

Thursday 16th November 2017 Number 2, Term 2

Non-uniform Day 17th November in aid of the Christmas Shopping Night and Children's Shopping Day. We are asking parents to send donations for the school Christmas Hampers and for children to buy as gifts during their shopping day.



Suggested donations are toiletries; make up, perfume, jewellery and Christmas food and drink. Any unopened nearly new gifts for ladies, gents or children will be welcome.



As the date coincides with Children in Need Day children may like to wear something spotty and bring in donations of £1 which we will send to Children in Need.

Y3 Parents.

Please note the Times Table Parents' Meeting on 21st Nov has been postponed until later in the term.

Turtle Class Parents' Evening meetings with Mr Munnings will now be held on 21st and 22nd November.



Class Assemblies- Junior Site

POSTPONED-Tuesday 21st November 2.50pm Turtle – This will be re-arranged in January 2018.

Tuesday 21st November 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.



Open Day It was lovely to see everyone at Open Day last week.

What a pleasure it was to hear all the positive comments about the school; the excellent behaviour and how hard the children were working.

I will also run conducted tours on the infant site on 22nd November 2017 and 4th January 2018 at 9am for prospective parents to look round if they are looking for school places and were unable to attend Open Day.

We look forward to welcoming you.



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**What's
Happening**

TOMORROW- non-uniform day for donations for Christmas Shopping events

November- Y5 and Y6 out to the panto

Percy Smith Swimming Gala –7.30pm, 15th Nov

20th November- YR RSPB workshop

20th November- Y5 and Y6 Writing Meeting for parents in Salamander, 3.30pm

21st November- Y3 Times Tables Parents' Meeting- POSTPONED

24th November- Christmas Shopping Evening, 6.30-8.30pm at the junior site

28th November- Year 2 Maths meeting, 3.30pm with crèche.

29th November- Getting to grips with grammar- for Y4 parents, 3.30pm, Falcon.

4th Dec- Y6 Camp Meeting- 3.30pm

8th December- KS2 Children's Shopping Day

12th December- Beauty and the Beast- YR to Y4

Christmas Dinners 12th Dec-KS2 and 14th- KS1

School Uniform.

Children need to have **BLACK SCHOOL SHOES** for school.

NO TRAINERS! PLEASE NOTE JEANS

AND HOODED 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: 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.



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 4th Jun to Mon 23rd July 2018 (school closed Tues
24th July for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN

1st SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 31st AUGUST 2014? If they were, you need to be putting your child's name down for the school you wish them to attend in September 2018. 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. Thank you.



Finance and premises governors met to monitor the budget last week. We are on track with our spending and managing the budget realistically. We are having to save money by not replacing staff when they leave. This is not ideal but is manageable. The audited school fund was also scrutinised and signed off.



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be leaving the junior site today.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who supported the school by making their purchases over both sites. We will advise you all of the total money raised in due course. Thank you.

Parking Reminder!

Please don't 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.



CARETAKER



Vacancy:

We are currently looking to recruit a part time caretaker to do manual jobs and locking up in the evenings on both sites. The position requires a DBS (police check) and physical fitness. Please contact Mrs Buckley via the office for an informal chat and application form. Thank you.



It has been an amazing week for our Girls' football teams! On Wednesday they played a match against Broomhill winning 3-1 with goals from Layla and Yasmin (2).

On Friday we took two teams to a Girls' Football Festival at South Bristol Sports Centre where our A team drew 1-1 in the final with West Town Lane after winning all their group games (3-0, 5-0, 6-0, 1-0) and the semi-final (1-0).

A great effort from all the girls in the A and B teams - most of whom were playing in their first ever competitive matches. Other goal scorers were Celia and Rosie for the B Team and Layla, Lucy, Aisha and Lily for the A Team.

In total 20 girls have represented our school at football this week and they have all done so with considerable distinction.



Thank you girls! We are very proud of you!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

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 support the Friends in their Christmas fundraising events such as the card sale and Christmas Shopping Evening. All the money raised up to Christmas will go towards a new set of 16 i-pads and recharging trolley. We are aiming to raise £5,800!

