



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days

Monday 13th May - Year 6 SAT's, Beech class swimming

Tuesday 14th May - Year 6 SAT's

Wednesday 15th May - Year 6 SAT's

Thursday 16th May - Year 6 SAT's

Friday 17th May - Oak class trip to Lyme Regis 8.30 am

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good bank holiday. This has been a quiet week and that has seemed unusual as we always seem to be full of things happening, however with SATs next week it is always a bit quieter.

Year 6 will have four days of tests starting on Monday but they are all over by Thursday lunchtime. We know we don't really like them but I am confident the children are fully prepared and there won't be anything on the papers the children haven't covered in class. Each day the children will be offered the opportunity to join together with their friends for breakfast. They all have breakfast together and it definitely helps calm their morning nerves as they soon settle into their normal routines and conversations. We wish Year 6 all the best for next week. There may be a few organisational changes during the week just to accommodate the SATs timetable but there will be little disruption to the rest of the school.

Thank you to Miss Stoneman for organising parent information meetings regarding the Key stage 1 SATs and phonics screening tests. Unfortunately no one turned up for the second meeting which was slightly disappointing for Miss Stoneman. I have told her it must be a sign everyone is happy and confident in her.

I was delighted to receive the news that our year 3 and 4 tag rugby team won the East Devon finals and will now take part in the Devon schools event in Exeter next month. I believe it is the first time we have got that far. So congratulations to the whole team as it is a real achievement and we are all very proud of you.

Another congratulations to the children who took part in the Exmoor Challenge last weekend. You were all superstars!! 16 miles unaided, map reading and answering questions on route. We jointly worked with Awliscombe and we put out five teams across the federation. Read all about it and see the children in action in the Sports news.

Moving onto something completely different - a gentle reminder that children are expected to be in school every day till 3.30pm, including Fridays. It is not appropriate to assume the weekend events can start earlier on a Friday and children can leave before 3.30pm as it is still a packed day of learning. Thank you for your understanding on this.

The focus next week will be SATs but on Friday Oak class will take a trip to Lyme Regis to follow in the footsteps of Mary Annings fossil hunting which fantastically links to their topic work. What

a nice way to end the week.

We are still on schedule to begin the online payments from after half term and the final setting up of your individual accounts will be sent to you in the week before half term. Please don't worry about the transition across as we will be here to guide you all the way.

Finally I hope you will join us for our Grand opening of the new classrooms on 24th May. All children will be Maypole dancing too so I'm sure it will be a great day.

Have a good weekend,

Penny Hammett

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

Willow Class Pre-school - Daisy Reception - Letty

Ash Class Year 1 - Thomas Year 2 - Robert

Beech Class Year 3 - Tristan Year 4 - Evie

Oak Class Year 5 - Amaya Year 6 - Silvester

Notices to Parents

Sports news -

Quad kids athletics and Tag Rugby.

Oak class quad kids teams all performed with high standards in their 3 competitions and there were some very impressive individual results in all the events. Particular praise should go to Silvester, Tom, Nico, Amelia and Roxy who all finished in the Top 3 individual athlete spots in their respective competitions. There were then lots of children who came 1st/2nd or 3rd in separate events.

Beech Class Hurricanes team narrowly missed out on a place in the East Devon finals when they were placed in a very pleasing 2nd overall. But the Tornados and Storm teams went one better and came 1st in their respective competitions (no pathway to East Devon for these teams unfortunately)

Like Oak class, the Beech children displayed some exceptional individual performances. So many of them gaining top positions in the individual events and Freddy Brauer was unstoppable as the best performer overall in the Tornados competition! While Tom, Jack and Thristan were dominant in the Storm competition

There was one further set of results that arrived in school this week and they really did make everyone feel proud and excited! The Beech class Tag Rugby team that went to the East Devon finals last week WON! There were 11 teams entered in total so this is an amazing achievement. They were scored on their Respect and Teamwork throughout the whole afternoon and they came 1st in both of these values. The RFU is strongly committed to promoting these values so as a school we feel very proud to have been recognised for our display. The children were also scored in two mini skill games. They came 4th in the 'Touch ball' game and 1st in EndBall. Added to this was their 8 tries that they scored in their 3 matches.

