



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 20 – 10th February 2017

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The next few days

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| Monday 20 th February | - | Bikeability - Yr 5 |
| Tuesday 21 st February | - | Bikeability - Yr 5 |
| Wednesday 22 nd February | - | Bikeability - Yr 5 |
| Thursday 23 rd February | - | Heights & Weights for Reception children 10.45 am |
| Friday 24 th February | - | Years 5/6 Hockey Festival @ Kings 11.45am - 3.15pm |

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we had a visit from Bishop Ellison and Bishop Leonard for Melanesia. They joined us for collective worship in church and then had a tour of our school followed by question time with the children. It was a great opportunity to share between our two communities. Our family group leaders also joined me to take part in the re-dedication of the memorial at Patterson Cross where Sam Gammon read a prayer beautifully during the service. It was a real privilege to take part in such an important service.

Our netball team played fantastically at the East Devon tournament on Wednesday reaching the final in the plate group. Well done to all those children who took part.

Other parts of my week have been less joyful. Over the last few months Headteachers and Governors have been dealing with the potential cuts to our School budgets. Much of my time now is focussed on dealing with the large anticipated cuts that will be made in the next academic year and the ones to follow.

After half term I will send a more detailed explanation of the situation faced by our school but as an urgent request I would ask that you visit www.schoolscut.org.uk. This is a new website that calculates the effect of rising costs against reducing budgets for each school to show the effect by 2019/20. This site clearly suggests that Awliscombe Church of England Primary School Budget will see a reduction of £46,340 with Payhembury Church of England Primary also facing a reduction of £26,740, representing a total cut of £73,080 across the federation.

The broader picture is that 98% of schools nationally show a reduction in their budget and that Devon's reduction is a massive £35,157,274; £401 per pupil, the equivalent of 943 fewer teachers.

What can you do to help? Visit www.schoolcuts.org.uk

* sign up to the petition and

* email your MP. (This is made easy to do through the site.)

I appreciate that these figures are hard to understand in real terms but they will ultimately have a huge effect on the schools. The NAHT (National association of Headteachers) and the local DAPH (Devon association for Primary Headteachers) are working hard to bring this financial crisis to the government. National and local lobbying is so important at this stage; we need to get our concerns heard. Look out for my letter on finance on our return to school.

On a lighter note, I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone at the disco later on. I know all the children are really excited. What a great way to start the half term off.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Nicholas Lane Year 1 - Jack Hammett

Ash Class Year 2 - Max Millett Year 3 - Freddie Cann

Oak Class Year 4 - Tom Stonex Year 5 - Isla Bryson Year 6 - Connor Williams

Notices to Parents

Ash Class - If you get the chance, take a look at the Ash Class page on the new and improved website. Ash Class have been filming news reports all week about plastic pollution and they really are fantastic.

Heights & Weights - Reception Children - This will take place on the morning of Thursday 23rd February 2017. Please make sure you return your completed, signed forms by **Tuesday 21st February 2017**.

Hockey Festival for years 5/6 - Don't forget to bring in your PE kit, mouth guard, shin pads, a packed lunch, drink and a snack and rain coat for Friday 24th March. If you have ordered a meal on this day please carry it over to another suitable day.

Bikeability - Don't forget to bring your bikes and helmets in on the first day back after half term! Bikeability will run for 3 consecutive days starting on Monday 20th February and finishing on Wednesday 22nd Feb. You are very welcome to leave your bikes at school on Monday and Tuesday.

Clubs - Clubs reply forms have been sent home this week. Clubs will start back **w/c 27th February 2017**.

East Devon High Fives Tournament Review

On Wednesday 8th February a small group of year 5 and 6 children went to the East Devon Netball Finals. It was really fun and we had a great time. Our first match was against Culmstock and we lost 5-0. Our second match was against Uptottery and we lost 4-2. After every match we were improving our skills and getting better. As we came last in our pool we went into the plate's league. Our first match was against Willand and after a vast improvement we drew 3-3. Then it went to a golden goal. With a strong line-up we got a goal within the first minute. Our final match was against Kilmington and after a tight game we only just missed out on the plate. I thought it was a great experience and we really improved our netball skills.

Sam Gammon

Chair of Sports Council

When the Bishops came to Payhembury

The first time we saw Bishop Leonard and Bishop Ellison was in the morning at Church. Rev. Cate introduced us to them and told us briefly why they were here. All I knew was that they were from the Solomon Islands. In my role as Russet family group leader, I got to show Bishop Leonard and Bishop Ellison around the school along with Roseanna Morris (Bramley family group leader) and Lawrence McFadden (Pippin family group leader). As we showed the Bishops around they were amazed at the bucket loads of outdoor space and the quality of the work that went on the walls. After a cup of tea and a slice of cake, Bishop Ellison came to our class to answer some questions. It was really interesting to learn about the Solomon Islands and the cultures there. I really enjoyed the visit and it was really cool to learn something new about a different country.

