



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 23 – 10th March 2017

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The next few days

Saturday 11 th March	-	Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30-4pm Parish Hall
Monday 13 th March	-	Science Afternoon @ Kings (3 children selected from Oak Class) Booster Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 14 th March	-	Year 6 Wild Area pm
Wednesday 15 th March	-	Year 5 Science Event @ Kings 1-3pm / Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 16 th March	-	Year 6 Wild Area pm / Glee & Construction Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 17 th March	-	Mufti Day / Year 5 Wild Area pm

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Ash class have had a really exciting week. The quail eggs hatched during Tuesday night and Miss Stoneman is now the proud mum of 5 quail chicks. They are growing very quickly and all the children have had the chance to visit them and hold them this week. A huge thank you to Miss Stoneman for all her hard work and dedication in ensuring the safe delivery of our little babies! If you would like to watch live footage of them hatching or as they run around their hutch please log on to: www.manything.com Log in email: ashclasscam@gmail.com Password: ashclass2017. It was chickens last time, quails today and Miss Stoneman says she is going for ducklings next time. So I look forward to our next brood.

The beginning of the week began with a visit from Devon Wildlife Trust to Ash class. They spent the morning learning about plastic pollution and the effects on the wildlife. This links directly with their current topic.

On Tuesday we had a super turn out at the Cross Country competition at Kings. Congratulations to all the children who took part; Lawrence McFadden, George Holding, Oliver Burton, Rose Kilbride, Alice Bosson and Alice Millett. A special round of applause to Sam Gammon who came first and Isla Bryson who came second.

Next Friday is the last day Jayne Johnson will be in Willow Class. The children have really enjoyed having her in the class on a Friday and I would like to thank her for all her hard work. We will miss her on Fridays but we will call upon her again if needed in the future. Mrs Hannah Chandler, a teacher originally at Awliscombe, will be taking over permanently on Fridays until the end of the summer term. Mrs Chandler is returning from maternity leave and is going to take on a similar role as Mrs Matchett of working across both schools but supporting Early Years and KS1. It now means we have consistent cover across both schools.

This is the second week of Forest school for Year 6. "It's up there as one of my best times I have had at school" is a direct quote from Lawrence this afternoon. The activities include felling trees,

lighting fires, whittling with knives, making charcoal, crafting equipment e.g. saw Horse and safety instructions. Year 5 have only had one session so far, making names tags with hand drills, boundary setting, blind folded tree hugging, fire safety and marshmallow eating around the fire.

Please don't forget the bulb show tomorrow; the children have been working so hard on their individual entries. Do come along and see the amazing array of entries, 2.30pm till 4pm in the village Hall.

Next Friday will be MUFTI day. We are aiming to raise money for the Melanesian shipping of the books we have gathered. We need to raise £70. I know that will be possible if we can all donate a £1 to wear mufti for the day.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Oscar Power Year 1 - Alice Brauer

Ash Class Year 2 - Grace Lusby Year 3 - Sammy Hart

Oak Class Year 4 - Roxy Spiller Year 5 - Marcia Jarrett Year 6 - Charlie Elsom

Notices to Parents

Oak Class - Year 6 children will need their spare clothes/wellies next Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Year 5 children will need their spare clothes/wellies next Friday afternoon. There will be no session for Year 5 on Wednesday as they are on a science event. We are awaiting confirmation of sessions for year 4 children.

Orienteering - Years 3 & 4 - Don't forget orienteering at Killerton House next Tuesday 14th March. Children will need a packed lunch, waterproof coats, PE Kit including tracksuit bottoms and trainers. A spare change of clothes and shoes are also recommended.

Oak Class - Please bring in any empty cereal boxes you may have at home.

Mealtime Assistant - We are looking for a meal time assistant to join our friendly and supportive team. This role is vital in ensuring our children enjoy positive lunchtimes. **Days:** Monday to Friday inclusive. **Hours:** 11.45am - 1pm. If you think you may be interested in the post and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 841291.

Parent's Evening - Parent's evening will be on Monday 27th March (starting at 3.45pm) and Wednesday 29th March (starting at 5pm) for Ash and Oak Classes. Willow class will have their parent's evening on Monday 27th March (starting at 3.45pm) and Tuesday 28th March (starting at 5pm). Letters will be sent home next week.

