

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Number 1, Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers



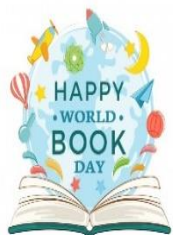
We look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evenings this term. Please note we will be gradually moving over to an online booking system

for Parents' Evenings. This term KS2 parents will need to book online and we will let you know when the booking system is ready. KS1 bookings will continue as they have previously by filling in booking sheets on the classroom doors this term. KS1 will move over to the electronic system next time. Please bear with us as we set up this new system.

If you have problems please ring the office so we can help. Thank you

We are delighted to have been able to book The Hobbit for Y1 to Y6. (It is not suitable for YR). These theatre visits, whilst part funded by the Friends' Group, do rely on parental contributions to make them possible. Please send your £2 donation to your class teacher by Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

We are pleased to inform YR parents that we are in the process of booking a theatre company suitable for YR to enjoy next term!



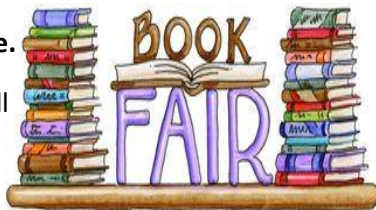
**World Book Day will be happening here on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

To celebrate World Book Day we would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday.

Year groups will buddy up to share books across the school.

**Book Fair on the junior site.**

The Scholastic book fair will be on the junior site from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Please feel free to come along and have a browse. The more books you buy the more free books we get for the library and classrooms, which always need re-stocking. Thank you.



  
**Holymead**  
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**What's Happening**

**March**

**8<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day** (dressing up Friday)

Y4 Carleon visit

Y5 1<sup>st</sup> aid training

Y5 Sikh visitor

Y2 SS Great Britain visit

Y1 Court Farm visit

Y6 Camp

Y4 BSO Concert

YR Chew Valley Farm visit

Y1-2 Fire fighter visitors

13.3.19 Y1-Y6 theatre- The Hobbit



**Governors' Corner.**

Introducing our new governor: Mr Rob Ryan has two children at Holymead. He has experience in marketing, recruitment, budget management and communications. He has also volunteered at a Bristol based charity supporting children in care. We welcome Rob to the governing body.

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

Now in its sixth year The Spelling Bee will be happening this term. (Y6's will be later in the year). 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.



### Class Assemblies-

Toucan- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March- infant hall 9.10am

Tiger- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March- infant hall 9.10am

Tamarin- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April- infant hall 9.10am

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:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Valentine's Cake Sale.

29.3.19 Friends' Spring Sale on the junior site after school. Spot a possible Mother's Day gift!

Next Friends' Meeting is 1.3.19 after drop off on the infant site.



**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.



### 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.



It has come to our attention that some pupils have been using and accessing YouTube at home. In order to create a YouTube account, you have to confirm that you're at least 13 years old. A good guide to access support and guidance with regards to social media is: <https://www.net-aare.org.uk/>

This site has up to date information about games, such as Fortnite, which you may have heard people talking about, and apps and how to keep your child safe in today's digital world.



### Diversity Group meeting.

The Diversity Group wish to invite parents into school to share stories and books from a range of cultures and languages during World Book week w/b 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to offer

to read or tell a story please contact your teacher directly on the door or ring the office to suggest when you are available.



### Parent's Evening

**Parents' Evenings** will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 27<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April 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.**

**Special Educational Needs:** Mrs Cole our SENDCO, will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. Mrs Cole will be available on 27<sup>th</sup> March (KS2) and 3<sup>rd</sup> April (KS1) from 3.30 – 5.30pm. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening.



**Junior Choir:** Please note that KS2 Choir practise has recommenced this week, on a Wednesday after school. Children who have previously attended choir will not need to reapply. Children who wish to join the school choir can obtain a letter of consent, from Mrs May. Thank you.

## Staff News

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Hunt in Otter Class is expecting a baby. She will be going on maternity leave at Easter and this term we will be recruiting a teacher to cover her maternity leave after Easter.

This term we welcome Miss Hyatt to cover Mr Thorne's absence in Falcon Class.

We would also like to take this opportunity to advise our parents that, after nearly 30 years of working at the school, Mrs Moore will be retiring at the end of this term.

We would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to school, especially with the school swim team who have been guided by her experience over the years and have earned numerous achievements and awards. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best with her retirement.

We are collecting for a retirement gift and if any parents would like to contribute, please hand these into the school office by 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.



## TERM DATES

### Term Dates 2018- 2019

#### Term 1

(Mon 3rd September 2018 CLOSED -INSET)  
Open Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept for KS1 and KS2  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 for new Reception  
to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October

#### Term 2

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

#### Term 3

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 to Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 (Fri 15<sup>th</sup> closed for INSET)

#### Term 4

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April 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.

## 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.



### REMEMBER:

Please don't park on the yellow lines or zig-zags. It is endangering people's lives.  
Thank you.



## Situations vacant:

Holmead 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.



### School Prospectus

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.

## School Sports' Report.

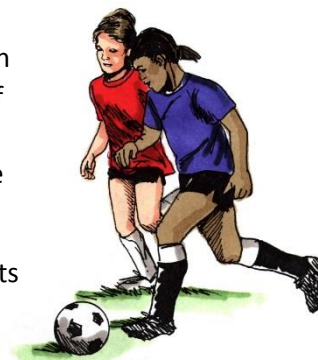
Year 6 Boys' Football: Congratulations to our Year 6 boys who performed with distinction in the Ashton Park Sports Partnership Tournament. Our 'B' Team finished 5th in the league of 8 teams just missing out on a place in the finals. Our A Team went on to be crowned joint winners with Bridge Farm 'A' after a 0-0 draw in the final. The A Team now progress to the County Finals at Ashton Gate in May.

Y4 Boys' Football: Our Year 4 Boys' teams are currently taking part in the Ashton Park Sports Partnership Tournament. We look forward to hearing about their progress and will post updates on the school website.

Girls' Football: We will be taking two Girls' teams to the Ashton Park Sports Partnership Tournament later this term.

Year 5 Girls' Football v West Town Lane: We took a Year 5 Girls' team to play WTL on Tuesday 26th February. None of our team had played a match before and it was brilliant to see them perform so well against a more experienced side. WTL ran out 4-0 winners in a very fast-paced match. Well done to all the girls on a brilliant debut match!

Dodgeball Club: Year 5 and 6 Boys' Dodgeball Club began on Monday 25th February. The club will last for three weeks before the Girls' Dodgeball Club begins on Monday 18th March.



### 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.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely  
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