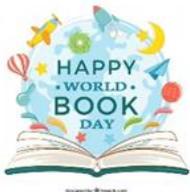


Dear Parents/Carers



World Book Day will be happening on Thursday 1st March.

To celebrate World Book Day we would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Year groups will buddy up to share books across the school.



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.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

What's Happening

Y6 Camp meeting 26th February 3.20pm

Y5/6 E-safety Parents' Meeting 5th March 3.20pm

Treasure Island 14th March (Y1 to Y6)

Y4 Caerleon visit

15th March History Day

YR Wick Road library visits

Y4 and Y5 cooking

10th to 12th April Reception health checks

Last day of term 4 23rd March



Class Assemblies-

Toucan- Wed 28th Feb- infant hall

Tiger – Thurs 15th March- infant hall

Tamarin- Thurs 22nd March- infant hall

Falcon- Tuesday 13th March- Middle Hall

Firecrest- Tuesday 13th March- Upper Hall

Please note class assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. There will be a crèche. Thanks.



Parents' Evenings will take place in **MARCH:**

7th 3.30-5.30pm and **13th** 3.30-6.30pm for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and

8th 3.30-6pm and **14th** 4.30-7pm for juniors (Y3-Y6).

These meetings are not suitable for children to attend.

Please do not bring children to school for Parents' Evenings as there is no crèche and the school will not be supervising children.

Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings, as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.

Please note that should KS2 parents wish to meet with Mrs Cole (SENDCo) on 14th March 2018, please contact the school and Mrs Cole will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Thank you.



Staff News.

After 28 years of service at Holymead we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Chapman. Many of you will have had children taught by Mrs Chapman and I am sure you will want to join us in wishing her a happy and relaxing retirement.



Term Dates 2017-2018

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 (24th July INSET)

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.

Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:



In response to requests from parents, we will be 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 are £4.50 each (slight reduction on cost price). Thank you.

Sweets and treats. We are a healthy eating school and we do NOT allow sweets in school. This includes for 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.



Friends' Events:

The Friends are organising a Bingo night in March.

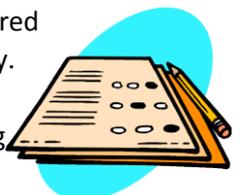


Next Friends' Meeting- 23rd February after drop off on the infant site. New members always welcome. You can give as many or as few hours as you can spare to help.

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 14th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check will be administered in the week beginning 11th June. **The Y2 SATs test** will be administered during the month of May.

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



Dinner money arrears.

We have an extremely high amount of dinner money accounts in arrears at present. Please can we remind parents that **dinner money account on ParentMail MUST ALWAYS be kept in credit.** Our school policy is that once an account for an individual child is in arrears of £10.00 or more, then a packed lunch MUST be provided for your child until such time as these arrears are cleared. A ParentMail will be sent to parents to advise them when accounts are in arrears and phone calls will be made home, should a school dinner be requested when arrears are present. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



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.



Governors' Corner. Following the recent resignations of Steve Johnson and Laura Trescothick- Martin the governing body will be holding an election for the role of parent governors. Governors wish to thank Steve and Laura for their dedicated hard work on the governing body.

Details of the election will be sent out shortly. If you fulfil the criteria that governors are looking for and are interested in finding out more about the role please ring the office and ask to speak to Ms Slatcher or Mrs Buckley, who will be happy to explain what the position involves. We look forward to hearing from interested candidates and hope parents will support the school by using their vote when papers are sent out. Thanks.



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.

What's the Buzz? The Bee is back!

Following on from the success of previous years' Spelling Bees we are holding our fifth Spelling Bee after the holiday. You can help your child by checking they are learning their year group spellings. See your teacher or check the website for the year group spelling lists. There are year group prizes of a trophy and book vouchers to be won. It is a competition that is wide open so long as you practise the spellings.

We have noticed a huge improvement in spelling in general throughout the school but it is most noticeable in those children who take their spellings home and practise them regularly. Parents who support their children really are making a difference.



Times Tables Rockstars. This is a times tables app for tablets or website access to support children in recalling their times tables fluently. Pupils on the junior site had a launch assembly at the start of this term and should be accessing this regularly. As you are aware, learning times tables is a very important skill for children to succeed in maths. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 can log in using their existing blogging password, and access a range of games to upgrade their "Rock Star" status and earn points to upgrade their online avatar. Year 2 have also received their passwords. You can download (FREE) Times Tables Rock Stars in the App Store for your device (iOS/Android) or visit the website trockstars.com



Situations vacant:

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for a SMSA to supervise children at dinnertime. If you are interested, please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office.
Thank you.

School Uniform.

Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS!



PLEASE NOTE JEANS AND HOODED TOPS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND MUST NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL.

PE kit: is a purple tee shirt and black shorts in a purple dap bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc.

ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Back Packs are not allowed on the infant site, as space is very limited.

Pencil Cases: pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. The only exception to this is in Y6 where pupils are getting ready for using their own pencil cases and equipment in secondary school.



Holymead
Primary

Mon 3:20-4:30
Starts: 19th Feb

WILD WOODS

Take a walk in the wild woods to create pieces of art by printing, drawing, painting and even mixed media!



SIGN ME UP!

£37.50 for 5 weeks (£7.50 a session)
including all resources and refreshments

BOOK: gosketch.co.uk and click Book Now
or contact Emma: emma@gosketch.co.uk 07717 313 651



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.



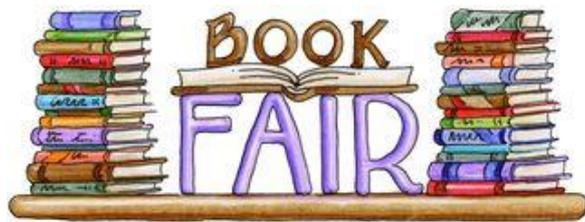
Don't Forget!

Can we remind parents that dinner money accounts (via ParentMail) and breakfast and afterschool club accounts (via Libarcura) must be in credit at all times. Please can we ask that you review your accounts regularly to ensure that you are not in arrears. Thank you.

With regards to the Year 4 Hillcrest PGL 2018 camp and Year 6 Red Ridge Camp 2018, please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the Payment agreements that ensure your child's place is secure:-

Year 4 Hillcrest PGL – The first £100 must be paid by 15.12.17 and the full balance (£202.50) to be paid by 30.04.18.

Year 6 Red Ridge – The first £200 must be paid by 03.01.18 and the full balance (287.50) to be paid by 09.03.18. Please can parents ensure that all these payments are paid up to date, by reviewing your ParentMail account. Thank you.



Book Fair on the junior site.

The Scholastic book fair will be on the junior site from Thursday 8th March until Wednesday 14th March 2018. Please feel free to come along and have a browse.

Thank you

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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