



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 20 – 1st March 2019
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The next few days

Monday 4th March -

Tuesday 5th March -

Wednesday 6th March - Year 5/6 Netball Premiership Finals 2pm @ Kings

Thursday 7th March -

Friday 8th March -

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you had a great half term. This week has been dominated by a number of sporting events. It is such a joy to watch our school take part and compete with the other schools in the local area. We all agree we may be small but we are mighty on the pitch. Our children demonstrate super team work and determination. Again this week we were complimented on the positive attitudes and standards of behaviour our children show when we are representing the school.

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This month we gave it a slightly different twist and encouraged children to run in pairs where possible. This allowed them to 'have a conversation' during their run, thus helping to regulate breathing and pass the time more quickly but most importantly to help them to encourage each other to keep going and achieve their best.

It's important for the children to understand the many reasons why people may run - to keep fit, to improve times or to be social and do something good with friends. We want our children to have healthy bodies but also understand the mental and social benefits of exercise too.

95% of the children achieved either as good or better than last month which is really encouraging.

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We are very lucky to have the extra special support from Mrs Moran; she has done a splendid job of coordinating the additional events for the children.

What a fabulous afternoon of sunshine we had for the PAW Cup Yr3/4 Tag Rugby on Monday.

Payhembury's Yr3/4 Beech Class went across to compete with Awliscombe's Woodpeckers class on the school field.

Once everyone's tag belts and bands were attached we started with a frenzied game of 'Tiger Tails' - everyone rushing around to gather as many tag tails from the opposition as possible. Awliscombe one those games 131-115

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The progress during the afternoon was seen from both teams when we started to introduce the rules of 'NO forwards passes' - this skill of running forwards and passing backwards felt a little strange for some to start with but by the end of the afternoon the progress was clear to see.

Alongside the points scoring games we were also awarding points for the Schools Games Values of Honesty, Teamwork and Passion and both teams scored 14 points across the afternoon.

A special mention should go to all those players who have played rugby outside of school and clearly knew the rules and were also confident in their skills - they all helped and encouraged others to learn alongside them - well done everyone.

A big thank you to all the staff from both schools that helped to make the afternoon run smoothly.

I just wanted to tell you about some wonderful news we have about one of pupils. Roxy has been picked to compete in the European Championships in Croatia in May. It is an incredible achievement and we are so proud of her. As a token of our support we are going to raise some money to help her afford the trip. We will be having a MUFTI day soon. More information to follow. Read all about Roxy in our community section below.

Next week doesn't look so busy. However, once again, we have a team in the East Devon Finals. This time it's for Netball. Good luck to those involved in this tournament and I look forward to being able to give you a report on their achievements next week.

And it's here again..... World Book day! I have checked my diary a hundred times and I don't have any meetings so I will need to find a costume this year too! My weekend job! It's a great day and the children love it. So I just wanted to thank you in advance for helping the children come dressed as a character from a book.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Hammett

Best wishes,

Penny Hammett

Star of the Week - Well Done To....

Willow Class Pre-school - Georgina Reception - Felix

Ash Class Year 1 -Demi-Lee Year 2 - Sophia

Beech Class Year 3 - Oliver H Year 4 - Evie

Oak Class Year 5 - Oliver B Year 6 - Tabitha

Notices to Parents

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Empty milk bottles required Willow class are in need of clean, empty plastic 4 pint milk bottles with lids please.

Letters sent home this week

- Beech Class TAG Rugby Festival 12th March
- Ash Class Space Odyssey visit 19th March
- World Book Day letter

Lost Property - A key was found in the Village Hall carpark earlier this week. Pop into the office if you think it may be yours.

Comic Relief - On Friday March 15th Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school (with a hint of red!) in exchange for a £1 donation to Comic relief.

Activity Clubs - A reminder that activity clubs start next week.

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

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| 3 rd March 2019 | - Wild area prune and clear up |
| 6 th March 2019 | - East Devon Netball finals (Premiership Team) |
| 12 th March 2019 | - TAG Rugby, Beech Class @ The Kings School |
| 26 th March 2019 | - Orienteering, Beech Class @ Killerton |
| 19 th March 2019 | - Ash Class Space Odyssey visit |
| 30 th March 2019 | - Easter Bingo |
| 5 th April 2019 | - Last day of term |
| 23 rd April 2019 | - First day of term |
| 12 th May 2019 | - Wild area prune and clear up |
| 27 th - 31 st May 2019 | - Half term |
| 3 rd June 2019 | - Non pupil day |
| 15 th June 2019 | - Summer Fair |

19th July 2019 - Last day of term
22nd & 23rd Jul 2019 - Non pupil days

2019/20 Academic Year

2nd-3rd September 2019 - Non pupil days
4th September 2019 - First day of term
21st - 28th October 2019 - Half term
29th October 2019 - Non pupil day
30th October 2019 - First day back after half term for pupils
20th December 2019 - Last day of term
6th January 2020 - First day of term
17th-21st February 2020 - Half term
27th March 2020 - Last day of term
13th April 2020 - Bank Holiday
14th April 2020 - First day of term
4th May 2020 - Bank Holiday
25th-29th May 2020 - Half term
1st - 2nd June 2020 - Non pupil days
22nd July 2020 - Last day of term

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

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On Sunday there will be Morning Prayer at 11:00.

At Feniton Church there will be Storytime at 9:45 followed by Parish Communion at 11:00.

A warm welcome to all.



A thought:

It is ours to offer what we can, His to supply what we cannot.

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PAYHEMBURY SPRING BULB AND FLOWER SHOW
SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2019
2.30-4.00 pm

The Bulb Show is now only three weeks away and spring is in the air. Have you got your schedule yet? If not, they are available from Payhembury Provisions.

For those new to the village, don't be fooled by the show's name as it's not just a flower show. There are categories for cookery (including a men only class), handicrafts and for children too. Why not have a look and take part in a Payhembury tradition that has been going for 57 years? I remember the excitement when my children were small; they would spend hours making things and be desperate to see if they'd won. It's one of the best days of the year as it heralds the arrival of spring, the hall always looks an absolute picture and smells delicious too.

If your children are bored anytime, they could make a Mothering Sunday card, a Lego model or write a poem about Payhembury. Children are also allowed to enter the adult classes too; so they could decorate a matchbox, paint a pebble, make some origami or even go on a bug hunt and take a photo of an insect or spider.

I look forward to seeing you there. Any queries please feel free to email me

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Jane Wood

European Championships in Croatia in May

Hello, my name is **Roxy** and I am 10 years old. I have been doing tae kwon-do for 3 years and got my inspiration from my brother who is now a 2nd Dan black belt.

I am now a red belt (two belts away from black belt)! In every grading I have done, I have received an A pass and lots of grading awards, also student of the year awards.

I started competing as soon as I could as I wanted to win trophies!

In the last year I have won gold in:

- The World championships (I was also on the poster for this competition!)
- The English championships
- The Southern championships
- The Welsh championships
- The British championships

My last tournament was the South West championships, where I also won gold in three different categories. Team Sparring, individual patterns and team patterns.

I have been to many other competitions and have won nearly all of them. I have even beaten 14-year olds!

I have the opportunity to compete in the European championships in May 2019, which will be held in Croatia. I am asking companies to help me fund the trip that may lead to my Olympic dream. I'm looking to raise around £500 to help with the costs that include flights, accommodation and entry fees.

I have been fundraising and have managed to get £100 so far!

Do you of any companies that would like sponsor me, however big or small? In return I'll be sure to mention them in my thanks in the local press and social media.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you will consider my request.

Yours Sincerely,

Roxy

