

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Number 3, Term 4

### Dear Parents and Carers



The new entry system on the KS2 site seems to be working well now. Due to the new siting of the office we have decided to move where children need to wait if they are being collected late. Children now need to be collected from the office and therefore parents picking children up more than a few minutes late may find it easier to go to the main entrance on Wick Road to pick up their children as you may not be heard knocking on the back door from the playground.



# Holymead Primary

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## What's Happening

### March

Y5 Sikh visitor  
Y1 Court Farm visit  
Y6 Camp  
Y4 BSO Concert  
YR Chew Valley Farm visit  
Y1-2 Fire fighter visitors  
13.3.19 Y1-Y6 theatre- The Hobbit  
2.5.19 YR theatre story telling  
Whole School number Day  
Y6 Life Skills



We are pleased to inform YR parents that we have booked a theatre company suitable for YR to enjoy on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. We will be asking for donations nearer the time. Thank you.

### Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this cause. We raised the grand total of £383.65 for Comic Relief.



### What's the Buzz?

The Spelling Bees have now been completed (except by Y6 who will hold theirs later.)

Well done to the winners and runners up who did amazingly well.

Winners:

Y1 – Aurelia C  
Y2 – Tiggy L-L  
Y3 - Albert F  
Y4 – Milo B  
Y5 – Catherine H



Runners up:

Wiktoria L  
Wilfred F R  
Huw W

Annabel H H



### Class Assemblies-

Tamarin- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April- infant hall 9.10am

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. Thanks.



### Friends' Events:

29.3.19 Friends' Spring Sale on the junior site after school. Spot a possible Mother's Day gift!

## HERE'S THE NEWS

After nearly 30 years of working at the school, Mrs Moore will be retiring at the end of this term. We

would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to school, especially with the school swim team who have been guided by her experience over the years and have earned numerous achievements and awards. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best with her retirement. We are collecting for a retirement gift and if any parents would like to contribute, please hand these into the school office by tomorrow. Thank you.

Mrs Hunt, Otter class teacher, has started her maternity leave earlier than expected. We are hoping to see her for a visit after the baby is born.



### 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.



Parents with a longer connection with the school may have heard the sad news about one of our ex-pupils who died recently. In memory of Kane Woodington the school is going to fund-raise for the hospital that cared for Kane. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May we will hold a 'dress down' day where children can wear whatever they normally wear at home and bring £1 which will go to Harefield Hospital just outside London.



**Diversity Group meeting.**

The Diversity Group will be meeting to discuss Heritage Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. If you are interested in getting involved please come to the junior library on 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

The theme this year is Art in different Cultures. If you'd like to get involved and share your skills please contact Mrs Cole through the school office.



**Reminder.** Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones. Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags. The only exception is for Y6 who are allowed to bring pencil cases. Thank you.



**Bristol Harlequins Mini Rugby Team.**

We are delighted to share the news that Jago, Jacob and Takoda in Year 5 will be part of the Bristol Harlequins Mini Rugby Team that have been invited to represent England in a Mini Six Nations

Tournament in Milan in May. This is a wonderful opportunity for the boys involved and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well. Bristol Harlequins RFC have set up a crowd funding page to help the boys with the cost of this trip and I know that any support will be gratefully appreciated:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bristol-harlequinsmini6nations> . Good luck!



**Parent's Evening**

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These will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 27<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April for juniors (Y3-Y6). Details to follow. 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.**

**Special Educational Needs:** Mrs Cole our SENDCO, will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. Mrs Cole will be available on 27<sup>th</sup> March (KS2) and 3<sup>rd</sup> April (KS1) from 3.30 – 5.30pm. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening. Thank you.

**Further information- children's books**

Whilst looking at your child's books, parents may note that certain books do not seem to be marked. This is because the school has adopted a 'crib sheet' style of marking in some subjects. This is where learning points for groups or individuals are written down on a central sheet for the teacher to use with the class rather than writing the same thing over and over again in every book. Several schools are trying this method and we are finding it is just as valuable for pupils' learning and less repetitive and time consuming for teachers.



**TERM DATES**

**Term Dates 2018- 2019**

**Term 4**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Term 5**

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET)

**Term 6**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.

**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)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 Phonic re-checks will be administered in the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.



School Prospectus

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. Thank you.



**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.



## 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 or sparkly ones get in the way and are distracting to others.

**Trainers and leggings are NOT school uniform and therefore should not be worn in school.**



**YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES.** Please can we remind our Year 6 parents, that if you would like to order a Leavers' Hoodie for your child, all orders and payments must be received by TODAY! No orders will be accepted after this date. Please can we remind those that have placed an order, to send back the reply slip attached to the original letter sent, advising us of the size of hoodie that you require to purchase. Payment must be made in order for a hoodie to be ordered. Thank you.

Yours sincerely  
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