



Dear Parents/Carers

Aspirations' Day – It was amazing talking to all the children about their aspirations last Friday. What an enormous and interesting range of things children want to be when they grow up.

Thank you for all your donations. We raised £440.02 for British Red Cross.

What's Happening

KS2 Reading Meeting at the juniors- 18th October 3.30pm.

YR and KS1 Parents' Evenings 11/16th October - details to follow (no crèche)

New Reception Reading Meeting October 24th 3.20pm in the Hall (crèche available)

Y4 Camp Meeting 24th October 3.20pm in Falcon School Open Day 13th November- details to follow.

Cake Sale 24th October on the infant site 3.10pm.

Y6 Football October 15th

KS2 Fun with Fractions 12th November

YR Walk to Victory Park

9th November WW1 Commemoration Day

Y3 St Fagans trip

Y4 Folly Farm trip

Y1 Hedgehog workshop

21/22nd November –NHS flu jabs

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



Houses of

Parliament Visit

Have you read the

article in the

Parliamentary

Review yet? The

magazine has been

left for parents to

read at the infant parents' evenings and there will be more on view at the junior parents' evenings after half term.

The Parliamentary Review is a showcase for good practice in schools. It was wonderful to have the school recognised for the good work it does. I am also delighted to say that I have been invited to Westminster to the House of Lords for a launch of the Parliamentary Review. I feel very honoured to represent Holymead and would like to thank the whole school community who work so hard to make this such a great school.

In other Parliamentary News we are pleased to welcome Kerry McCarthy, MP, to school on 9th November.

Kerry has been to visit Holymead on several occasions and she is always ready to listen and is interested in knowing all that the school does to educate your children. On this occasion she will visit the infant site.

WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2014 AND 31st AUGUST 2015?



If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2019. 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.



Next Gen Photographers –we will send out photos as soon as they arrive in school. Please note that this is the last year that they will be sending out proofs and next year you will be able to view your child's photos on line only, before ordering.



We will be collecting food for the East Bristol food bank for Harvest this year. If you would like to send a donation we are collecting the following items:

- * Long life fruit juice
- * Tinned soup
- * Tinned fruit
- * Long life milk
- * Custard
- * Biscuits
- * Rice
- * Tinned rice pudding
- * Sugar
- * Toiletries

Please don't send any donations until Monday 15th October as we don't have much storage space in



Open Day

13th 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 29th November 2018 and 9th January 2019 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.



Friends' Meeting- TOMORROW

The next meeting will be on Friday 19th October at 9am on the infant site and all are welcome.

Lisa Holden is the new chair and Helen Watts will support as Vice Chair. Kay Morgan is the treasurer and Amy Walden takes on a new role as the secretary.

Thank you to all the Friends who have given their time to the school over the previous year. I'm sure parents would like to join me in giving Jonty a big THANK YOU for his fantastic work as the chair of the Friends over the past few years. I have no doubt Jonty will continue to play an active part in the group.



Year 4 camp 2019 to Tregoyd PGL.

Please can we remind parents/carers that the deadline for receiving all deposit payments is **Friday 26th October**. Once all deposits have been received the camp can be costed accordingly.



Parent's Evening

KS2 Parents' Evenings will be on 21st November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and on 22nd November between 4.30pm and 7.00pm. Letters will be issued during the last week of term.

Senco Meetings: Mrs Cole will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. She will be available on 16th October on the infant site and 21st November on the junior site. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the school office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening. Thank you.



Dinner money accounts:

Since the start of the academic year we have been carrying out a complete audit of all dinner money accounts on ParentMail going

back as far as 01.09.2016, in order to check that all accounts on ParentMail match our internal Management Information System that we use to take registers and dinner choices each day (which is SIMs).

We have made the necessary amendments to records and we can now confirm that the dinner money accounts on ParentMail are reconciled and match accounts held on SIMs. Some of you may notice an amendment to your balance on ParentMail but we can confirm that they are correct.

