

Thursday 18th July 2019 Number 4, Term 6



Dear Parents and Carers

Please take a look at the fantastic SATs results at the end of this newsletter. Pupils across the school have been working very hard and I'm pleased to see the results reflect this. Our KS2 results are, as last year, well above the national average and our KS1 SATs' results are also above average. We are also pleased with our super Y1 phonic check results which are in line with average and our combined Y1 and Y2 retake result which is an amazing 94%. Early Years outcomes are also positive. I am very proud of all the children and all my staff for all their hard work. Well done, everyone!



Y5 and 6 Drummers got into the carnival spirit by playing on one of the floats at St Paul's Carnival this year. They were amazing and had a fantastic day. Their drumming teachers said

they really enjoyed coming to Holymead each week because your children are so well behaved and had a great sense of rhythm and fun!

Check out their photo on the BBC website at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-48893033>



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.

What's Happening

July

Y6 Leavers' Assembly 19th July 9.20am

Please note these assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. There will be a crèche. Thanks.

School Closes TOMORROW

New academic year starts:

Wednesday 4th September 2019

for KS1 and KS2,

Thursday 5th September for new

Reception starters

(INSET days 2nd and 3rd Sept)

Have a great summer everyone!



Every Day Counts.

One thing we have noticed about our KS2 SATs is a very stark correlation between attendance and level of SATs results.

93% of children with attendance between 96-100% reached the Expected Standard in Reading and Maths.

Success rates dropped away very quickly as only **74%** of children with attendance of 95% or below reached the Expected Standard in Reading and **67%** of children with attendance of 95% or below reached the Expected Standard in Maths.

Which just goes to show every day counts!

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.



For the second year running Holymead has entered the top 10 best schools in Bristol according to the Bristol Post. We are pleased to rank so highly.



Year 6 camp to Red Ridge 2020. Please can we remind our current Year 5 parents that deposit payments are due to be paid in order to secure your child a place at next year's camp. The deadline for payments has been extended until Friday 6th September 2019. Thank you.



Sporting News.

We are very proud to have been awarded the Ashton Park Sports Partnership 'Pathways to Sport Award' for 2018-19. This award is given to a school that has demonstrated a long lasting commitment to sports participation. This year

Holymead was recognised for its on-going commitment to Girls' sports and in particular Girls' football. This year alone 50 girls from Year 4 to Year 6 have represented our school in a football competition or competitive match.

During the year we have also raised awareness of women's sport in general through PSHC lessons and assemblies and made children aware of issues relating to discrimination.

We are very proud of Louis H in Year 6 who was nominated for his outstanding contribution across several different sports.

Regional Cricket Finals: Our cricket team performed brilliantly in the Regional Cricket Finals last week against teams from as far afield as Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The team won 2 out of 4 matches and represented our school in an impeccable fashion. It was lovely to see many parents there supporting the team; thank you for your support. Congratulations to all the boys: **Gloucestershire County Kwik Cricket Champions 2018-19!**



Spellings

This year's KS2 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) results were well above the national average and

we feel the support parents have given their children in learning their spellings has played an important part in making sure children are ready for these harder tests.

A letter will be sent home with every child to outline the spellings they need to practise over the summer. All children will be tested on their spellings in September. There are also spelling lists on the school website. Please make sure your child practises their year group spellings. If they struggle then limit your child to one or two sections to go over and over. If they know them all then your child can learn the next year's list.



Times tables are also on the website for children to practise and learn off by heart. Keep returning to the lists regularly and testing your child. I can't emphasise enough the difference knowing your times tables makes. It is those children who have learnt them that speed through their maths work in class.

Next year, Y4 will be doing the new Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) which tests their tables up to 12x12.



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!



Jack Rutter:

Footballer and Olympian Jack Rutter visited our school recently. Thank you to those children that raised sponsorship money from this event. The children who participated raised a total of £1,981.63 of which £980.18 is donated back to the school, in order to purchase new sports equipment.



Governors' Corner.

The Health and Safety governors met last week to walk round the infant site checking for health and safety issues that may need dealing with. A list of jobs has been drawn up to do over the summer, including pruning of trees and shrubs to keep the school and grounds safe and looking attractive.



All reports have now been issued. If you haven't received yours please ring the office. We are grateful to those parents who have taken the time to feedback on the reply slip.

We are also grateful for all the returns to the parent questionnaire. We will be collating results over the holidays. Your feedback helps us see what we need to improve. Thank you.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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 (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.



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.



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.



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2018- 2019

Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Fri 19th July 2019 (22nd, 23rd INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.

Term Dates 2019- 2020

Term 1

(INSET 2nd, 3rd Sept.)

Wed 4th Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 5th Sept- New intake Reception start.

Fri 25th October- last day of Term 1.

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov- Thurs 19th Dec 2019 (INSET 20th Dec)

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 – Thursday 13th Feb 2020 (INSET 14th Feb)

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb- Fri 3rd April 2020

Term 5

Mon 20th April- Fri 22nd May 2020

Term 6

Mon 1st June- Friday 17th July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)



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.



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WITH SOUTH BRISTOL SPORTS
CENTRE

Date & Time:
AUGUST 5TH
UNTIL
AUGUST 30TH

Ages:
AGES 6 - 12

For more information
BOOK ONLINE VIA THE BRISTOL CITY WEBSITE OR
CONTACT 01179630636 OR DANIEL.ROGERS@BCFC.CO.UK



School Uniform- Leggings, black jeans, and bright, colourful trainers are NOT part of school uniform and should not be worn to school.

Also please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. No unnatural coloured hair or shocking styles. Small bows are acceptable, large sparkly ones get in the way and distract others from their learning.

Yours sincerely
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Key stage 1 comparative report

This information allows you to compare your child's performance at the end of key stage 1 with the attainment of other year 2 pupils in our school this year, and across England in 2018.

Subject	%EXS+		%GD	
	School	National	School	National
Reading	81%	75%	32%	26%
Writing	74%	70%	17%	16%
Maths	83%	76%	25%	22%
RWM	73%	N/A	15%	N/A
Science	83%	83%	N/A	N/A

Key stage 2 comparative report

This information allows you to compare your child's performance at the end of key stage 2 with the attainment of other year 6 pupils in our school and across England.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally ¹	Average scaled score: school	Average scaled score: nationally ²
English reading	80%	73%	105.8	104
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	85%	78%	108.3	106
Mathematics	83%	79%	105.0	105
English writing (teacher assessment)	80%	78%	NA	NA
Science (teacher assessment)	86%	Not available	NA	NA

¹ Percentages for English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling, mathematics, and English writing teacher assessment (TA) are based on provisional headline information on the 2019 national curriculum assessments.

² Average scaled scores for English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and mathematics are based on provisional headline information on the 2019 national curriculum assessments.