

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Number 3, Term 6

### Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you to everyone who supported the summer fayre either by donating or helping on the day. Thank you particularly to the Friends who organised it so well. It was lovely to see so many happy...if somewhat hot...faces!

The raffle draw was carried out on Monday and you will have been informed if you won a prize. Please collect your prizes by the end of term.

I will report how much we raised when everything has been counted. Thank you.



**Our amazing year of sporting achievement continues!**

Tuesday 9th July: Our Boys' Cricket Team and newly crowned county champions(!) will be representing Gloucestershire at the West of England Regional Finals at Bristol Grammar School.

Friday 28th June: Our Year 4 Girls' Football Team took the silver medal in the Girls' Football Festival winning 5 out of 6 games. Our Year 5 Girls' Team, playing against Year 6 teams from other schools, won 2, drew 1 and lost 1, earning bronze medal in the same tournament. This event saw the 50th different girl representing the school this year!

Tuesday 25th June: Five Year 5 pupils took part in the Ashton Park Sports Partnership High Flyers Day. This involved taking part in a series of athletics activities with over 150 pupils from other primaries. Well done to Amy, Sophie, Kaylan, Riley and Ethan. And a special note of congratulations to Kaylan and Riley who have now been invited to spend a day at Bath University's Institute of Sport after being ranked amongst the top 15 performing boys.

## What's Happening

### July

Y1 Ashton Court trip

Dogs' Trust workshop

Y5/6 Drumming at St Paul's Carnival, July 6th

Y3 North Somerset Show visit

Y6 Brea

Shuffle Up 8<sup>th</sup> July

Open Day 11<sup>th</sup> July

Y3 Recorder Concert 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.50pm

Y6 Performance **10<sup>th</sup> July** 1.45 and 6.30 **NEW**

### DATE

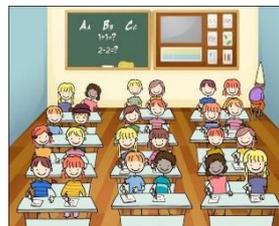
Y3 Egyptian Day 12<sup>th</sup> July

Y2 Moving Up Assembly 18<sup>th</sup> July 9.10am

KS1 Disco 17<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Disco 16<sup>th</sup> July 5pm-6.30pm Upper Hall

Y6 Leavers' Assembly 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.20am



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.

## Sweets and Treats

As a school which promotes Healthy eating we ask that parents do not bring in sweets and cakes for children's birthdays or other special occasions. There are children with allergies and dietary needs which can mean they are left out when treats are handed out. Sticky hands also make the classroom surfaces sticky. We would rather parents didn't bring any sweets or treats at all but if you really feel the need then please send a plain biscuit in the original packaging for ingredients to be referred to. These can be handed out at the end of the day as children are leaving so their parents can see and check what they are eating. Any cakes and sweets sent in will be sent back to parents. Thank you.

# Sweets & Treats



## Summer Concert

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Summer Concert last week. What a lot of talented musicians you have. It was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to Mrs May, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Wyatt for their organisation and to all the peripatetic teachers who prepared the children for their performance. It sounded wonderful!

## Infant Disco 17<sup>th</sup> July:

There is a charge for entry (see Friends' letter). You will need your ticket to get in on the evening. Drink included.



As previously, Reception staff and Friends will help change reception classes and take them to the disco so parent/carers don't need to come to school until after the disco.

Reception - 3.15pm - 4.00pm.

Year 1 - 4.15pm - 5.00pm.

Year 2 - 5.15pm - 6.15pm.

Please drop children off at the Main Entrance and pick up afterwards in the Pencil Playground, except for **Red Panda Class, Otter Class and Tamarin Class** who need to be picked up from outside Tamarin classroom by their steps near the hall.

## Staff News



This year we are sad to say good-bye to Miss Norrington and Mr Gratton. Mr Thorne is going to be taking a year out of school on sabbatical which means we hope to see him return in September 2020.

We wish to thank all these staff for their commitment and hard work at Holymead Primary School and wish them well in whatever ventures they pursue. Good luck everyone!

Congratulations to Mr McSmythurs, who as well as doing so much maths in our own school, also works as a Specialist Leader in maths throughout the region and has recently been appointed as a Lead Practitioner of Maths.

# open day



Open Day Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 and 1.00-2.00pm. 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 and 2.00-2.50pm.

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).

The school will be open for 10-15 minutes after school to see your child's classroom for September.



### Book Amnesty

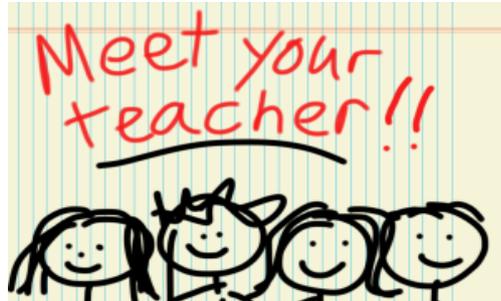
Please can everyone have a good rummage under the sofa and in the wardrobe for any books that haven't been returned to school?

We will be happy to see any books returned regardless of how long they have lain forgotten under the bed! Thank you!



### Wednesday 3rd July:

Footballer and Olympian Jack Rutter visited our school. Jack led each KS2 class in a fitness workout before telling us about his truly inspirational story in an assembly. This was a wonderful experience for all involved. A reminder that sponsorship forms need to be in by Friday 12th July. Thank you for your support.



**Shuffle up Day-** on the afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> 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 will be 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 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm on the junior site.**

## SCHOOL REPORT

**NEW FORMAT.** This year we have redesigned the school report format. We hope you like it. If you need to discuss anything in the report please call the office to make an appointment. For most parents everything will have been said in the report. You only need to see teachers if you have a query or if you are worried about something.

**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 Tapestry 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.

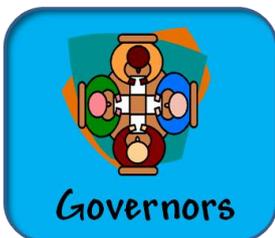
There will be a **feedback sheet** enclosed with the reports, which needs to be signed and sent back to class teachers so we know you have received them.

**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.

**Y6 SATs results will be sent out later when the school receives the results.**

**Y2 SATs results are different to Y6 and are used to inform Teacher Assessments rather than reporting test results.**

### Governors' Corner.



The Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion committee met to discuss safeguarding and child protection policies in the school.

Please be aware individual children are never discussed in governor meetings. We are still waiting for KS2 results to be published so governors can discuss them. Governors also heard about how Times Table Rockstars is used to support children learning their tables.

The Health and Safety governors met and looked at the accident and reporting books and walked round the infant site checking for health and safety issues that may need dealing with.



**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.



**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.



## TERM DATES

### Term Dates 2018- 2019

#### 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)

#### Term 3

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 (INSET 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)

#### Term 4

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

#### Term 5

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

#### Term 6

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)



**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.



### Reminder to Parents:

please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and afterschool club

accounts (Liburcura) 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.

**Percy Smith Gala News.** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June saw Holymead contest in the final gala of the school year. With many of our regular team unable to take part, it presented opportunities for other children to step up and compete in races.

By the end of the evening, we had amassed 64 more points than last year, which was a great achievement.

A special mention to Sophie and Riley for swimming in the butterfly event and Filip, Isla and Jossalin for their debuts. Well done to the whole swim team, for another great year of supporting our school.



### 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.

Yours sincerely  
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