As we have been carrying out this audit, we have not been chasing any outstanding balances. This has now commenced with immediate effect, so please can we take this opportunity to remind you all that **dinner money accounts should always be maintained in credit.**

Any accounts that are more than £10.00 in arrears, school policy procedures will be adhered to and an email will be sent asking that a packed lunch be provided until such time as the arrears are cleared in FULL. We will not accept payment for one meal (and provide a meal that day) where there are existing arrears on the account. All arrears must be cleared in full, before a school dinner will be provided.

Please can we also remind you that the cost of school dinners will increase to £2.10 with effect from 5th November 2018. Thank you.

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.



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the infant site from Monday 5th November and the junior site from 15th November. Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child.



Reminder about Year 5 and Year 6 visit to The Tobacco Factory on Thursday 20th December.

We have made arrangements for our Year 5 and year 6 children to visit The Tobacco Factory to see their production of 'The Borrowers' as part of our Christmas celebrations.

Please can we remind parents/carers that all payments for tickets must be made online via ParentMail, **on or before Friday 19th October.** Please note that after this date, all surplus tickets will be returned back to the Tobacco Factory and there will be no further opportunity to purchase any more tickets. Thank you.



School Uniform.

Polo Shirts: These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

Shoes: Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS! Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE BLACK JEANS, LEGGINGS AND HOODED PURPLE TOPS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND MUST NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL.

PE kit: is a purple tee-shirt and black shorts in a purple dap bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc. ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Back Packs are not allowed on the infant site as space is very limited.

Pencil Cases: just a reminder that pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. The only exception to this is in Y6 where pupils are getting ready for using their own pencil cases and equipment in secondary school.

NO TOYS OR GAMES ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.

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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 FOR A HOLIDAY 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.

PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT. YOU CAN STILL BE FINED IF YOU DON'T FILL OUT A FORM.



TERM DATES

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.



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.

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning.

Hair should be a natural colour with no shocking colours or bleaching. Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way and distract other children from their learning.

Mobile phones are banned at school. Please follow the policy and ask for permission slips at the office if you need your child to bring a phone to school. The school accepts no responsibility for items brought from home.



On Road Cycle Training

Level 2 & Level 3 Bikeability courses

Bristol:

25th & 26th October 2017

- Level 2 training for 9-11yrs
- Level 3 training for 11-15yrs
- Small groups to build confidence
- National Qualification
- Clifton High School venue



Supported by Bristol City Council

Build your cycle skills and confidence and help make the school holidays more fun!

Level 2 is £15 per child; Level 3 £30 per child, you can book online or over the phone.



Book online at:
www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/childrens-holiday-course
or call: 0117 3534580



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NAS out of school clubs

Join us for weekly fun sessions in St Paul's or Southmead

The club

- fun and supported youth club for young people aged 8-18 years with autism and Asperger's syndrome
- activities include cooking, sports, games, crafts, and trips out
- sessions once a week throughout the year. Longer sessions during the holidays

What will I do?

- make friends
- get involved in activities and games
- try activities such as bowling, and climbing
- attend club sessions once a week in the evening
- have fun!



How do I join you?

Parents/carers need to get in touch with Lea. Her email is leos@nas.org.uk and her telephone number is 07767 166 324.

The leader of the club of your choice will visit you at home and talk to you and your parents/carers about the club.

You are invited to come for a first session and if you like it, you can come every week!

For further information about our Out of School Clubs or a volunteer application form please contact
Lea on 07767 166 324 or email leos@nas.org.uk
All volunteers must complete a Disclosure and Barring Service check with the NAS
Please note parental consent is needed for all volunteers age 16-18



Holymead
Primary

Mon 3:20-4:30
Starts: 12th Nov

ANIMALS CLOSE UP



SIGN ME UP!

£38 for 5 weeks (£7.60 a session)
including all resources and refreshments

BOOK: gsketch.co.uk and click **Book Now**
or contact Emma: emma@gsketch.co.uk 07717 313 651



News

Governors' Corner.

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee met to check the asbestos survey and do a visual inspection on the infant site. They also checked the site for any health and safety issues. There will be snagging work for the new heating system being carried out over the holidays.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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