Friends' Meeting- 12th January after drop off on the infant site

Friends' Quiz Night- 17th November



School Prospectus

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 ear rings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher. 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.

Staff News:



Our warm congratulations go to the following staff:
Miss Taylor on her marriage to Mr Hunt. Miss Taylor is now Mrs Hunt.

Mrs Wiltshire on the arrival of Harry James. We are sure he'll be a little bundle of joy.

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 1st 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.





Children's cycle coaching at the Family Cycling Centre -The Bristol Family Cycling Centre in Hengrove offers cycle coaching for children aged 7 to 12, led by a British Cycling-qualified coach. This is in addition to the range of learn-to-ride, disability-friendly and family sessions that take place at the Centre.

The coaching sessions improve bike handling skills using fun games and are suitable for those wishing to get more confident on their bike ready for independent riding on the roads as well as would-be racers.

The sessions are run on our traffic-free space. Children can bring their own bike or use one of the Centre's.

Sessions take place most Saturday mornings.

- Session 1 (9.10 to 9.55 am) for those aged 7-12 who have not done any coaching before to master a range of bike handling skills. Children need to be able to ride already. £3.50 per child (£2 for those eligible for free school meals).

- Session 2 (10-11am) for those aged 8-12 who are very confident bike handlers. £5 per child (£2.50 for those eligible for free school meals).

Please book sessions via Eventbrite. There are sessions running November 11, 16 and 25 and December 9 and 16. More information, future dates and links for booking are on our website

www.betterbybike.info/familycyclingcentre and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/familycyclingcentre>.

Do get in touch if you have any questions; Bristol Family Cycling Centre, Bamfield, BS14 0FE. Tel: 01275 832800
cyclingcentre@bristol.gov.uk

Christmas Concerts

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



5th Dec 1.30pm YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

5th Dec 2.30pm Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

6th Dec 9.30am YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

6th Dec 10.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

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

7th Dec 9.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

Christmas Concert- Y4-Y6 musicians at St Cuthbert's Church- 12th 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 but need some parent volunteers to work with staff. If you can volunteer to help in one of the crèche sessions please come in and sign up at the office.

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.

Join in Bristol's 2K Challenge!



Join the challenge to get Bristol's children running 2K this November. Take part and win a limited edition wristband to celebrate Bristol's year as European City of Sport.

If you're aged 4 – 14, you can run, walk, jog, or skip 2K at your local park – and it's completely free!

There are 3 junior parkruns happening in Bristol every Sunday morning – Windmill Hill (9am), Eastville Park (9am) and Kingsweston Estate (10am)

bristolcityofsport17.co.uk/2k-challenge for details and how to register.

Don't forget to print off your barcode and bring it with you to collect your free wristband.

It's not about how fast you run. Get active and join in the fun!

Windmill Hill and Eastville junior parkruns are fully accessible.

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We are aware that going to a standard session at PlaySpace can be a challenge for those children on the Autistic spectrum or with learning disabilities.

With this in mind, our Monthly 'Peaceful Play' sessions are designed to be as much of fun as a regular session, just a little more peaceful!

Autism friendly sessions include:

Plenty of space—Reduced capacity

Music turned down—No loud announcements

Free squash & Biscuits

Who's it for? Sessions are for any children on the Autistic spectrum or with learning Disabilities

Duration: Autism friendly sessions are 1 hour long

When is it? Sessions run on the first Saturday of every Month from 9am—10am

First session starting Saturday 2nd December

How much? FREE! Sessions are free for the child and their parent/carer. Neurotypical Siblings charged a small fee of just £3.50

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE! PLACES MUST BE BOOKED!
TO BOOK YOUR SPACE PLEASE EMAIL sarah@playspace.co.uk



Percy Smith Gala news; On Wednesday 15th November the Holymead Swimming Team tried their best at the Percy Smith Gala. It was the first gala for Jago and Jasmine. It was an eventful night with Finn coming in first in the Free Style race, Finn and Olivia coming second in the Fly race and Mia coming second in back stroke. A great effort was made by the whole team.

We all had a great time at Horfield Leisure Centre. Every member was cheered on and the whole team gave it their best shot. A big thank you to Mr Nock for training and supporting us.

By Celia and Mia.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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