Their overall score was 84 points - a full 4 points clear of 2nd place.

The children will now go on to represent East Devon at the Devon School Games in Exeter on June 19th - we think this is the first time a Payhembury team has made it to the County Games. Wooahoo!!!

Next week is a very quiet week in comparison!

Exmoor Challenge.

Last Saturday, saw 5 teams from the federation complete the Exmoor challenge alongside over 500 other 10-17 year olds. This is an amazing event organised by the Rotary Club. Teams of 4, navigate their way around the mixed terrain of Exmoor for 16 miles, reaching checkpoints in given times as well as answering questions on the way.



Josh, Tom, Jessica, Maddie, Sophie, Tabitha, Roxy, Charlie, Marcus and Silvester were joined by ex pupils Roseanna, William and Toby. The boys team finished with a very impressive 7th place, gaining just 19 time penalty points. The girls came 18th out of 25 teams and the mixed group came 21st out of 58 teams. What is even more impressive that the junior teams are a mix of year 7, 8 and 9 children.



Everyone finished with a smile and a massive sense of achievement - they all proved that they can be successful at whatever they can put their mind to. A fantastic memory for life!



Thank you to all of those parents who supported their children in the walks.

Menu Changes - Please see details below of several menu changes over the next couple of weeks:

Thurs 16th May (Census Day)

Main - Sausage
Vegetarian - Cheese Wheels
Sides - Creamed Potatoes, Baked Beans
Dessert - Fresh Fruit Platter (as menu)

Thurs 23rd May (European Elections)

Main - Mini fish fillet
Vegetarian - Battered Quorn Dippers
Sides - Chips, Vegetable Sticks
Dessert - Chocolate Biscuit
No Jacket Potatoes available if having as bagged meals due to Elections.

Friday 24th May

Main - Chicken Korma & Rice
Vegetarian - Vegetarian Brunch
Side - Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables
Dessert - Toffee Banana Cake

Swimming - Beech class will start swimming on Monday 13th May. Please ensure children bring their swimming bags to school every Monday until further notice.

Jam Jars & Blankets! - Oak class would like clean jam jars and picnic blankets/rugs please. If you are able to donate any please bring them into the office.

Letters sent this week Year 6 SAT's breakfast; Oak class puberty talk

F.O.P.S

Wild Area Clear up - this will now happen on **Saturday 18th May from 10am** (not 12th May as previously stated). Please come along and lend a hand if you can for an hour or 2. The children love to be able to play in the Wild Area and it is a real asset to our school - but at the moment it is particularly wild!! If you can come and help pull weeds, cut back brambles & nettles & recreate the paths, it will make it a much better experience for the children. Bring any tools & gloves you would find useful.

Plants for our plant stall - advance notice!

We are hoping to have a plant stall at the school's Summer Fair on 15th June.

We'd love to have as big a range of flowers and vegetables as possible for this stall, but need your help! If you are green fingered and have planted flowers & veg from seed - perhaps you may be willing to cultivate a few seedlings to donate to our plant stall? Look after them until June and we will gratefully take any surplus off your hands.

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

- 13th May 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 17th May 2019 - Oak class Lyme Regis trip 8.30 depart
- 18th May 2019 - Wild area prune and clear up
- 20th May 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 21st May 2019 - Ash class PAW cup @ Awliscombe, pm
- 24th May 2019 - Reception class vision screening 9.30am
- 27th - 31st May 2019 - Half term
- 3rd June 2019 - Non pupil day
- 15th June 2019 - Summer Fair
- 17th June 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 24th June 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 1st July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 8th July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 8th July 2019 - Year 6 transition week @ Kings (all week)
- 15th July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 19th July 2019 - Last day of term
- 22nd & 23rd July 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



On Sunday it is C.A.F.E Service in the Village Hall. Do join us a little earlier than the 10:30 start for Coffee and Croissant. A very warm welcome to all. This Service is suitable for everyone from the youngest upwards.

A thought
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The lord is near.
Philippians 4:5-6