



Dear Parents/Carers  
You should have received the results of the parent/carer survey this week. As all the children have moved up we are sending you the results for the year group your child was in when the survey was completed. For example, Y1 will receive the survey for when their child was in Reception. As Y6 have now left to go to secondary school we will post Y6's results on the Y6 website page.

It's been a few years since we sent out this particular survey so I looked back to see if there has been any change over time. Whilst the great majority of you ticked 'agree' with the things we were doing well in 2016, what is really pleasing to see is that this year more parent/carers across the whole school have ticked 'agree strongly' indicating the school has travelled in a very positive direction since then. Of course where things could be better we are taking on board your suggestions and trying to improve where we can.



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## What's Happening

### New Reception Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting

**25th September.** We will be holding a curriculum meeting at 3.20pm in the infant hall for parents/carers to come and find out more about what your children will be learning this year in school. There will be a crèche in Robin.

### Y2 Reading Meeting Monday 23rd September

3.20pm in the Hall. There will be a crèche.

**Y1 Phonics Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September** 3.20pm in the Hall. There will be a crèche.

**Y4 Camp Meeting 18.10.19** 3.20pm Fox Class

**Y5/6 Reading Meeting 17.10.19** Salamander 3.20



### Y5/6 Parents/Carers Meeting for Secondary Applications

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3.30 in the Upper Hall.**

Jim Brittan from Bristol Local Authority will be here to explain about applying for secondary school places. If Jim agrees to leave us a powerpoint presentation, we will put it on the Y6 web page for those unable to attend the meeting.



### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest w/b 14<sup>th</sup> October and will be collecting food for the East food bank as we did last year. If you would like to send a donation we are collecting the following items:

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

Please don't send any donations until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October as we don't have much storage space in school. They did say they have lots of baked beans and pasta so please don't send those items. Thanks

### Attendance Matters

We are keen that children are in school as regularly as possible. Many children achieve 100% attendance and we usually celebrate this by giving the children a 100% Attendance Certificate at the end of the year. This year we are planning to recognise 100% attendance with a certificate and also a book token. We know that sometimes children are ill and of course they must stay at home until such time as they are well enough to return. Valid reasons are authorised and understandable. There are no concerns over a child having a few days off ill. However, they are still absences and so a child cannot achieve 100% attendance unless they are in school every day that the school is open.



**The Bristol Post** usually come early to take a photo of new reception children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give permission or not for your child to appear in the paper. Pupils are not normally named on this occasion.



### 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 (except guide/working dogs). 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. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any items brought from home.

**No Smoking**- the school and grounds are all non-smoking areas and this includes e-cigarettes or vaping.



### Punctuality

Following discussions governors have agreed to change the time the school registers close in a bid to decrease the number of pupils arriving late and disrupting the beginning of morning lessons.

#### New times from September 2019

The register will be taken at 9am.

Any pupils arriving after 9am but before 9.15am will be registered as 'L' for late. This counts as an attendance mark.

Pupils arriving after 9.15am will be marked 'U' for unauthorised.

Where the school doesn't receive a message for an absence then pupils will be marked 'O'. This is also an unauthorised absence mark.

Persistent unauthorised absences ('U' or 'O') can lead to a penalty notice (fine) being issued.

Governors will review this policy change in March 2020, in readiness for any further changes to timings



**Friends' News**- Our Holymead Friends' Group have raised an amazing £2,787.43 from the Summer Fayre and raffle and £433.18 from the coin weigh-in. Thank you to everyone that helped. It could not have been done without you!

**Friends' Coffee Morning is being held on Friday 27th September at 9am on the infant site - All parents in both KS1 and KS2 (infant and junior sites) are welcome to come along, especially our new Reception parents.** We always need new members to keep joining the Friends' Group and get involved in organising social and fund raising events. We will be looking for new people to help by taking up positions in the group to ensure it runs smoothly. Support is always on hand. Meetings are held during and after school on the infant and junior sites and pre-schoolers are welcome. Watch this space for further information/dates.

