

Dear Parents/Carers

Some of you may remember last year we received an invitation to appear in the Parliamentary Review which is a showcase for good practice in schools. It was wonderful to have the school recognised for the good work it does. I am pleased to say the publication is now out in print and we will be handing out copies to current and prospective parents at Open Day to be able to read about the success of our school. 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.



Aspirations' Day 12th October



Last year we held an Aspirations' Day which was great at getting children talking about their interests and ambitions. We are therefore going to hold another Aspirations' Day across the whole school (KS1 and KS2) where children are invited

to dress up in something that relates to what they would like to do when they grow up! This year the children's Rights' Action Group would like to fundraise for the Red Cross to support aid for people who have suffered from the effect of the recent tsunamis in Indonesia. Please send your £1 donation into class. We look forward to seeing your children's aspirations!

What's Happening

Y6 secondary school transfer meeting on 4th October at 3.30pm in the Upper Hall. Open to Y5 and Y6 parents.

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

Y1 Phonics' Meeting 8th October 3.20pm in the Hall (crèche available).

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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

Y6 Run, shoot, ride October 11th

Percy Smith swimming 10th October 7.30pm

KS2 Fun with Fractions 12th November

Harvest Festival

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 school. Thank you.



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.



The Bristol Post usually come early to take a photo of new reception children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give permission or not for your child to appear in the paper. Pupils are not normally named on this occasion. We will keep you posted at to when the Bristol Post Supplement is being published. Thank you.



Next Gen Photographers will be in school on the following dates:
15th October- KS2 individuals and siblings on the junior site.

16th October- family, siblings and individuals on the infant site

If you want a FAMILY group photo with ANY age children including across either sites or pre-schoolers bring them on 16th October to the infant site at 8.30am.

Siblings who are currently on the **same site** as each other will automatically be photographed together so do not need to come to the family session.

Please let teachers know the day before that you may be late for registration if you're having family photos done.



Friends' AGM Friday KS1 and KS2 (infant and junior sites).

We are pleased to say there was a good turnout at the Friends' AGM last week. Lisa Holden has been elected as 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.

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



Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 16th October 2.50pm

Tree frog – Middle Hall

Tuesday 16th October 2.50pm

Springbok – 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. Thanks.



EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings are on the

11th October 3.30-6.30pm and 16th October 3.30-5.30pm. Lists are up on classroom doors for you to write children's names on for appointments.

Parent's Evening

(Please use children's names rather than parent names so teachers know which books to get ready). These are short 5-10 minute appointments so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues please arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school. **These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities.** Thank you.

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.

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.



School Uniform. We have moved to all uniform being ordered online. We stock different sizes of sweat shirts etc so you can try on a sample to get the right size before ordering. If you don't have internet access our office staff are happy to help you with ordering 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.



Governors' Corner.

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee met to

oversee the budget, which is looking on track.

Governors also discussed the work undertaken over the holidays including the complete overhaul of the heating system on the infant site and the re-siting of the office on the junior site. We are still waiting for the phone line to be put in then we will be able to move the office over and start the new entry system. Mrs Lowe and Mrs Peters are doing a great job covering the office whilst Mrs Reynolds is sick.



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.

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.



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 kept in credit or at zero. Dinners and services MUST be paid for in ADVANCE rather than in arrears. Reminders will be issued accordingly.



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 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.



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.



Rules and Safety

As the new school year starts I would like to inform parents about some of the rules around school.

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 (except guide/working dogs). 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. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any items brought from home.

Yours sincerely
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