

What's Happening

Y2 Reading Meeting on 5th October at 6pm- no crèche

Parents' Evenings -details below

Y4 Camp Meeting 11th October 3.20pm in Falcon

KS2 Reading Meeting at the juniors- 18th October 6pm.

School Open Day 9th November- details to follow.

Bread Week 9th October- please make sure you have sent your cookery ingredients donation so staff can buy ingredients ready for this week.



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.

Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 10th October 2.50pm

Tree frog – Middle Hall

Tuesday 10th October 2.50pm

Springbok – 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.



Holymead Primary

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



Finance, staffing and premises governors met last week to monitor the budget. As you will know from the national press school budgets have seriously eroded in real terms over recent years and our school is only just managing to make ends meet by making gradual reductions in staffing and resources and very careful monitoring by governors and finance staff. I'm relieved to say we are on track in our spending so far this year. Many thanks to our parents who have generously sent in very useful items to the Donation Station, which we will be sending out more requests for later this term.



The school buildings open at 8.50am for the children to be registered at 9am. Infant children should be handed over at the OUTSIDE classroom door from parents to teachers. Junior children may be left in the junior playground when a member of staff is on duty i.e. at 8.40am. Home time is 3.10pm for infants and 3.20pm for juniors. The school office is open from 8.40am if you need to call in. Please do not wait inside the buildings before or after school unless you are queuing for the office.



Friends' Cake Sale – 18th October on the infant site- before and after school.

Please send donations of cakes from 16th October. Thank you.



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.



Harvest Festival

We will be collecting food for the Easton food bank for Harvest this year. If you would like to send a donation we are collecting the following items:

- * Long life fruit juice
- * Tinned soup
- * Tinned fruit
- * Long life milk
- * Custard
- * Biscuits
- * Rice
- * Tinned rice pudding
- * Sugar
- * Toiletries

Please don't send any donations until Monday 16th October as we don't have much storage space in school. Thank you.



Next Gen Photographers will be in school on the following dates:

10th October- individuals and siblings on the junior site.

11th October- family, siblings and individuals on the infant site

If you want a FAMILY group photo with ANY age children including across both sites or pre-schoolers bring them on 11th October to the infant site at 8.30am.

Siblings who are currently on the **same site** as each other will automatically be photographed together so do not need to come to the family session.

Please let teachers know the day before that you may be late for registration if you're having family photos done.



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the infant site from Monday 6th November, for one week. Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child.

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.



Outdoor Equipment!

Please note the outdoor equipment on both sites is for use during school time only and children should not be playing on it before or after school.

Thank you.



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 at 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.

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!!
NOTE

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.



Message for our new year 3 Parents/Carers.

Whilst your child was in KS1 they would have been entitled to Universal Free School meals (a National Government incentive). This entitlement automatically stops in KS2 and if you now order your child a school dinner, there will be a charge of £2.05 per dinner.

If you are currently in receipt of certain benefits (a full list can be found on the link below) then your child could be entitled to Free School Meals.

Further information and how to apply can be found at <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals>

If you need any further assistance please speak to the office staff who will be more than willing to assist. Thank you.



Friends' AGM - thank you to everyone who supported the Friends last year and worked really hard with fundraising. We are pleased to inform you that the following Friends were elected to take the group forward this year:

Co-Chairs: Jonty Bewley
Jen Cave-Ayland
Vice Chair: Helen Watts
Treasurer: Lisa Holden
Vice Treasurer: Kay Morgan
Secretary: Kay Morgan.



EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings are on the 12th October 3.30-6.30pm and 17th October 3.30-5.30pm. Lists go up on classroom doors for you to write children's names on for appointments.

(Please use children's names rather than parent names so teachers know which books to get ready). These are short 5-10 minute appointments so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues please arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school. **These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities.** Thank you.

KS2 Parents' Evenings 14th November 3.30-6pm and 15th November 4.30-7pm. Details to follow.

Senco Meetings: Mrs Cole and Miss Phillips will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. For KS1 Mrs Phillips will be available at the infant site on 17th October from 3.30 – 5.00 and for KS2 Mrs Cole will be available on 15th November 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.



The Diversity Group will be meeting on 17th October at 9.00am in the junior site in the library. All parents with an interest in heritage and diversity are welcome to attend to discuss issues and share views.



Rules and Safety

As the new school year starts I would like to inform parents about some of the rules around school.

Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport may not be ridden in the school grounds. We have found it is too dangerous to allow children of any age to use wheeled transport round school. Scooters must be taken home, not left in school, as we do not have the capacity to store them. Children in Upper KS2 (Y5 and 6) may park bikes in the bike sheds if parents fill in the cycling to school agreement. Bikes are left at their owner's risk.

Climbing Equipment is not for use by children before or after school hours on either site.

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises at all. Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.

The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe. Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers as playing in these areas can be dangerous.

Drains and drain covers - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.

Toys, games, pencil cases, mobile phones etc are not allowed in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems.

ALIVE 'n' KICKING

For families with children aged 5 – 11 years old. Enrolling families now!

Join our FREE healthy lifestyle programme for children, who with their families, want to eat healthy, lose weight & get active!

You will learn how to read food labels, make smoothies, receive weekly recipes, discover healthy snack options, take part in FREE activity clubs and much more!

Contact us to book your place
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Other age group programmes available. Please ask for details.

Autumn Fair
At Windmill Hill City Farm

Market • Nature Activities • Music
BBQ • Woodland Crafts • Bar

7th October • 11am-5pm
Adults £3 • Kids FREE

50p a go WIN A CAT



Aspiration and Donation - 13th October- the RAG group have asked if we can hold a dressing up day to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Mexico. We are therefore going to hold an Aspiration Day across the whole school (KS1 and KS2) where children are invited to dress up in something that relates to what they would like to do when they grow up! Please send your £1 donation on the 13th October. We look forward to seeing your children's aspirations!



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.

Yours sincerely
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