**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.**



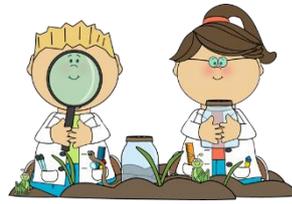


### Infant Bedtime Story

**13<sup>th</sup> November 4.30-5.30pm**

All infant children are invited to return to school in their pyjamas to listen to bedtime stories and have a hot

chocolate and biscuit in the infant hall. There will be a small charge with any profit donated to charity. Details to follow.



### Aspirations' Day

**11<sup>th</sup> October.**

We will be holding an Aspirations' Day again this year to get the children

thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up. Children are invited to come into school dressed to show their aspirations. This activity can give rise to lots of interesting discussions about children's hopes and dreams for the future.



### Photo Day

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

14<sup>th</sup> October- KS2 individuals and siblings on the junior site. (Not family groups.)

15<sup>th</sup> October- family, siblings and KS1 individuals on the infant site.

If you want a FAMILY group photo with ANY age children including across either sites or pre-schoolers bring them on 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Reward Systems

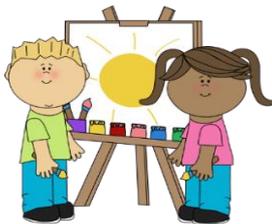
**Praise Book-** on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker. This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour.

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.

### Curriculum Overview



Lots of parent/carers like to know what their children will be learning about in the coming year so we have published our Curriculum Overview on the school website. You can see at

a glance what the children in each year group will be studying in each subject each term. There are lots of lovely pictures to give an idea of some of the exciting things the children do in school. Please take a look on the Holymead Primary home page.



**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2016?**

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for

September 2020. 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.



**Tickets are now available to purchase for our Year 5 and Year 6 children to visit the Tobacco Factory** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to watch their Christmas Performance of 'Snow White'. Please note that tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED BY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**, as all unsold tickets will then be sent back to the Tobacco Factory. Thank you.



**Reminder to Parents:** please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and afterschool club accounts (Liburcure) are either kept in credit or at zero. Dinners and services **MUST** be paid for in **ADVANCE** rather than in arrears.



**EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings** are on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-6.30pm and 15<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5.30pm. These are short 5-10 minute appointments

so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues, you are welcome to arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school.

PLEASE NOTE RABBIT CLASS PARENTS' EVENINGS ARE ON 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER (3.30-6.30pm) & 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER (3.30-5.30pm).

**KS2 Parents' Evenings** will be on 21<sup>st</sup> November Between 4.30pm and 7.00pm and on 26<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Parents' Evening bookings will need to be made using our online booking system via our ParentMail App. KS1 parents/carers are now able to book their appointments online.

KS2 appointments will be available to book online, approximately 3 weeks in advance. Further information will follow in due course.

These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities.

Please note that teacher run clubs cannot operate on parents' evenings as teachers are meeting parents.

**Senco Meetings:** Mrs Phillips and Mrs Cole will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. Please phone the office when you have made your online booking for Parents' Evening.



#### **Governors' Corner.**

Curriculum governors met to monitor pupil outcomes in SATs. We are delighted with the improvements in KS1 SATs and EYFS data which put us in line with national expectations and of course with the fantastic Y6 results, which were well above average. Governors heard from Miss Carreras, the EYFS leader, who told them all about how outdoor learning is organised and the exciting activities that children were doing in reception.



## TERM DATES

#### **Term Dates 2019- 2020**

##### **Term 1**

(INSET 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.)

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept- New intake Reception start.

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October- last day of Term 1.

##### **Term 2**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 (INSET 20<sup>th</sup> Dec)

##### **Term 3**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 (INSET 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)

##### **Term 4**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

##### **Term 5**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

##### **Term 6**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)

## JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Hair should be a natural colour with no shocking colours or bleaching. Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way and distract other children from their learning. Mobile phones are banned at school. Please follow the policy and ask for permission slips at the office if you need your child to bring a phone to school. The school accepts no responsibility for items brought from home.



**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.

Yours sincerely  
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