

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Number 2, Term 3

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

### Dear Parents/Carers

Do come along to the Friends' Meeting tomorrow at 9am in the junior library to help plan future events.



The last day of Term 3 is **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February**. We are closed on **10<sup>th</sup> Feb** for an **INSET** day.  
Term 4 starts on **MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February**.

### Adverse Weather and possible School Closure

In exceptional circumstances e.g. heavy snow or failure of heating systems we may need to close the school.

**However, this is always the last resort so parent/ carers should always assume we will be OPEN unless we tell you otherwise.** Ways we may be able to inform you of closure are through Parentmail, local radio, Bristol City Council website listing school closures and the school's own website (see address below). Any systems can be clogged up by a large amount of usage so please bear with us and remember we are trying to do our best.

You can also try phoning the school if you are uncertain or coming from a long way away. In the event of partial closure we allow 30 children to attend for every teacher present.



**School dinner money records** are now up to date on ParentMail and are showing the true dinner money balances. **Please remember to check**

**your child's balance on a regular basis and ensure that their account remains in credit at all times.** We are a cash less school (where possible), yet we are still receiving payments in to the school office. Please ensure you pay future payments online. Thank you.

### Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan 26.1.16

KS2 pupils are organising a cake sale on the junior site to raise money for this charity. Please support them by bringing in cakes or coming to buy them on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January after school.



**Y2 SAT's Meeting** for parents- 25<sup>th</sup> January at 3.20pm.

There will be a further **Y2 meeting** about Maths on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3.30pm. There will be a crèche for both meetings.



### Events this term

**Whole School Bread Week- 16<sup>th</sup> January onwards.**

All classes will have the opportunity to make different kinds of bread. A Caterlink chef is supporting us in this venture. Y6 will do Bread Week in the summer term.

**Y6** will be dressing up for WW2 Day on 3.2.16  
**STAGES** Red Panda class will be performing at the Colston Hall in February.

**Y4's RE** will involve a visitor from the Wesley Chapel in February.

**Y5's RE** will include a Sikh visitor this term  
**25<sup>th</sup> January-** Y3/4 Boccia Club to play at Oasis  
**Boys' Football Competition** Thursday's after school this term.



### Holymead Hub After School Club

The school and governors have been busy setting up a new club called the Holymead Hub After School Club. Places will be allocated to children who have previously attended Oasis After School Club, in the first instance. However, after the February holiday (if there are spaces) it will be available for other Holymead children to join. Details to follow.



### Percy Smith Gala swim report by Kaya.

Last night (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017), Holymead had another school gala at Horfield Leisure Centre. All the team put in a really strong performance. Unfortunately though, we came last but if you look closely at the scores you'll see that there really wasn't much in it. In the boys and girls medley the boys did amazingly and came a close second; the girls also did really well and came in third. Most of the older team came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their races. Even though the younger team are not as experienced as the older ones, they still did really well. In the last race of the night (the Canon), we didn't have a great start but then Adam swam and took us from half a length behind, in to fourth position. Well done team Holymead!

### Class Assemblies:

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2.50pm Tree frog - Middle Hall

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2.50pm Salamander - Upper Hall

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 9.10am Toucan- Infant 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 and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. If everyone who uses the crèche volunteers to help out in a different one then we have plenty of helpers. Please put your name forward at either office if you can help. Thanks.



### Internet Safety - Have you spoken to your children about using the internet safely recently?

At school internet access is fire walled and usually when children type in something unsuitable then access is denied. However, there are some people who occasionally find ways to get round this so we always say to the children if something they don't like comes up on the screen switch the screen off and tell an adult so we can help them. These very rare incidents are always investigated but please be aware the same thing can happen at home even with Parental Controls on.



We are offering parent meetings about using the internet with your child on the following dates:

**Y5/6** 21<sup>st</sup> February 3.30pm

**Y3/4** 28<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm



### Advance Notice

**Parents' Evenings** will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March for juniors (Y3-Y6). Details to follow. These meetings are not suitable for children to attend. **Please do not bring children to school for Parents' Evenings as there is no crèche and the school will not be supervising children.**

**Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.**

### Term Dates 2016-2017

#### Changes in red.

#### Term 3

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 to Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### Term 5

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
(Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May is now an INSET day as the school will be closed for polling).

#### Term 6

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
(Note: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June the school is now open NOT an INSET day)  
(Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July closed- INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.





### What's the Buzz? The Bee is back!

Following on from the success of previous years' Spelling Bees we are holding our fourth Spelling Bee this term. You can help your child by checking they are learning their year group spellings. See your teacher or check the website for the year group spelling lists. There are year group prizes of a trophy and book vouchers to be won. It is a competition that is wide open so long as you practise the spellings.

We have noticed a huge improvement in spelling in general throughout the school but it is most noticeable in those children who take their spellings home and practise them regularly. Parents who support their children really are making a difference.

**The law has changed on holidays taken 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). Any suspicious absence will be investigated.**

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**



### Reminders

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.



### Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:

In response to requests from parents we are once again selling Y6 SATs revision workbooks for maths and English (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & spelling, Arithmetic and reasoning). These workbooks cover the Y6 curriculum and help children practise the skills that they have been taught over the year. They have proved very popular in the past and enable parents to support their children not only in preparing for the SATs tests, but securing the skills that children will need as they make the transition to secondary school. These workbooks are available from the school office at £2.50 per book.

## Rights' Action Group Corner



Over Term 1 and 2 we have been very busy and we have raised money for some great causes. Firstly, we have raised a HUGE amount (£645) for WAR Child – a great charity that supports children affected by war. We held a film night, a cake sale and collected donations after the school's Christmas concerts. We also held a CrAZY HAir daY for Children in Need. Furthermore, thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection which was sent to our local food bank. Over Christmas we, the RAG (Rights Action Group), asked the staff at Holymead to donate gifts to Barnardo's for children in care. A huge amount was donated to make lots of underprivileged children very happy at Christmas.

KS2 Children also had the opportunity to voice their opinions when they voted for which new play equipment they would like to see on the playground from 3 different choices of plans. In addition to this, Year 6 wrote to the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd, to ask what we were doing as a country to support child refugees.

Thank you for all your support and donations and watch out to see what's happening in Term 3 and 4!



**SwingTrain dance fitness classes at Totterdown Baptist Church on Tuesday mornings, 9.15am.**

SwingTrain is a high-intensity dance cardio workout inspired by the joyful, energetic sounds of Charleston, Swing, Gospel, Rhythm & Blues, Electro Swing, and Hot Jazz. These total-body exercise classes are suitable for all levels and the music is so infectious that you won't even realise you're burning over 500 calories an hour! Our first-rate instructors will lead you through a series of fun, follow-along moves and interactive choreography guaranteed to get you sweating and smiling.

SwingTrain promo video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-Xm\\_GDAPps&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-Xm_GDAPps&feature=youtu.be)

Yours sincerely  
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