



Aspiration and Donation Day

What a fantastic day we had last Friday. There was a veritable buzz of excitement as children dressed up and told us about their aspirations for the future. If

they do half of what I heard on Friday the future is in safe hands!

Thank you to the RAG group for asking if we could hold a dressing up day to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Mexico and thank you to everyone who sent in donations. I know parents and children with a close connection to the disaster were so grateful for your kind support.

We raised £509.17.

Have a great holiday and see you MONDAY 30th October.



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.



Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 21st November 2.50pm Turtle – Middle Hall
Tuesday 21st November 2.50pm Shark – Upper Hall
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 and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. Thanks.

Holymead Primary

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who sent in food for the Easton Food Bank. It was gratefully received.

What's Happening

- 1st November-** Y1 Phonics' meeting, 3.30 with crèche
 - School Open Day 9th November-** details below.
 - Parents' Evenings -**details below
 - 7th November, 3.30pm-** Fun with Fractions meeting for parents to help their KS2 children, Upper Hall, with crèche
 - 10th November-** Remembrance silence at 11.00am- any donations go to the Poppy Fund
 - 13th November, 3.30pm** Lego event in the infant hall
 - 17th November-** dress down non-uniform day for donations for Christmas Shopping events
 - November-** Y6 to the cinema
 - 20th November-** YR RSPB workshop
 - 20th November-** Y5 and Y6 Writing Meeting for parents in Salamander, 3.30pm
 - 24th November-** Christmas Shopping Evening, 6.30-8.30pm at the junior site
 - 29th November-** Getting to grips with grammar- for Y4 parents, 3.30pm, Falcon
- Dates for Christmas events will feature on the first newsletter after the holidays.



Friends' Cake Sale – Thank you for all the donations of cakes and uniform which the Friends were able to raise money for the school with.



Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 1

(Sept 4th school closed for INSET)
Tues Sept 5th school starts for KS1 and KS2
Wed Sept 6th school starts for new reception.
Term 1 ends Thursday October 19th
(Friday October 20th school closed for INSET)

Term 2

Mon 30th Oct to Fri 15th Dec

Term 3

Wed 3rd Jan 2018 to Thurs 8th Feb (school closed on
Tues 2nd Jan and on Fri 9th Feb for INSET)

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 (school closed Tues
24th July for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



Next Gen Photographs have been sent home this week. Please remember to send in your orders by Wednesday 1st November 2017.



Open Day

9th November

The infant site will be open at 9.10- 10.00am and 1.00-2.00pm.

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am and 2-3pm.

Both sites will be open 3.30-4.30pm.

Infant children will be able to show their parents round on the infant site. Please wait in the playground while children are registered first.

Y6 ambassadors will show parents round on the junior site as the different nature of KS2 lessons means junior children need to stay in their classrooms, not go round with their parents.

I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents on both sites as far as possible.

I will also run conducted tours on 22nd November 2017 and 4th January 2018 at 9am for prospective parents to look round if they are looking for school places and are unable to attend Open Day.

We look forward to welcoming you.



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the infant site from Monday 6th November, for one week. Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child.

Parking Reminder!

Please don't 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.



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.



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN

1st SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 31st AUGUST 2014? If they were, you need to be putting your child's name down at the school you wish them to attend in September 2018. 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.

Thank you.

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.

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.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

KS2 Parents' Evenings 14th
November 3.30-6pm and
15th November 4.30-7pm.
Details in separate letter.

Senco Meetings: Mrs Cole
will be available on 15th

November from 3.30 – 5.30 at the junior site. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening.

Please note staff will not be running after school clubs on these evenings as they are in meetings!



Sporting Events

Boys' football- 3rd November against
West Town Lane

Girls' football- 8th November against
Broomhill Juniors

Girls' football tournament-
10th November-
South Bristol Sports'
Ground (Imperial)



Friends elected positions:

Co-Chairs: Jonty Bewley
Jen Cave-Ayland
Vice Chair: Helen Watts
Treasurer: Lisa Holden
Vice Treasurer: Kay Morgan
Secretary: Kay Morgan.

Friends' Meeting- 10th November to help organise
Christmas events, infant site 9am
Friends' Quiz Night- 17th November



Governors welcomed a new community governor, Jessica Coggins to the governing body. Jessica, who works in higher education at UWE, is a former pupil of the school who wishes to give something back to the school.



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 ear rings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher. Thank you.



Rules and Safety

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. 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.

Knowle Cricket Club
Presents:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Friday
3rd November

Knowle Cricket Club, Broadwalk, Knowle

Tickets:
Adults £5
Children £3
Family £15
(2 Adults 2 Children)

Gates Open - 1630
Fireworks - 1830

Food & Drink Available

No Sparklers

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Last night Holymead swim team swam in a gala at Horfield. Unfortunately, we did not win but we all had an amazing night. Eight year six pupils competed as well as eight children from year 5 and 3 children for year 4. Well done to Rosie, Archie, Riley, Kate and Amy on their first gala. We had some cracking races by Finn and Olivia who both won at freestyle. Thank you Mr Nock (who enjoyed his first gala), Mrs Moore, Mr Hopes and Mr Meehan-White who helped us last night. All in all, everyone had a fantastic time. By Finn & Kate.



Please remember that we are a cashless school. All payments **MUST** be made online using the facility on ParentMail.

Please can we ask that all dinner money, breakfast club and afterschool club accounts are kept in credit at all times.

Can we also remind the parents of our Year 6 children who are attending the Red Ridge Camp in 2018 that the first £100 must be paid before the end of today. Thank you.



Whitchurch Sports Junior Football Club have a new girls' football team that is starting every Saturday morning. They will be training from 10.00am to 11.00am at their site on Manor Farm playing fields (at the bottom of Sturminster Road).

For further information please contact the coach Kevin French on 07704 101542.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely
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