



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

10th January 2020

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope you all had a great holiday and were able to get some rest. I appreciate the build up to the end of term seemed frantic but I was delighted with the way the children committed to every event taking place and were enthusiastic to the very end. I am also hoping we have shaken off the horrible bugs that were doing the rounds in December.

I am delighted to say how well the children have returned from the break and they have settled back in to the routine of school extremely well. They definitely seem recharged and raring to go. Next week looks quiet as well so we can concentrate on the new topics in the classrooms this term. We would like to welcome Ameya and Jayan to the school.

Finally a well done to all the children in Reception who came into class on their own this week. Everyone did it so well and confidently, Mrs Palmer was super impressed.

Just a reminder to all parents that there is no unsupervised access to any of the school during the school day. You must sign in at the school office first, this includes parent helpers.

Have a good weekend, see you on Monday,

with regards,
Mrs Hammett

★ Star of the Week - Well Done To....

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School -	Eli	Reception -	Marley
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 -	Nathan	Year 2 -	Harvey
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 -	Evelyn	Year 4 -	Jayan
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 -	Archie	Year 6 -	Oliver

Notices to Parents

Beech Class

Please can children bring a labelled torch in with them for Tuesday.

School Lunches

On Thursday 16th January there is a change to the menu: Lunch will be sausages instead of lasagne as this is census day so we hope to get as many children as possible having school dinners if they are eligible for free school meals or universal free school meals. The census collects information about the number of pupils in Reception to year 2 who, on the census day, take up the Free School Meals so we would like to encourage all children eligible for KS1 free school meals to have one on Thursday.

A reminder to all parents to make bookings for KS1 & KS2 School Lunches in advance on ParentPay unless your child is bringing in a packed lunch.

Reception Admissions

Final reminder that the closing date for Primary school applications is Wednesday 15th January. For Reception in September 2020, your child will have been born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016.

Parents can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or if you have any questions call 0345 155 1019 or email admissions@devon.gov.uk.

Sports News

Are we feeling Phizifit for 2020?

Why not set yourself a New Year's target of completing a Phizifit level every two weeks? You can get your family to join in too! The next set of certificates will be handed out at the end of next week.



Letters sent home

- Confirmation of Activity Club Places
- Letter to parents from Willow Class

Dates for the Diary

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

8th May 2020 - May Bank Holiday *moved from Monday 4th to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day

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

News from St. Mary's Church Payhembury
Growing in Love, Hope and Faith

On Sunday there will be a CAFÉ Service in The Village Hall. The Service starts at 10:30 but arrive earlier for coffee and croissant- and more.

If you have never been before this is an informal Service with activities for the children, so do come and join us, you will receive a very warm welcome.



A thought

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.
Albert Camus

FOPS News

Happy New Year! We have fun & fundraising planned for this year, so look out in the coming weeks for more news & dates.

If you or your children received any unwanted gifts at Christmas, then FOPS would love to take them off your hands! We are always looking for unused items that can be added to raffle hampers, or awarded as game prize at events. Please hand any such items into the office and we will make full use of them.

Likewise, any Christmas jumpers you think will have been outgrown before next December, FOPS would love to receive them. We will hold onto them in preparation for the Christmas Jumper Exchange we are planning in the run up to Christmas. Again, please hand into the school office.

Finally, anyone still owing for the school tea towels delivered just before the holidays, please could you hand the money into school in a named envelope.

Community News

HONITON COMMUNITY THEATRE COMPANY

noda *the beehive*
an inspired by amateur theatre

JOSIE DENNING as King Rat
SARAH POTTINGER as Alice Fitzwarren
HANNAH MOUNTAIN as Dick Whittington
WILLOW RYERSON as Kitty
RICHARD CREGAN as Sarah the Cook

Dick Whittington

Director | SHAUN BONETTA Musical Director | IAN CREW Choreographer | SARAH POTTINGER

THE BEEHIVE | 18 - 22 FEB 2020

BOX OFFICE | 01404 384 050 | BEEHIVEHONITON.CO.UK

Evenings: 7pm | Sat Mat: 2pm | Tickets: £14/£8 | 10% off U18s tickets before 23/12/19

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