



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 11 – 25th November 2016

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The next few days

- Monday 28th November - Booster Club/Construction Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Tuesday 29th November - Glee Club 12.30 - 1pm
- Wednesday 30th November - Scratch club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Full Governors Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
Pay and Performance Governors meeting 8pm @ Payhembury
- Thursday 1st December - Ash Class Trip to Buckland Abbey 9am - 4.30pm
Year 6 height & weights 11.30am
Christmas Craft Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Friday 2nd December - Non-Uniform day (bring in chocolate donations)
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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week has felt like a real struggle, everyone seems tired and I think that is probably due to the unusual start on Monday. Thank you for being so supportive over the early closure on Monday. The water run-off from the fields surrounding the village makes it highly vulnerable to flash flooding. We haven't had a deluge of water during the day before so it was a first time experience. If we have severe weather again the procedure for informing parents will be firstly through texting, then we will endeavour to put a newsflash on the website, we will inform Heart radio and finally we will phone around. We have a system in place to phone the parents furthest away first.

Only three weeks left and Christmas seems upon us. We are practicing our carols and preparing for the service in the church. It is also the first day of Advent on Sunday.

If children want to send cards to teach other please can I encourage everyone to use the school post box? Please put the name and class on the front and cards will be delivered during the day by the older children. The box is located in the office.

On Wednesday we had a visit from Darius our Roman soldier. Each class had a great workshop working with him and two colleagues. They spoke so highly of the children's behaviour and participation.

Yesterday I had a local learning community meeting with the other Heads within Ottery. We meet half termly and discuss ways we all work together, event opportunities and transition information. We have a focus on one aspect of leadership each meeting, allowing us to share good practice and ideas. We rotate around the schools so we all have an opportunity to visit and to carry out a learning walk.

Next week seems quiet; our only event is on Friday which will be a non-uniform day in support of raising chocolate for our Christmas fair tombola.

I hope you have the carol service in your diaries (Thursday 15th December 5.30pm). We have decided not to do the nativity in the barn this year as we want it to remain the most special event we perform and a break this year will make it more exciting for next year.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Lucas Duggan-Jones Year 1 - Ben Wadsworth

Ash Class Year 2 - Isobel Cann Year 3 - Amaya Duggan-Jones

Oak Class Year 4 - Tabitha Boland-Davies Year 5 - Thomas Fenwick Year 6 - Sam Bentley

Notices to Parents

Admission to Primary & Junior Schools for 2017/2018 - the application facility for places in Primary & Junior Schools for the 2017/2018 academic year will open on **15th November 2016 and close at midnight on 15th January 2017**. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the on-line application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Applications **cannot** be made online after the closing date. Hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Ash Class School Trip - Don't forget Ash Class go on their trip to Buckland Abbey next Thursday. Don't forget your packed lunches (except those Year 2 children who requested a packed lunch).

Clubs - Christmas craft club will still be running next Thursday 1st December for those not in Ash Class.

Non-Uniform day - Don't forget non-uniform day next Friday - please bring in your chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre.

End of Term Party - The school will be having End of Term Class parties on Monday 12th December 2016. The children will be able to wear their party clothes after lunch on that day so please bring in a change of clothes.

Letters sent home this week

- School meals order form (KS2 children)

Payhembury Church of England Primary School

Devon County Council is formally consulting on increasing places at Payhembury Church of England Primary School from 70 places to 105 places with effect from Spring 2017.

The Full Proposal is available to view on-line via: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/> - please select the 'Education and Schools' category.

The web page also details how responses can be sent to Devon County Council, as the decision-maker.

The deadline date for representations to be made is 5pm on Wednesday, 14 December 2016. If you do not have access to the web, please call the School Organisation Team on 01392 382057.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

- 30th November - Full Governor's Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury /
Governor's Pay & Performance Meeting 8pm @ Payhembury
- 1st December - Ash Class Trip to Buckland Abbey (9am - 4.30pm)
Year 6 Heights & Weights @ 6 11.30am
- 2nd December - Non-Uniform Day - chocolate donations for Christmas Fayre
- 5th December - NSPCC Safeguarding Assembly and workshop throughout the day
- 7th/8th December - Bikeability Yrs 3 & 4 - Level 1 on the playground
- 9th December - Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall 3.30 - 5pm
- 12th December - End of Term Class Parties 1.30pm
King's School Carol Service 7pm in Ottery St Mary Parish Church
- 14th December - Exeter Phoenix Trip am followed by Christmas Lunch
- 15th December - Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm start
- 16th December - Last day of Term / Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children)
- 3rd January - First day of Term
- 13th-17th February - Half Term
- 31st March - Last day of Term
- 18th April - First day of Term
- 29th-2nd June - Half Term
- 5th June - Non-Pupil Day
- 21st July - Last day of Term

Pre-School

The school meals forms went out this week for the meals up until Christmas. Many thanks for returning your Christmas lunch forms.

Governors

My name is Elaine Anning and I am a Co-opted Governor for the FORT Federation. I'm one of the lead Governors for Finance and I sit on the Resources Committee. I have 2 children at Awliscombe Primary and became a governor a bit over 2 years ago.

I'm happy to admit it's been a steep but interesting learning curve as I have no background in education at all. I'm a management accountant and have worked in purchasing, construction and facilities management so see these as my particular skills to bring to the role.

Being a governor also utilises my extensive skills of talking and asking questions as we are there to challenge and support! If you ever want to have a chat or ask anything please feel free to get in touch, either through the office or if you see me in the playground wrangling my children.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



On Sunday, there will be the All Ages Service at 9:30 with Bacon Butties before the Service starts, come along for breakfast and enjoy the Service.

A thought:

Where we love is home- home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.

Oliver Holmes

Raffle Prizes required for Christmas Fair.

FOPS is looking for raffle prizes for our Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December. It is always an effective way to raise money, so if you have any prizes you could donate, we would be extremely grateful. Please hand them into the office, or give to Sue Morris by Thursday 8th December.

Many thanks

Black Friday – Go Shopping and raise money for FOPS

easyfundraising.org.uk

HOW IT WORKS

1. Register or sign up to support a registered Friends of Payhembury School @ <http://pta-uk.easyfundraising.org.uk>. It takes a matter of minutes and is COMPLETELY FREE.
2. Next time you shop online, Start at [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from eBay. Instead of going to ebay.com directly, you would first log in to your account at easyfundraising.org.uk.
3. Make a purchase. From the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website, click through to eBay to make your purchase. This tells eBay you came from easyfundraising. The price of the shoes is exactly the same.
4. Get a donation After you buy your shoes, eBay will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation for FOPs. [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) collect this and send it on at no extra cost. On average, each retailer will donate 5% of the cost of your shopping - and those donations soon mount up.

Community News

**WEST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
are urgently seeking....**

**Meal Time Assistant
to join our friendly and supportive team.**

This role is vital in ensuring our children enjoy positive lunchtimes.

Role to include:- Assisting children with meals
Supervising play activities
Liaising with teaching staff
Packing away equipment

Hours:- 12-1.15pm

Days:- Monday to Friday inclusive
(However flexibility on the number of days per week will be considered)

If you think you may be interested in the post (even on a part-time basis) and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 812599.