

Thursday 12th April 2018 Number 1, Term 5

Dear Parents/Carers



Welcome back. With warmer weather hopefully round the corner I've included a reminder about summer uniform.

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 should be sensible and conducive to learning. **Small bows are acceptable, large ones get in the way.** Pupils should NOT wear trainers. Thank you.

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.



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.



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.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

What's Happening

Forthcoming Events:

YR Chew Valley Farm visit

Y1 Court Farm visit

Y3 and Y4 cooking

10th to 12th April Reception health checks

Y4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Y6 Lifeskills

12th -26th Upper KS2 Girls' football tournament

23rd May- Culture Day



Class Assemblies-

CHANGED DATE Otter [Thurs 26th April- infant hall](#)

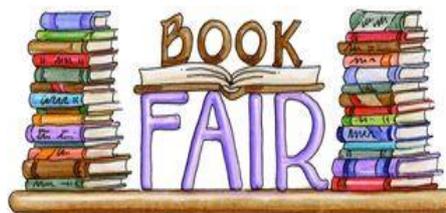
Owl [Thurs 3rd May- infant hall](#)

Octopus [Thurs 10th May- 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.



Book Fair on the infant site.

The Scholastic book fair will be on the infant site from 20th to 25th April.

The commission earned will be spent on new books for our pupils.



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:

The new date for Bingo Night is 27th April. Those people who purchased a ticket for the original event; these ticket will still be valid and we look forward to seeing you there.

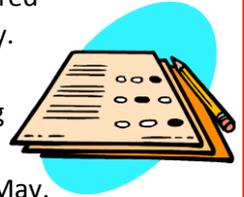
If you have previously purchased a ticket but are now unable to attend, please contact the Friends' who will arrange a refund for you.

Further tickets are also available, should you decide that you are now available to attend.

Next Friends' Meeting- 13th April after drop off on the infant site. New members always welcome. You can give as many or as few hours as you can spare to help.

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.



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.

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.



Times Tables Rockstars. This is a times tables app for tablets or website access to support children in recalling their times tables fluently. Pupils on the junior site had a launch assembly at the start of this term and should be accessing this regularly. As

you are aware, learning times tables is a very important skill for children to succeed in maths. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 can log in using their existing blogging password, and access a range of games to upgrade their "Rock Star" status and earn points to upgrade their online avatar. Year 2 have also received their passwords.

You can download (FREE) Times Tables Rock Stars in the App Store for your device (iOS/Android) or visit the website trockstars.com



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.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

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 OR 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.



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.

School Uniform.

Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS!



PLEASE NOTE JEANS AND HOODED 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: 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.



The governors and I are delighted to be able to inform you of the outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection. The school remains GOOD. We were proud to show inspectors round the school and feel

the report reflects the good things we do. It was acknowledged we know the areas we need to improve and we have already begun working on these. We would like to thank parents/ carers for their support and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.



KS1 Spelling Bee.

The results are in! The winners of the Spelling Bee on the infant site were Verity C in Octopus class and Albert F in Toucan class. They were both presented with a trophy and book token, for doing so well. Well done to both of you



Don't Forget!

Year 4 Hillcrest PGL 2018 camp- please can we remind parents of those children who are attending this camp, that the final deadline for all payments to be made, is **Monday 30th April 2018.**

Please ensure that the total balance of £202.50 is paid in full, on or before this date.

Health forms and kit lists are being issued to the children tomorrow. Please can we ask that all completed health forms are returned to child's class teacher, by Friday 20th April. 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.

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.



"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).

Nurturing Parenting Programme



Where: Holymead Primary School

Starting: Wednesday 11th April

Time: 12.45-2.45

The Programme will run for 11 weeks. The first week is an introduction and an opportunity for everyone to meet in a friendly environment.

Contact Wendy Kelly Family Link Worker Holymead Primary School to book a place or find out more.
0117-9030377 /0117-9030381

SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE. PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS KELLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



Governors' Corner.

With good financial management by staff and governors we have kept within budget this year. Next year's budget is looking tight as everything is going up except our income. However, with staff leaving we have not replaced them so we are currently in a better position than many schools who are having to make staff redundant because budgets cannot stretch far enough. Health and safety governors have expressed their concern about the state of the stone work on the junior site and the local authority have responded with further stone masons being sent to work on the roof and walls.

There is currently a parent governor election underway so please make sure you use your vote. Thanks.

COMMUNITY LEARNING EMPLOYMENT SKILLS & LEARNING

Happiness and Aspirations
Free confidence building course

- Explore what makes you happy
- Recognise your value and worth
- Define your ambitions and plan the future you want
- Create a visual image to help you on your journey

When: Monday 16th April to 21st May from 1pm to 3pm
Contact Wendy Kelly Family Link Worker to book a place 0117 9030377
Where: Holymead Primary School, Wick Rd, Brislington, BS4 4HB

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COMMUNITY LEARNING EMPLOYMENT SKILLS & LEARNING

SATS Support

- Help you and your child get ready for SATS
- Ideas and tools to help your child study, manage nerves and help them and you stay calm during SATS week

Free course for parents/carers. Enrol at school office.

Every Tues from 17 April to 5 May 2018 from 1pm to 3pm
At Holymead Primary School
(Please bring ID and NI number along)
For more info contact Wendy Kelly
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