

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Number 1, Term 6

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# WELCOME BACK

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 6 which promises to be very busy with visits, sports' days and summer activities such as the Summer Fayre. We look forward to seeing you at these various events. Thank you!



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 better.



**Staff moving classes.** For those of you who know the school you will know that teachers and LSAs are employed to work throughout the whole age range and regularly move about through different year groups,

across both sites. Staff are expected to move around the age ranges to become competent at teaching all ages. I am keen to dispel the myth that staff who move from Reception to Y6 are getting promoted and those who move from Y6 to reception are getting demoted!! As staff will be moving around (in September) I think they would be dismayed to think parents considered a change of age range as a promotion or demotion. It is not. This is simply part of the cycle of moving around and keeping staff up to date with ways of teaching in all the age ranges.

## What's Happening

### June

Y2 Tyntesfield visit  
6<sup>th</sup> June Boys' cricket tournament  
7<sup>th</sup> June Girls' cricket tournament  
10<sup>th</sup> June pm- Reception Grandparents' visit  
Y5 Harry Potter trip  
Y1/2 RE Barnabus workshops  
Y4 Camp

**The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 Phonic re-checks** will be administered in the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### July

Y1 Ashton Court trip  
Dogs' Trust workshop  
Y5/6 Drumming at St Paul's Carnival  
Y3 North Somerset Show visit  
Y6 Brea



### Class Assemblies-

Falcon 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2.45pm Middle Hall

Finch 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2.45pm 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.**

**Thank you.**



### 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.**



### Sports' Days

Parents and carers are invited to watch our Sports' Days on the following dates:

#### KS1 Sports' Day (YR-Y2) 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

We need volunteers to help organise the activities at the infant site. Please see your class teacher if you can help.

#### KS2 Sports' Day (Y3-Y6) 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The juniors will walk to Oasis, Brislington who have kindly offered to host our junior sports' day again. Please see the KS2 letter.



### Summer Concert

Our musicians and choir invite you to their Summer Concert in the Upper Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. Please make sure your child is regularly practising their part at home. We look forward to hearing them perform in the concert.



### Governors' Corner

At the Health and Safety meeting Governors monitored the first aid books and accident reporting system to check correct procedures are being followed.

They also discussed plans to make the infant building more secure with a double door system, as we have done at the junior site.

Governors are pleased to welcome a new community governor Daher Aden. Daher has experience of working in the areas of safeguarding and a background in frontline children's social services, policing as well as education charities. We are sure he will be an asset to the governing body.



### Holymead Summer Fayre – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm-2.pm.

This will be held on the larger junior site where of course everyone is welcome. We are planning lots of fun activities and stalls so please come along. If you are able to help out at all on the day, please contact the Friends' group at [holymeadfriends@gmail.com](mailto:holymeadfriends@gmail.com) Thank you.



**Parking Reminder!** Please do not 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.



### 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.**



**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.



**Summer Uniform-**  
summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colour.

Pupils may wear **black or grey** school shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school. Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals should be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours. Sunglasses get broken very easily so they are not allowed in school except for medical reasons. Parents need to write a brief note to the teacher explaining the reason. Thank you. Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be **sensible and appropriate for school** ie not unnatural colours or shocking styles. **Small bows are acceptable, large and sparkly ones are not as they distract other children from their learning.** Trainers and leggings are **NOT** school uniform and therefore should not be worn in school.



**Kwik Cricket Festival**  
**Brislington Cricket Club**  
**Thursday 9th June 2019**  
**Champions! Next Stop County Finals in Cheltenham!**

Congratulations to our Boys' Cricket Team who won their local qualifying tournament organised by the Gloucestershire Cricket Board at Brislington Cricket Club. After narrowly losing our opening game (by 3 runs!) against Knowle Park we secured victories over Barrs School and Knowle Park. In our last match, we won a high scoring contest against previous champions The Park School. That meant that we were in a three-way tie with The Park and Knowle Park for first place with the winners decided on wickets conceded. As we had conceded only 6 wickets in 4 matches (an outstanding record!) we were declared the winners and will now progress to the county finals on Friday 21st June at Cheltenham College. An amazing performance from all the boys! Well done - we are so proud of all of you. Most importantly, our team conducted themselves in an exemplary manner in what was a very competitive but very friendly tournament.

Team: Oscar C, Oscar D, Saul, Oren, Lucas, Angus, Louis, Oliver, Remi, Charlie



..... Mon 3:20-4:30  
Holymead Primary Starts: 10th June  
Junior Site 2nd Week Back  
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# PICTURE BOOKS

Enter the imaginative world of picture books and explore artists such as Shaun Tan, Dave McKean and others. Then create your own!



**SIGN ME UP!**

£38 for 5 weeks (£7.60 a session) including all resources and refreshments. Infants must be walked to the junior site

BOOK: [gosketch.co.uk](http://gosketch.co.uk) and click Book Now or contact Emma: [emma@gosketch.co.uk](mailto:emma@gosketch.co.uk) 07717 313 651



**Mrs Woodington** has written to the school to say thank you to everyone who took part in the dress down day for Kane last term. We raised £595.10 for Harefield Hospital, on Kain's fundraising page. The total raised currently sits at £22,252.00. 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 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)

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR A LITTER PICK

Please join us

The Friends of Victory Park 



In Association with Greater Brislington Together

<https://greaterbrislington.org/>



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 12.00

Meeting at the playground

Litter pickers and bags provided but please bring gloves and wear stout shoes

Love and Care for your local park



### Friends' Events:

#### Coin Bucket June 2019

This year we are asking parents to help raise money for school funds by organising a Coin weigh in. All legal tender coins welcome! The weigh-in will be conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> June so all coins need to be brought in by then! There will be a class prize of books for the heaviest bucket on the infant site and the heaviest one on the junior site. Thanks.



### Year 4 PGL Camp

Please can I remind parents/carers of those year 4 children who will be attending the camp at PGL Tregoyd on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June (for 2 nights), that the total balance must be paid in full by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. Thank you.

Yours sincerely  
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