

Thursday 10th May 2018 Number 3, Term 5

Dear Parents/Carers



Meeting for parents of children starting school (new Reception) in September 2018 on Thursday 24th May at 7pm in the infant hall.

This meeting is for adults only. There will be no crèche. Come and find out about your child starting school in September.



Culture Day- Music and Stories

We will be celebrating the broad wealth of cultures we have in school in our special Culture Day on 23rd May. This year the focus will be on music and stories from different cultures. We would love parents/carers to get involved and if you would like to bring in some music, teach a dance, sing a song or read a story from your culture then please see your class teacher to arrange a time. We don't want to do things the same every year so please note we are NOT dressing up this year or bringing in food. Pupils must wear normal school uniform.



Summer Concert

Our musicians and choir invite you to their Summer Concert in the Upper Hall on 20th 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.



The **photographer** is in school this term to take class photos so please make sure children are looking smart in full school uniform on 24th May. Details of school uniform are outlined below in this newsletter.


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What's
Happening

MAY:

21st May- Y1 Gymnastics workshop
21st May- Y5/6 parents' meeting re **online safety** at 3.20pm- Salamander Class

JUNE:

8th June non-uniform day to bring in donations for the summer fayre
11th June pm- Reception Grandparents' visit
Y5 Harry Potter trip
YR police dog visit
Y2 drama workshops
Y2 Zoo visit
Y3 Botanical Gardens visit



Class Assemblies-

Robin 21st June- Infant Hall

Fox 22nd May- Middle Hall

Firefly 22nd May- Upper Hall

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

Friends' Activities –Coin

Line 21.6.18

This year we are asking parents to help raise money for school funds by organising a Coin line.



We are, therefore, requesting that children collect silver and/or copper coins. The children will then lay out the coins and measure their lines. The class with the longest line wins the trophy. We will carry out the activity in June so recommend children start saving their coins now! All legal tender coins welcome! Thanks.



Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 5

Mon 9th April to Fri 25th May

Term 6

Mon 4th Jun to Mon 23rd July 2018 (24th July INSET)

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.



Friends' Events:

Friends' Meeting 25th May on the infant site (for WHOLE school parents/carers) after 'drop off'. New members always welcome. Please come and offer as much or as little time as you can eg an hour to help at the summer fayre. Pre-school children welcome.



Friends' Ice cream Sale-

18th May on the junior site after school

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 14th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check will be administered in the week beginning 11th June.

The Y2 SATs test will be administered during the month of May.

It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2 children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised. If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see me or ring school immediately. Thank you.



Bristol Schools' Primary Gala News!

A very proud picture of Finn sporting his two swimming medals.

Eight of our swimming club members qualified for the Bristol Schools Primary Gala, which took place last

Saturday. It was an amazing evening with lots of really fast swims.

Holymead qualified for the relays as well as some individual events. Finn came away with 2 bronze medals and narrowly missing out on a third medal by coming 4th in one race.

It was also really nice to see ex pupil and member of Holymead swim team Kai Adams winning the senior individual medley and breaking the current record for time. A real inspiration to all our swimmers.

Well done Finn, Ethan, Joe, Louis, Olivia, Iris, Celia and Mia.



Dinner money arrears.

We have an extremely high amount of dinner money accounts in arrears at present. Please can we remind parents that **dinner money accounts on ParentMail MUST ALWAYS be kept in credit.**

Our school policy is that once an account for an individual child is in arrears of £10.00 or more, then a packed lunch **MUST** be provided for your child until such time as these arrears are cleared. A ParentMail will be sent to parents to advise them when accounts are in arrears and phone calls will be made home, should a school dinner be requested when arrears are present.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Please note the school prospectus, which is available on our website states: 'Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate for school e.g. not unnatural colours or shocking styles'.

Jewellery should not be worn in school (except small pierced earrings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher.

Please also note pupils are NOT allowed to bring any personal items from home such as toys or accessories. The only exceptions are Y6 pencil cases. The school accepts no responsibility for items brought from home. 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.



Sports' Days

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

KS1 Sports' Day (YR-Y2) 22nd June 2018

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) 15th June 2018

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

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 must be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours.

Please remember hairstyles and accessories such as hats should be sensible and conducive to learning.

Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way.

Pupils should NOT wear trainers.

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.



ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.



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.



Staff News

Many of you will remember Miss Courtenay who took an unpaid sabbatical year to travel the world. Between continents Miss Courtenay has kept in touch with the school. She has now decided to leave Holymead and is off to Asia. We will miss her infectious laugh and wish her all the best in the future.

We also have Mrs Wiltshire returning part time from maternity leave so have filled our vacancies with current staff who were on temporary contracts.

We are delighted that Miss Harris (Y2), Miss Norrington (Y5) and Miss Powell (Y3) will be continuing with their good work at the school.

We will be wishing Mrs Thomas and Miss Phillips (on the infant site) a happy maternity leave in May and June respectively.



Holymead Summer Fayre – 30th June, 12pm-2.pm.

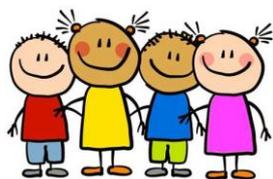
This will be held on the larger junior site where of course everyone is welcome. We are planning lots of fun activities and stalls so please come along.



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.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies.

The 2018 Leavers' hoodies for our year 6 children, are available to purchase online (via our ParentMail payment System). There are sample hoodies available for children to try on for size, in the school office on the junior site. The deadline for all orders/payments to be received will be **Friday 25th May**. These will be distributed to the children during the last week of the summer term. Thank you.



Our Year 4 campers are having a wonderful time and they are making the most of being outside in this lovely weather that we are currently

experiencing. Please refer to the year 4 page on the school website for any updates/photos sent.

Yours sincerely
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“Walk to School”

Earlier this year, children on the junior site began tracking their walk to school with “Living Streets”. Each child is tracking the mode of transport they have taken to school using an online tracker. This term, the infant site will be joining the juniors in their tracking using the same system.

Each infant class will be tracking their mode of transport using the online system, two days each week. Each class should have a poster outside their classroom specifying which days. Please check class noticeboards for these days.

To finish our “Walk to School” tracking on the infant site, we will be celebrating “Walk to School” week at the end of T5 (week beginning 21st May).



Governors' Corner. Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion governors met last week and monitored overall (not individual children's) progress. The progress of groups of children is very positive. We also had feedback on Art from the Art subject leaders and we are proud of the excellent level of skill and creativity we see in the children's sketch books and Art work round the school. Governors also monitor attendance and we are all concerned with children's attendance that falls below 90% (again individual names are not discussed). There is a noticeable correlation between children not in school and lack of progress in their work. Please make sure your child is in school by 9am every day.