

Thursday 10th January 2019 Number 1, Term 3



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone and I hope you had a lovely holiday.

I received a lovely email at the end of term from someone who went to see The Borrowers at the same time as our Y5 and Y6s. This member of the public wrote to say how well behaved our children were and what a credit they were to the school and to their parents. Well done Y5 and Y6. We are very proud of you!

This is a short term of 6 weeks so please note the term dates in your diaries. **The last day of Term 3 is Thursday 14th February. (Friday 15th is INSET)**
Term 4 starts on MONDAY 25th February.

Class Assemblies-

Tawny Owl-

Tuesday 5th Feb- middle hall

Salamander- Tues 5th Feb- 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.



Governors' Corner.

We will be holding a parent governor election in the new year. If you are interested in finding out more about what being a governor entails please come and talk to me or Mrs Buckley after the holidays.



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

January

YR Space Dome 16.1.19

Y6 Arnos Vale cemetery walks

Application deadline for YR places for September 2019 – 15.1.19

Y6 Boys' football starts 10.1.19

Friends' Meeting 18.1.19 at 9am

Y2 SAT's Meeting 24.1.19 at 3.20pm



The final conducted tour on the infant site will be on 9th January 2019 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.



Friends' Events:

Thank you to ALL the Friends who have done a fantastic job of organising Christmas Events.

The Fayre, Hamper Raffle and KS2 Children's Shopping Day raised £2,376.74 for the school, which is AMAZING. Thank you so much. We will let you know when all the money is counted for the tea-towels.

Next Friends' Meeting is 18.1.19 after drop off on the infant site.



Sweets and treats. We are a healthy eating school and we do NOT allow sweets in school. This includes for packed lunches and birthday treats as well. We prefer it if parents do not send cakes or sweets at all on children's birthdays as there are many different dietary, religious and cultural observances in school. Please keep birthday treats to have at home. If you really feel you must bring something then please send BISCUITS only that can be given out as children leave the classroom for parents to check.

Any sweets will be handed back to parents.



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



Junior Choir: Please note that there will be no KS2 Choir practise after school on a Wednesday this term. Choir practise will recommence in term 4. Mrs May will advise the children accordingly. Many thanks.



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.



E-Safety: Keeping up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge, especially if you feel that your children may have

better technical skills than you do. However, children still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely. A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion.

Conversation starter ideas: Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them?

What is OK and not OK to share?

- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and [how to report](#) or block on the services they use.
- Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

Further information about these issues is available from ChildNet or Thinkuknow.co.uk and on the school website.

Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:



In response to requests from parents we are once again selling Y6 SATs revision workbooks for maths and English (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & spelling, Arithmetic and reasoning). These workbooks cover the Y6 curriculum and help children practise the skills that they have been taught over the year. They have proved very popular in the past and enable parents to support their children not only in preparing for the SATs tests, but securing the skills that children will need as they make the transition to secondary school. These workbooks are now available to purchase from the school office and cost £3.00 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £10.00. Thank you.

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.

Spare Clothes- we are very short of girls' socks and tights and larger size trousers for changing children. If you have spare clothing suitable for changing children when they have accidents please send them to the office. If your child is changed in school please wash and return any borrowed clothing. Thank you.



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.

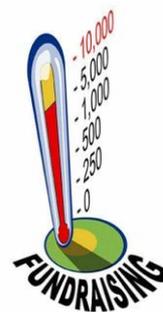
Please note that we will not accept payment for one meal (and provide a meal that day) where there are existing arrears on the account. All arrears must be cleared in full, before a school dinner will be provided.



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.

Charity Fund-raising

We have raised **£785.50** for the Bristol Night Stop which supports 16-25 year olds who are homeless and for The Marmalade Trust who support people who are lonely. Both are small, local charities and I know they will appreciate your generosity.



Reward Systems



Praise Book- on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker. This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour. Children's names are read out and they receive their sticker in assembly. This record of their achievement is also put up on display in the Link the following week for everyone to see.

Star of the Week- on the junior site, as the children get older, we introduce a Star of the Week where children nominate and vote for a child they think deserves to be Star of the Week. Whilst the children have more say in who is chosen this system is still overseen by the teacher to ensure fairness.



Swimming reminder: Please note that both the early morning swim club sessions and curriculum swimming for our Year 3 children commence next Thursday (17th January) and will run until Thursday 4th April 2019.

If you are yet to pay your transport costs for either of these sessions, please can you do so via the online ParentMail system as soon as possible.

Please note that if your child attends the early morning swimming sessions with Mr Nock (school swim team), please ensure that your child is registered with Mr Nock before you leave them at the pool. Children must not be left unaccompanied at the pool. Thank you.



Diversity Group meeting.

The Diversity group is a group of parents and carers who meet to discuss celebrating and raising awareness of cultural diversity in our school community. Our next meeting will take place on Friday 25th January at 9am in the Library on the Junior Site in Wick Road. Anyone interested in joining us would be warmly welcomed with a hot drink and refreshments. If you would like further information please contact Mrs Cole through the school. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible



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.



School Lunch.

On Thursday 17th January, Chartwells are holding a ‘build a burger’ lunchtime special. If your child is having a school dinner that day, they will have the opportunity to build their own burger, with toppings such as lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, mayonnaise or tomato sauce to choose from. There will be either beef or Quorn burgers available. Pudding will be Chocolate Brownie with fruit wedges. Come along and join the fun!



Year 4 camp to Tregoyd PGL. For those children who have paid their deposit in order to secure a place to attend the Year 4 camp to Tregoyd PGL in Brecon in June this year, the camp has now been costed accordingly and a letter confirming the total cost will be issued tomorrow. The option to pay further instalments of your choice is now available for you to purchase on ParentMail. Thank you.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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