

What's Happening

June

Y5 Harry Potter trip
Y1/2 RE Barnabus workshops

July

Y1 Ashton Court trip
Dogs' Trust workshop
Y5/6 Drumming at St Paul's Carnival, July 6th
Y3 North Somerset Show visit
Y6 Brean
Shuffle Up 8th July
Open Day 11th July
Y3 Recorder Concert 5th July 2.50pm
Y6 Performance 9th July 1.45 and 6.30pm
Y3 Egyptian Day 12th July
Y2 Moving Up Assembly 18th July 9.10am
KS1 Disco 17th July
Y6 Disco 16th July 5pm-6.30pm Upper Hall
Y6 Leavers' Assembly 19th July 9.20am

Thursday 20th June 2019 Number 2, Term 6

**IMPORTANT
DATE
CHANGE**

Dear Parents and Carers

Please note the change to the May Bank Holiday next year. To coincide with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day the May Bank Holiday has been changed from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May 2020.



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.



Class Assemblies-

Robin 27th June 9.10am Infant Hall
Red Panda 4th July 9.10am Infant Hall
Falcon 2nd July 2.45pm Middle Hall
Finch 2nd 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. Thanks.



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.



KS1 Sports' Day (YR-Y2) 21st June 2019

Parent/carers are invited to watch in the main playground, weather permitting:

Y2 9.15-10.15am

Y1 10.30-11.30am

YR 1.45-2.45pm

In the event of rain, KS1 Sports' Day will take place in the infant hall. Unfortunately due to lack of space parents will be unable to watch inside events.



Summer Concert

Our musicians and choir invite you to their Summer Concert in the Upper Hall on 26th 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. Make sure you bring your tickets on the night.



Congratulations Year 1 and those in Y2 who did their Phonics Check last week.

We are very pleased with how well the children have worked to learn their phonics. Parents will get results at the end of the year. Any children who haven't passed the check are already having interventions to help them learn the sounds they don't know and this will continue into next year. Teachers are happy to share ideas of how to practise phonics at home so please ask.



Holymead Summer Fayre – 29th June, 12pm-2.pm.

Thank you everyone for your amazing donations for the fayre on the non-uniform day.

The Summer Fayre 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 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.

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.



Shuffle up Day- on the afternoon of 8th 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 11th July at 6pm on the junior site.



Year 5 Harry Potter trips next week. Please remember, whether you are attending on the 24th or 25th June, CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL BY 7.20am TO LEAVE PROMPTLY AT 7.30am. COACHES WILL NOT WAIT AROUND FOR ANY LATE CHILDREN. 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 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)



Open Day Thursday 11th 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.

Yours sincerely
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