

Thursday 23rd March 2017 Number 3, Term 4

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers



Many of you will have noticed Mr Hough returned to school today. He has requested returning as a class teacher

and so is no longer the deputy head. Mr Hough will teach Robin Class at the end of the week so Mrs Head can continue with her role as acting deputy until the school can advertise and recruit a permanent deputy head for the KS1 site. I would like to thank Mr Hough for all his support and for doing a great job as a deputy head.

Mrs Head will continue to be in charge on the infant site in my absence. If you need to speak to me or Mrs Head please arrange an appointment through the office.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Changes in red.



Term 4

Mon 20th February 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017

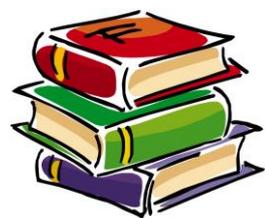
Term 5

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)



Scholastic Book Fayre- Because of the amount of books sold, we have raised £476.50 to put towards new books to be purchased on the KS2 site. Thank you for your continuing support.



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.

What's Happening

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

Girls' Football Competition- starts 26th April

Y1 Court Farm

Y4 Caerleon Visit and Roman Day.

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

27th March Millfield swimming.

May 17th Swimming gala at Horfield at 7.30pm.

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.



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.





Class Assemblies:

Tuesday 4th April 2.50pm

Falcon- Middle Hall

Tuesday 4th April 2.50pm

Firecrest- Upper Hall

Thursday 27th April 9.10am

Octopus- Infant 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.



TERM DATES

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.



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.



Parents' Evenings have all taken place now. If you didn't manage to make it please contact your class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient date.

Special Educational Needs: Mrs Cole and Miss Phillips, our SENCOs, are available to talk to parents about their children's progress if they have special needs. Please contact them through the school office.



Friends' Cake Sale: The Friends plan to hold a cake sale on 6th April on the infant site after school. Please send cakes to sell from Monday 3rd April. Thank you.

The next Friends' meeting is tomorrow, 24th March, at 9am on the infant site. Everyone welcome.



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.



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.

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.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

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.

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 8th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 re-check will be administered in the week beginning 12th June.

KS1 SATs - Y2 are undertaking statutory assessments in May. We don't make a big deal of SATs at this age and children don't usually notice much difference to normal work. Generally pupils have a reading booklet, a maths' booklet and some writing to do. The work done in a test format is only used to support what teachers already know about your child by working with them all year. A disaster on one booklet due to your child having a headache etc that day will not affect the outcomes that are awarded. Outcomes are given to parents at the end of the school year.

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 period will not be authorised. If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this time please see me or ring school immediately. Thank you.



The Railway Children. The children thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful performance of The Railway Children. Thank you for your contributions which make 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.

On Wednesday the 15th of March, Holymead swimming team had another Percy Smith swimming Gala. This time round, we did really well and came a close second. All the team swam amazingly! Well done to Olivia and Remi for swimming really well in their first school gala. We swam really great in all our races (especially the relays). Luckily, in the cannon, we came first! Everyone was so happy so-much-so we were all jumping around. We look forward to the upcoming galas.
Kaya and Chloe x



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).



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'.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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