Letters sent home this week

- Orienteering Letter (years 3 & 4)
- Year 5 Science Afternoon at Kings Letter
- Science afternoon at Kings on Monday 13th March (selected children from Oak class)
- Willow Class Aquarium
- Pre-school Aquarium Letter

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

11 th March	- Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30 - 4pm Parish Hall
13 th March	- Science afternoon @ Kings 1.30 - 3pm (selected children)
14 th March	- Year 3/4 Orienteering @ Killerton 9.15 - 3pm
15 th March	- Year 5 children Science afternoon @ Kings 1-3pm
17 th March	- Melanesian Mufty Day
20 th March	- Year 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Kings 11.45 - 3pm
24 th March	- Red Nose Day
27 th March	- Parent's Evening 3.45 - 5pm (Willow, Ash & Oak)
28 th March	- Parent's Evening 5-7pm (Willow Class)
29 th March	- Pre-school & Willow Class Trip / Parent's Evening 5-7pm (Ash & Oak Classes)
30 th March	- Easter Service in the Church 9.15am
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

Governors

Update from Fort Federation Governing Body – by Joanne Stuart

The Governing Body has reached a critical point in the school year where we will be setting the School budgets for the coming financial year, this has become an increasingly more difficult task over the last few years and this year we take into consideration what impact the new National Funding Formula will have on our schools in the future. I am sure you will hear more about this in the press as the weeks and months go on.

We are busy with the plans to increase the size of Payhembury School and ensuring that Awliscombe School will be ready for any future Ofsted visit. Our role as Governors is to support the Leadership Team to achieve these aims and objectives.

As you will be aware the School Landscape is changing rapidly and whilst the Government have removed the condition that all schools will be an Academy by 2020 this agenda has not changed. As a Governing Body we are keeping an eye out for changes that are happening in the locality and are ensuring that we keep our options as open as possible by engaging in discussions with other schools when we feel this is appropriate. If any of these discussions move beyond initial communication we of course give you further information as to what that may be.

I hope this gives you a flavour of what the Governing Body is currently doing but if you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any of us on our Fort email addresses.

Pre-School

Pre-School have been busy making their paper plate flowers this week for the bulb show tomorrow. Do come along and see your child's entry.

Thank you for all your reply slips regarding the possible trip to Plymouth Aquarium. If you haven't returned your slip please do so ASAP.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

This Sunday there will be the CAFÉ Service with the usual warm welcome and coffee and croissants. Lots of wonderful activities planned for the children so don't miss the fun. Looking forward to seeing you all.



A thought: In so much as anyone pushes you nearer to God, he or she is your friend.
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Community News

Cranbrook Community Fun Day - Saturday 11th March 2017

Here's some info on some cycling activities going on at Cranbrook in a couple of weeks

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/travel/cycle/cranbrook-community-fun-day/attachment/cranbrook-community-fun-day-flyer-back/>

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Community Theatre 4All

“A Midsummer Night's Dream”

Community Theatre 4All was formed in September 2015 and draws its membership primarily from the villages of Whimble, Talaton and the surrounding area. Membership is however open to all, from the age of 14 years upward, irrespective of where they may live.

Following Community Theatre 4All's first two highly successful productions, the musical “Godspell” in March 2016 and a locally written, locally based historical drama set during the period of The First World War, called “In Remembrance of a Lost Generation” in November 2016, the group is now preparing for its next production “A Midsummer Night's Dream”, which will perform in June 2017.

“A Midsummer Night's Dream” will be launched at an Open Drama Workshop, which will take place in the **Talaton Parish Hall on Saturday 11th March between 10.00am to 3.30pm**. The day will be lead by Tom Samson the play's Director. Practical drama activities will explore some of the themes of the play. This workshop is an opportunity for interested participants to participate in a day of fun drama activities and to find out further details about the production, without, in any way, committing themselves to becoming involved.

New, experienced and inexperienced members are always welcome. We are not only looking for performers but also all the other areas that are so vital to the creation of a piece of theatre, Stage Management, Technicians, Costume Designers and creators. Props Makers, Publicity and Marketing and Front of House Staff. For further details contact Tom Samson on 01404 822234 or email communitytheatre4all@yahoo.co.uk