

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Number 4, Term 4



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

### Dear Parents/Carers



We have had a lot of trips out and Y6 camp this term. I just wanted to let parents/carers know that I have received several lovely comments from parents helping on trips and from staff at the venues our children have been visiting. People have commented on how polite and knowledgeable our children are and how interested and engaged they are in the activities they are doing. It is always a pleasure to hear such positive comments.

Well done to all those children for being such good representatives of the school. Your teachers enjoy taking you out when you are so well behaved.

## What's Happening

**Girls' Football Competition-** starts 26<sup>th</sup> April

**YR -Tyntesfield**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** Swimming gala at Horfield at 7.30pm.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** Class Photos on both sites

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** Boys' Football teams at Ashton Gate

**Remember** we will be closed 1<sup>st</sup> May for Bank Holiday and 4<sup>th</sup> May for polling.

### Term Dates 2016-2017

#### Changes in red.



#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### Term 5

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May is now an INSET day as the school will be closed for polling.)

#### Term 6

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (Note: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June the school is now open NOT an INSET day)

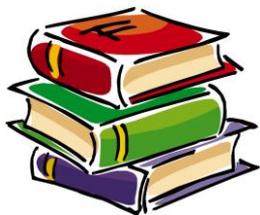
(Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July closed- INSET)

**Thank you** for all your donations for Red Nose Day. We have sent £138.54 to Comic Relief.



**Meeting for parents of children starting school (new Reception) in September 2017** on 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the

infant hall. This meeting is for adults only. There will be no crèche. Come and find out about your child starting school.



**Scholastic Book Fayre-** Opens 25<sup>th</sup> April-2<sup>nd</sup> May on the infant site. Please come and browse for books to buy.



### 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.



**All PE kits** need to be taken home for washing during the holidays. Next term, with the warmer weather there will be lots of outside PE so it essential that children should have a full PE kit- T Shirt, shorts and daps/trainers. Please can parents of upper KS2 in particular, remind their children to bring their kits to school. Thanks.



### Class Assemblies:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2.50pm**

Falcon- Middle Hall

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2.50pm**

Firecrest- Upper Hall

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9.10am**

Octopus- Infant Hall

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9.10am** Otter- 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 4<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

Tues Sept 5<sup>th</sup> school starts for KS1 and KS2

Wed Sept 6<sup>th</sup> school starts for new reception.

Term 1 ends Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>

(Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

#### Term 2

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Term 3

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018 to Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb (school closed on

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan and on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb for INSET)

#### Term 4

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March

#### Term 5

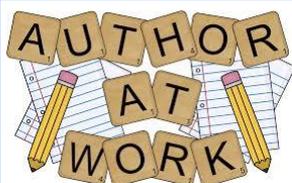
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May

#### Term 6

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jun to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July (school closed Tues 24<sup>th</sup>

July for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



### The Etherington Brothers

will be at the Watershed in

the Easter holidays (10am –

12pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April)

for a show and also to

draw some comic images afterwards. This event is

free to attend. For further information please visit

[http://www.watershed.co.uk/whatson/8045/the-](http://www.watershed.co.uk/whatson/8045/the-etherington-brothers-greatest-comic-making-show-on/)

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### 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.



**The Friends' Cake Sale has been changed and will happen after school TODAY! Please come along and support this event. All donations of cakes will be welcome!**

The Friends are organising a Lego Event on the infant site on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15 to 4.30pm. Please book online.



**Governors' Corner:** Through careful monitoring of finances governors and staff have managed to close the budget with a reasonable carry forward that will go some way to helping us cope with the shrinking budget that we are expecting next year. All schools are in a difficult financial situation with money coming in staying stagnant and money going out (such as increased NI and pension contributions) going up.



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**



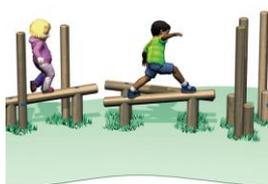
**Summer Uniform**- summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colour. Pupils may wear **black or grey** school shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school. Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals should be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours. Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way. Pupils should NOT wear trainers.

**The Y6 SATs tests** will be administered during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May.  
**The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 re-check** will be administered in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



We are very pleased to announce that over the holidays there will be some new playground equipment installed in the junior site playground. The money is part funded by the school and part by the Friends' Group. As the work may not be fully completed until after the holidays please can parents/carers keep their children off the equipment until further notice. Thank you.

Children were able to view the plans before the final decision was made and helped to choose which apparatus they preferred. We therefore expect ALL children to respect this equipment and use it properly.



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.

Congratulations to our swimming team who have made it through to participate in the English National Swimming competition in Sheffield.  
We have a record number of children qualifying and wish them every success in the finals. Please get behind our team if they ask you to sponsor them to raise money for the trip to Sheffield.  
Good luck everyone!



**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](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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