectations - please remember nail varnish and any other make-up should NOT be worn in school. Hair styles and hair accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Pupils should wear BLACK school shoes not trainers. Purple school sweat shirts are available on line through our website or plain purple jumpers are available in shops. Socks and tights need to be black, white/cream or dark purple. No spots, stripes, patterns or other colours please.

RE and Citizenship: as part of being a Rights Respecting School we teach the children about a variety of different religions and cultures. Last term we had visits from a Sikh, a Methodist Christian and a Humanist. This term we will hear from a Muslim and towards the end of term we will hear about the Christian celebration of Easter. We aim to develop children in their thinking and encourage them to become good global citizens who have an informed and balanced view of the world. We promote tolerance and respect and were very pleased to hear when a visitor recently said this was the best school they had been to in Bristol because we were welcoming, polite and respectful (across both sites). What a lovely thing to have said about your children.



The Railway Children. We are delighted to be able to offer the children a theatre performance of The Railway Children on 15th March. This performance is for Years 1 to 6. We have arranged a different theatre performance suitable for Reception in July. We are asking for a £2 voluntary contribution towards the cost of this visit. The Friends' have also kindly offered to contribute towards the cost. Please send your contributions in to class teachers from 13th March onwards. Thank you for your contribution which makes theatre experiences like this possible.



It has come to our attention that Y6 pupils have independently set up their own What's App group. Whilst most children are abiding by safer internet rules in using this forum we wanted parents to be aware that they should monitor their children's phones to check no-one starts posting inappropriate material. This is NOT a school initiative but is something children are doing themselves. Some pupils have also been using and accessing YouTube at home. In order to create a YouTube account, you have to confirm that you're at least 13 years old. A good guide to access support and guidance with regards to social media is: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> This has up to date information about sites, games and apps and how to keep your child safe in today's digital world.

JUBILEE POOL UNDER THREAT - Bristol City Council must save in excess of £100million during the next five years and is looking to make significant spending cuts which are likely to severely affect services across the city. As part of these cuts there is a proposal to scrap council funding for Jubilee Pool (making a saving of £62,000).

Jubilee Pool is a much-loved local resource. A great place to learn to swim, keep fit and enjoy time with family and friends, and in particular as you will be aware Holymead uses to teach children to swim from year 3 upwards. Swimming is a wonderful way to enjoy better physical and mental health, for all, not just the young.



A demonstration took place on Saturday 18th, which was well attended, but we need to make sure the council have the view of as many people in the BS4 locality and whose children attend Holymead Primary School. Please can we ask you to sign the petition on the Council website at the following LINK:

http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition_core/community/petition

A Facebook page has been set up for those who want to campaign to save the pool. If you want to get involved or have ideas then search Facebook for 'Save Jubilee Pool from Closure'.



Message for Parents/Carers – If you need to get a message about changes to who is picking up your child at the end of day, please let the office know as early as possible and preferably before 2.30pm. This is to allow the office staff enough time to deliver the message to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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