

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Number 1, Term 5

Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back and I hope you enjoyed the Easter holiday and managed to have some fun family time in the sunshine.

This term is very short with only four full weeks until we break for half term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. They will be a very busy four weeks with SATs for Y2 and Y6 to fit in as well as Heritage Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We have an art focus this year, where year groups have chosen to study the art of different cultures around the world. We are looking forward to inviting you into class after school to see the work we have produced during Heritage Day. Please note this is NOT a dressing up day this year.

  
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**What's Happening**

**April/May**

- 2.5.19 YR theatre story telling
- 3.5.19 Dress Down Day in memory of Kane
- 13.5.19 Y6 SAT's week
- 23.5.19 Heritage Day
- 23.5.19 7pm New YR Parents' Meeting
- 24.5.19 Class and Team Photos



We are pleased to inform YR parents that we have booked a theatre company suitable for YR to enjoy on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. Please can you send your £2 donation next week.



The Scholastic book fair will be on the infant site from 25<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May. Come and treat your child to a new book. The commission earned will be spent on new books for our pupils.



**Class Assemblies-**

Octopus Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May- infant hall 9.10am

Otter Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May infant hall 9.10am

Owl Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June infant hall 9.10am

Flamingo Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Middle Hall 2.45pm

Firefly Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Upper Hall 2.45pm

**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.**



**Friends' Events:**

Meeting tomorrow- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April on the infant site at 9.00am.  
17.5.19 - After school ice cream sale on the junior site. All welcome.



We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Emelia (Mrs Hunt's baby). We are hoping to see them both soon!



**Meeting for parents of children starting school (new Reception) in September 2019, will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm in the infant hall.**

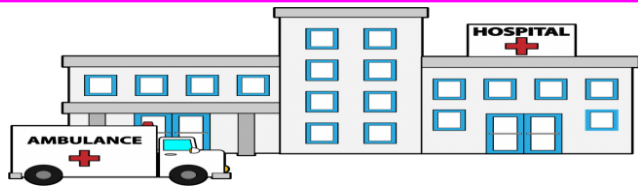
This meeting is for adults only. There will be no crèche. Come and find out about your child starting school in September.



**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.



Parents with a longer connection with the school may have heard the sad news about one of our ex-pupils who died recently. In memory of Kane Woodington the school is going to fund-raise for the hospital that cared for Kane. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May we will hold a 'dress down' day where children can wear whatever they normally wear at home and bring £1 which will go to Harefield Hospital just outside London.



**The photographer** is in school this term to take class and team photos so please make sure children are looking smart in full school uniform on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Details of school uniform are outlined below in this newsletter.



**Dinner money arrears.**

We have a 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 there are arrears on the account.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



**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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**The Y6 SATs tests** will be administered during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**Sickness and Diarrhoea**

Please note the following guidelines from Public Health England: To help prevent the spread of germs children should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting and diarrhoea. Thank you.



**TERM DATES**

**Term Dates 2018- 2019**

**Term 5**

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET)

**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**

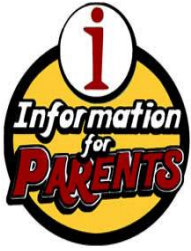
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

**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)



### 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.**



**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.

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Small bows are acceptable, large or sparkly ones get in the way and are distracting to others.

**Trainers and leggings are NOT school uniform and therefore should not be worn in school.**



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. Thank you.

### BRISTOL CITY SINGERS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Starting Thursday 2nd May

St Stephen's Church, Bristol, BS1 1EQ

7 - 8.30pm

No auditions, no experience necessary, always welcoming new singers!



The Bristol City Singers is a new community choir that welcomes singers of all abilities. We are open to absolutely anyone, regardless of ability or experience, and offer a light-hearted, friendly, and relaxed atmosphere to enjoy singing. If you love singing and want to meet weekly to sing pop songs, songs from musicals, the odd folk tune and simple choral pieces at Christmas, then this could be for you! There is no sign up fee, no subscription fee and no subs to pay up-front for a whole term - you simply pay when you attend - just £5 a week. Pay as you go! You don't have to be able to sing to any particular level and you don't need to be able to read music.

**\*\*FIRST REHEARSAL THURSDAY 2nd MAY\*\*** Please send us a message or email to let us know that you intend to come along to the first rehearsal.

Yours sincerely  
**Ms Kate Slatcher**



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