

Dear Parents/Carers



Wow, what an amazing response we had to the request for donations for the Summer Fayre which will be held on the 30th June, 12.00-2.00pm. Thank you very much for your generosity.

We do, however, still need volunteers to set up, clear away and run stalls and games during the day to make the event successful. Please let the Friends or the office know if you can spare an hour on the day. Thanks



Staff are starting to prepare new class lists for next year as ALL the classes will be mixed up. We try to put children with a friend and

split up those who don't work well together. This is a complex task as classes also need to remain balanced with even numbers of girls and boys of different abilities. Staff ask the children to name a couple of friends that they try to put them with **BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS.**

If you want to speak to teachers it is best to approach them now rather than later. I realise this can be an anxious time, usually more so for parents than children! We find the children are actually very adaptable and make new friends quickly in September so please don't worry. Making new friends is an important life skill and we find moving the children round can balance friendship groups better.



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

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.

What's Happening

TERM 6

- YR police dog visit
- Y2 Zoo visit
- Y3 Botanical Gardens visit
- YR trip to Tyntesfield
- Shuffle Up 9th July
- Open Day 10th July
- 6th July Spanish Day- this is NOT a dressing up day, pupils must come in uniform.
- Y3 Recorder Concert 6th July 2.50pm
- Y6 Performance 11th July 1.45 and 6.30pm
- Y2 Moving Up Assembly 20th July 9.10am
- Y6 Leavers' Assembly 23rd July 9.20am

Meet Your TEACHER



Shuffle up Day- on the afternoon of 9th July **all** children will shuffle up to their new classes to meet their new teachers. This includes Y2 going up to the juniors and new Reception children coming into school. This is the day parent/carers are informed which class their children will be in. No changes to classes can be made once the class lists are put up on the doors so please talk to teachers NOW.

Y2 transition to Y3. As part of our transition programme to get children ready for Y3 we have been taking them to visit the junior site where they have a buddy to tell them what it is like in Key Stage 2.

We are also holding a short meeting with Y2 parents to welcome you to Y3 on the evening of 10th July at 6pm on the junior site.



Congratulations Year 1 and those in Y2 who did their Phonics Check last week. We are very pleased with how well the children have worked to learn their phonics. Parents will get results at the end of the year. Any children who haven't passed the check are already having interventions to help them learn the sounds they don't know and this will continue into next year. Teachers are happy to share ideas of how to practise phonics at home so please ask.



Class Assemblies-

Red Panda 28th June 9.10am- Infant Hall

Rabbit 5th July 9.10am- Infant Hall

Flamingo 26th June 2.50pm- Middle Hall

Finch 26th June 2.50pm- 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.



Summer Concert

What a fantastic concert we were treated to on Wednesday. Well done to all the children for all their hard work practising and thank you to parents for supporting your child and to staff for giving their time to put together a great evening's entertainment.



Friends' Events:

29th June Face Painting on infant site.
Summer Fayre 30th June- volunteers needed – please let the office know if you are able to help on the day. Thank you!



Situations vacant:

Holymead Primary School have a couple of vacancies for an SMSA to supervise the children at lunch times. Our SMSAs are integral members of staff and are highly valued. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested but is not necessarily connected to the school, please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office. Thank you.

School Reports will be sent out in early July. Parents need to collect their reports in person or send a signed note naming a trusted adult to collect it on their behalf. Please can parents let the office know if a second copy needs to be sent elsewhere.



Reception Reports (Foundation Stage) - parents will receive their children's diaries, which contain comprehensive details of your child's achievements over the year. A short summary report is sent home to highlight your child's strengths and areas for development, which you can help with at home.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 - parents will receive a report detailing their child's progress and achievements. There are targets which parents may be able to support their child with.

There will be a **feedback sheet** enclosed with the reports, which needs to be signed and sent back to class teachers so we know you have received them.

Attendance- please note that attendance is calculated in half days. So if the report shows 6 absences then your child has been off school for the equivalent of 3 days. This is because the register is called twice a day (once in the morning and once in the afternoon) so pupils get 2 possible attendance marks each day.



Sports' Days

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

Parent/carers are invited to watch in the playground:

Y2 9.15-10.15am

Y1 10.30-11.30am

YR 1.45-2.45pm

KS2 Sports' Day (Y3-Y6)

We had a brilliant KS2 Sports' Day with the children having lots of fun and plenty of exercise on 15th June. Thank you to Oasis, Brislington who did a great job organising the events and thank you to everyone who came along and supported us.

New Secondary School



Choosing Secondary Schools

Choosing the right secondary education for your child can be a difficult process and of course, you want what is right for your child. I thought parents might be interested to see the final destinations of our current Year Sixes. Our pupils are going off to 13 different destinations at the time of writing. What I'd like parents to take from this information is that you have an extremely wide choice of schools to choose from if your child attends Holymead Primary School.

Here are the schools and numbers of children anticipating going there: Hayesfield Girls' School, Bath (1), Bristol Metropolitan Academy (1), Broadlands (9), Colston Girls' (1), St Mary Redcliffe and Temple CE (9), Oasis John Williams (2), Bristol Cathedral Choir School (4), Oasis Brislington (50), John Cabot Academy (1), Oldfield, Bath (2), QEH (1), St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary (3) and St Katherine's (1).

We wish our pupils good luck wherever they are going to secondary school!

Open Day

Open Day Tuesday

10th July - the school invites current and

prospective parents to look round both sites. This will be an opportunity to meet the teachers and look at the classrooms your child will be moving to in September. The infant site will be open at 9.10-10.00am, 1.00-2.00pm and 3.30-4.30pm. Parents who have children currently in Key Stage 1 will be shown around by their children (please make sure they are registered first). I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents.

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am, 2.00-2.50pm and 3.30-4.30pm. Y6 ambassadors will be showing current parents round. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will need to stay in class (as Key Stage 2 learning is more structured and less fluid than learning in Key Stage 1). If you are concerned and wish to discuss your child's report (which you will have by then) then the OPEN EVENING session from 3.30-4.30pm is a good time to do this. (Please ring the office to make an appointment with the class teacher).



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2017-2018

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.

Staff moving classes. For those of you who know the school you will know that teachers and LSAs are employed to work throughout the whole age range and



regularly move about through different year groups. Staff are expected to move around the age ranges to become competent at teaching all ages. I am keen to dispel the myth that staff who move from Reception to Y6 are getting promoted and those who move from Y6 to reception are getting demoted!! As staff will be moving around (in September) I think they would be dismayed to think parents considered a change of age range as a promotion or demotion. It is not.

Teacher News

Sadly it is that time when we say good bye to colleagues who are off to undertake new adventures. Mr Munnings, Miss White and Mr Ginns will be leaving us at the end of the year and we wish them all the best of luck for the future and thank them for their brilliant contributions to the school. We are fortunate to be able to welcome two new teachers to replace them and also Mrs Wiltshire who returns from maternity leave. We have Miss Williams in KS1 and Miss Lynds in KS2. I'm sure you will give them a warm Holymead welcome.





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 term. 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.



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 left in credit or at zero at the start of the summer break.

All year 6 dinner money accounts must be left at zero before the children move onto their secondary destinations. All trip payments, music and swimming money/fees must be received before the end of the summer term, in order to allow for accounts to be reconciled and closed for the end of the academic year. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



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.

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 will the relevant person as quickly as possible. Thank you.

PLEASE!!
NOTE

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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