

Thursday 24th May 2018 Number 4, Term 5



Dear Parents/Carers

TONIGHT! Meeting for parents of children starting school (new Reception) in September 2018 on Thursday 24th 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 in September.

The Y2 and Y6 SATs

The children in Y2 and Y6 have worked incredibly hard during the SAT's period. We are very impressed with the positive 'can do' attitude which they have shown towards all the tests. The tests have been hard but your children have all tried their best and whatever the results we are immensely proud of them all. The results of tests and teacher assessments will be sent out at the end of the summer term.



Sports' Days

Parents and carers are invited to watch our Sports' Days on the following dates:

KS1 Sports' Day (YR-Y2) 22nd June 2018

We need volunteers to help organise the activities at the infant site. Please see your class teacher if you can help.

KS2 Sports' Day (Y3-Y6) 15th June 2018

The juniors will walk to Oasis, Brislington who have kindly offered to host our junior sports' day again.



Class Assemblies-

Robin 21st June- Infant 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.

What's Happening

MAY:

24th May- **TONIGHT** Y5/6 Sex and relationships education meeting at 3.20pm- Salamander Class

JUNE:

TERM STARTS BACK ON MONDAY 4th JUNE

8th June non-uniform day to bring in donations for the summer fayre

11th June pm- Reception Grandparents' visit

Y5 Harry Potter trip

YR police dog visit

Y2 drama workshops

Y2 Zoo visit



Summer Concert

Our musicians and choir invite you to their Summer Concert in the Upper Hall on 20th June at 6.30pm. Please make sure your child is regularly practising their part at home. We look forward to hearing them perform in the concert.



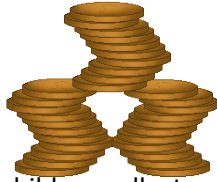
Culture Day- Music and Stories

Thank you to all the parents who took part in making this a lovely celebration of different cultures in our school.

Friends' Activities –Coin

Line 21.6.18

This year we are asking parents to help raise money for school funds by organising a Coin line.



We are, therefore, requesting that children collect silver and/or copper coins. The children will then lay out the coins and measure their lines. The class with the longest line wins the trophy. We will carry out the activity in June so recommend children start saving their coins now! All legal tender coins welcome! Thanks.



Holymead Summer Fayre – 30th June, 12pm-2.pm.

This will be held on the larger junior site where of course everyone is welcome. We are planning lots of fun activities and stalls so please come along.

The Year 1 and Y2 (re-test)

Phonics Check will be administered in the week beginning 11th June.



It is therefore essential that 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.



Friends' Events:

Friends' Meeting 25th May on the infant site (for WHOLE school parents/carers) after 'drop off'. New members always welcome.

Please come and offer as much or as little time as you can eg an hour to help at the summer fayre. Pre-school children welcome. Thank you.



Attendance

You probably won't be surprised to hear that attendance at school correlates closely to children's success at GCSEs. In order to build on

their previous learning children need to be in school regularly.

To encourage this we are trialling an attendance reward system. This will start in Y3 and Y4 next term with 100% attendance certificates being given out for pupil attendance each TERM (therefore if a child is off for an illness one term they can still get the 100% certificate the next term). There will also be a certificate for Improved Attendance for pupils who have made a noticeable improvement in attendance according to data from SIMs (our attendance recording system).

Whilst the 'improved attendance' is based on figures it is not as clear cut as 100% and therefore we welcome polite feedback from parents. I will be making judgements such as 'this child doesn't really deserve the Improved Attendance Certificate this term because the reason they've improved is because they went on a 2 week holiday last term!' It is more judgemental. If we get complaints that it's not fair then we will take that into consideration when we review the trial and decide whether to continue with these certificates or not.



Ashton Gate Tournament News!

Our Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team participated in a football tournament yesterday at Ashton Gate and did extremely well. They played 5 games and won 3 of their matches, drew 1 match

and lost 1 match. They narrowly missed out of qualifying for the semi-finals (on goal difference); however they won their last two games, finishing 3rd and 4th in the other two groups.

We were very proud we are of all our children that took part in the Tournament. They were extremely well behaved and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to those parents/family members that helped out with transporting the children to and from the event and also to those that came along and supported the children.



Governors' Corner. Thank you to everyone who voted in the parent governor elections and to Nimco Youssuf, Ruth Clacey-Roberts and Valerie Dehaney for standing for these important positions. Details of the vote are posted outside both school offices. Nimco and Ruth were duly elected and were welcomed onto the Full Governing Body last night. At the meeting governors decided to co-opt Valerie as she has many skills the governing body requires and we had a co-opted vacancy. Thank you to our governors for all the support they give our school.



Parking Reminder! Please do not 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.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies.

The 2018 Leavers' hoodies for our year 6 children, are available to purchase online (via our ParentMail payment System). There are sample hoodies available for children to try on for size, in the school office on the junior site. The deadline for all orders/payments to be received will be **Friday 25th May**. These will be distributed to the children during the last week of the summer term. Thank you.



Permission Slips.

Permission slips are a very important piece of school documentation. Without the return of completed permission slips for school

trips, children will not be allowed to participate with the rest of their class.

Please can we remind parents that ALL permission slips issued in respect of any school trip, must be completed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. The annual permission slip that we ask parents to complete for local visits, are only valid for local 'trips'. Thank you.



Term Dates 2017-2018

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.



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 accounts 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.



Year 5 trip.

Reminder to our Year 5 parents that all payments for our trip to the Harry Potter Studios next term must be paid by the end of May 2018. Thank you.



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 earrings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher.

Please also note pupils are NOT allowed to bring any personal items from home such as toys or accessories. The only exceptions are Y6 pencil cases. The school accepts no responsibility for items brought from home. Thank you.



Up to date Data, held by the school.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to keep the school updated with their current telephone numbers (mobile, work, home), addresses and any other relevant information (such as emergency contacts, dietary needs of children and medical needs that staff should be aware of).

It is important that the school holds this information and that it is current and up to date, as should there be an emergency in school we will be able to make contact with the relevant person as quickly as possible. Thank you.



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 must be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours.

Please remember hairstyles and accessories such as hats should be sensible and conducive to learning. **Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way.**

Pupils should NOT wear trainers.

Sunglasses get broken very easily so they are not allowed in school except for medical reasons. Parents need to write a brief note to the teacher explaining the reason. Thank you.



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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