I did not really know anything about Bishop Patterson and I was really keen to learn a bit more about him. During the service there were a few readings and I read a prayer. I was listening intently to learn a bit more. Bishop Patterson went to Malaysia to preach and got killed. The people there have adopted him as their own and respect him and love him.

Sam Gammon

Russet Family Group Leader

Letters sent home this week

- Re-scheduled Hockey Festival (Years 5/6)
- Heights & Weights Letter (Reception)
- Dedication of Renewed Monument Letter (Family Group Leaders)
- Cross Country Race & Fun Run (Years 3/4/5/6)
- This Girl Can Sports Club Letter @ Kings Letter (Girls in years 4/5/6)
- Sea life Flyer

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 10 th February | - Kids Café from 3pm (school children from 3.30pm) School Disco with Awliscombe Primary School @ Payhembury Village Hall 6 - 7.30pm |
| 13 th -17 th February | - Half Term |
| 20 - 22 nd February | - Bikeability Year 5 children Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday |
| 23 rd February | - Heights & Weights for Reception Children |
| 24 th February | - Re-scheduled Hockey Festival 11.45am - 3.15pm |
| 6 th March | - Paul Martin - Wildlife Champions to visit Ash Class am |
| 7 th March | - Cross Country Race & Fun Run Yrs 3/4/5/6 @ Kings 4/4.15-5.30pm |
| 11 th March | - Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30 - 4pm Parish Hall |
| 24 th March | - Red Nose Day |
| 31 st March | - Last day of Term |
| 18 th April | - First day of Term |
| 29 th -2 nd June | - Half Term |
| 5 th June | - Non-Pupil Day |
| 21 st July | - Last day of Term |
| 4 th September | - Non-Pupil Day |
| 5 th September | - First day of Term for pupils |
| 23 rd -27 th October | - Half Term |
| 21 st December | - Last day of Term |

Pre-School

Well done to all Pre-school children. They have had a great half term and they have all done very well. Mrs George

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



On Sunday there will be a Morning Worship Service at 11:00 while at 10:00 at St Andrew's Feniton there will be Storytime followed by Parish Communion at 11:00, so lots to choose from.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

A thought

Have you counted the things that went right today?

Unknown

Community News

Honiton Golf Club

Honiton Golf Club are holding an informal junior open morning on **Saturday 18th February 2017** starting at 10am. Come along and try the game of golf. No experience or equipment required. All will be provided. Open to all, 5 - 18 years of age.

If you could give Adrian or James a call in the pro shop on 01404 42943 to register so we have a guide to numbers.

The Club House, Honiton Golf Club, Honiton, Devon, EX14 9TR

Royal Albert Memorial Museum

There will be a big Roman celebration at Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter this weekend. There will be lots of free things to do and Roman soldiers marching throughout the museum. Children will be able to make a coin, do a treasure hunt and play Roman games. The activities will start at 10.30 and apart from a small lunch break will continue throughout the day.

For more information see RAMMs website or Facebook page.

New Ottery Library Opening Day and Beyond

We open in our new premises, (at the old Nat West bank, Silver Street) on Saturday 25th February at 10am.

Graham Hurley, popular local writer, will be there as we open and will be signing copies of his books.



Refreshments will be provided by the “Friends of Ottery Library – FOOL”.

At 11am Ian Pearce will be reading “Winnie the Pooh” in the children’s area, a story suitable for the young and the young at heart. Drop-in and listen to an enchanting story wonderfully told.



Saturday 4th March from 10.30 to 11.20 - Professor Bumble’s Clowning and Slapstick Show returns to Ottery Library. Fun, laughter and balloon animals! Limited number of free tickets available from the library, or by phone 01404 813838 or email ottery.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk. Suitable for ages 5 plus.

FabLab from Exeter Library is bringing its roadshow to Ottery Library, sometime in March, date still to be confirmed.
Will let you know the details ASAP.

A date for your diary, Wednesday 5th April at 10.30 – Paddleboat Theatre Company will be running a children’s storytelling workshop called “According to Arthur” for ages 4 plus. Limited number of free tickets will be available nearer the time.

There’ll be new fixtures, fittings, furniture and some new stock. Do come along and join us in celebrating your new library.