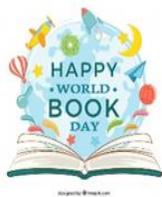


Thursday 8th March 2018 Number 2, Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers

World Book Day and snow all on the same day. What fun that was last week! Thank you all for being so understanding under the circumstances.



Congratulations to Adam W, Jessica C, Nell T, Mabel C, Remi F, Lauren T and Ethan C for winning the poetry competitions in their year groups. The children (and adults!) looked great in their favourite book characters.



THANK YOU for all your responses to the OFSTED inspectors. What an amazing number of responses we had. They were overwhelmingly positive and any concerns have been shared. It is extremely gratifying to have the support of parents.

I know you will be keen to know the outcome of the inspection but I'm afraid we have to wait until the report is finalised in a few weeks so I am unable to comment on the inspection. We will advise you when the report has been published.

Parents' Evenings will take place in **MARCH**:
7th 3.30-5.30pm and **13th** 3.30-6.30pm for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and

8th 3.30-6pm and **14th** 4.30-7pm for juniors (Y3-Y6). (Flamingo Class parents' evenings have been notified separately).

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.

Please note that should KS2 parents wish to meet with Mrs Cole (SENDCo) on 14th March 2018, please contact the school and Mrs Cole will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. Thank you.

Holymead Primary

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

What's Happening

Treasure Island 14th March (Y1 to Y6)

Where the Wild Things Are 20.3.18 (YR to Y2)

15th March History Day

YR Wick Road library visits

Y4 and Y5 cooking

10th to 12th April Reception health checks

Y4, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, April

Last day of term 4 - 23rd March.



Class Assemblies-

Tiger – Thurs 15th March- infant hall

Tamarin- Thurs 22nd March- infant hall

Falcon- Tuesday 13th March- Middle Hall

Firecrest- Tuesday 13th March- Upper 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.



We are delighted to have been able to book Treasure Island for Y1 to Y6. These theatre visits, whilst often part funded by the Friends' Group, do rely on parental contributions to make them possible. Please

send your £2 donation to your class teacher by Wed 14th March. Thank you.

We are lucky to have been offered a free theatre visit from St Brendan's students for our younger children.



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2017-2018

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 (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.



Dinner money arrears.

We have an extremely 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 arrears are present. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



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.



Friends' Events:

The Friends will be reorganising the planned Bingo night (cancelled due to the snow) and a revised date will be announced when available.



Next Friends' Meeting- 13th April after drop off on the infant site. New members always welcome. You can give as many or as few hours as you can spare to help.

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 14th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check will be administered in the week beginning 11th 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.



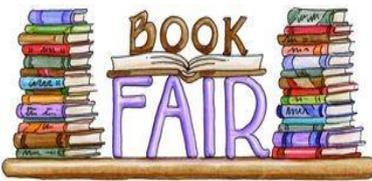
Please note the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents in this newsletter. We do not necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. Parents need to satisfy themselves that they are happy to leave their children at any 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.



Governors' Corner.

At last week's Finance and Infrastructure Committee governors reviewed the policies for Financial Delegation and Best Value. They also completed the Schools Finance Standard and submitted it in to the local authority for monitoring.

There will be a parent governor election shortly. If you fulfil the criteria that governors are looking for and are interested in finding out more about the role please ring the office and ask to speak to Ms Slatcher or Mrs Buckley, who will be happy to explain what the position involves. We look forward to hearing from interested candidates and hope parents will support the school by using their vote when papers are sent out. Thanks.



Book Fair on the junior site.

The Scholastic book fair will be on the junior site from Thursday 8th March until Wednesday 14th March 2018. Please feel free to come along and have a browse. Thank you.



Times Tables Rockstars. This is a times tables app for tablets or website access to support children in recalling their times tables fluently. Pupils on the junior site had a launch assembly at the start of this term and should be accessing this regularly. As you are aware, learning times tables is a very important skill for children to succeed in maths. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 can log in using their existing blogging password, and access a range of games to upgrade their "Rock Star" status and earn points to upgrade their online avatar. Year 2 have also received their passwords. You can download (FREE) Times Tables Rock Stars in the App Store for your device (iOS/Android) or visit the website trockstars.com



Don't Forget!

Year 4 Hillcrest PGL 2018 camp and Year 6 Red Ridge 2018 camp.

Camp 2018, please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the Payment agreements that ensure your child's place is secure:-

Year 4 Hillcrest PGL – The first £100 must be paid by 15.12.17 and the full balance (£202.50) to be paid by 30.04.18.

Year 6 Red Ridge – The first £200 must be paid by 03.01.18 and the full balance (287.50) to be paid by 09.03.18 (tomorrow).

Please can parents ensure that all these payments are paid up to date, by reviewing your ParentMail accounts. Thank you.



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 earrings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher. Thank you.



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.

School Uniform.

Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS!



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.



JOIN OUR EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Annie

Work with a professional director on extracts from this popular tale about an orphan placed in a strict facility run by the mean Miss Hannigan, who is saved by 'Daddy Warbucks' and finally wins through! Great parts for girls and boys and you will develop skills in acting, singing and dance with other local children to create your very own show complete with lights, music and costume. £89 including performance on last day.

MON 26TH MARCH – WEDS 28TH MARCH
ST BRENDAN'S PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY, BRISTOL

TUES 3RD APRIL – THURS 5TH APRIL
THE ARC THEATRE, TROWBRIDGE

WEDS 4TH APRIL – FRI 6TH APRIL
MONKTON COMBE PREP SCHOOL, BATH

WEDS 4TH APRIL – FRI 6TH APRIL
FRESHFORD MEMORIAL HALL

Suitable for all aged 7-15. No previous experience necessary. Limited places - Book early!
Contact Moira on 07932 785 807 or at moira@charactersstageschool.com



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.



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.

Holiday Club



Out There Forest School Holiday Club

During the Easter Holiday, Out There will be running a holiday club from East Winds Activity Centre, St Anne's Terrace, BS4 4DY. Open Monday 26th March - Thursday 5th April (CLOSED FOR 4 DAYS OVER THE EASTER WEEKEND), they offer something for everyone. Sessions are open to children in Reception class up to Year 6.

The theme is 'Spring Time' and children will have the opportunity to go on river walks and treasure hunts, make bow and arrows, play outdoor team games, build a giant nest, go bird watching and much more. Their Forest School sessions take place every morning from 10-12 in Nighingale Valley or St Anne's Woods.

Lunch is taken back at the scout hut. Afternoon activities include an Easter Hat decorating and parade, egg blowing and painting, kite making, 'Easter themed' campfire cooking, loose part play, arts and crafts, wood work and much more.

The sessions are ran by experienced and well qualified Forest School Leaders, many of whom are teachers, teaching assistants and early years educators during term time.

A full day (8.00-18.00) costs £27.00, which includes a morning snack. They also offer half days and school days.

To make a booking, please follow the link <https://libacura.co.uk/register/outthere> For more information about Out There Forest School and Kindergarten, please visit the website www.outtherebristol.co.uk



School Choir.

Choir practise has resumed every Wednesday after school, in the upper hall until 4.15pm. This will continue to run until the end of the summer term.

Please note that there will be NO choir practise next week (14th March 2018) due to parents' evening.

We look forward to seeing all of the choir children there.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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