



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 16 – 12th January 2018
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The next few days

Monday 15 th January	-	Netball/Booster Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 16 th January	-	KS1 Multi Skills Club - 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 17 th January	-	Scratch Club - 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 18 th January	-	School Census - Change of Menu
Friday 19 th January	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a super festive break and it has been really lovely returning to school on the 8th this year. I really appreciated the time after Christmas to get some quiet time.

The staff returned to school on Friday 5th January for a training day. It was focused on our Christian distinctiveness and our core values. Over this first week the children have revisited the core values and looked at how they affect themselves and those of others in school. The children have produced some outstanding work and have had many exciting, stimulating discussions as a result. I endeavour to walk through the classrooms every day talking to and looking at the standard of work the children are producing. This week has been a real delight: the children have clearly loved the focus and have excelled in their work. I hope the children have been coming home talking about what they have been doing.

On Wednesday evening Payhembury hosted a training session for East Devon Schools on Anaphylaxis shock and Asthma. It was delivered by the school nurses and we were able to send all our staff on the training.

Next week we have Brad Murray visiting to discuss school standards. He is a Devon primary advisor and works with the staff to be reflective, offering constructive areas for development and identifying excellence and good practice.

We also have the School Census on Thursday where there will be a change of menu to encourage as many children as possible to have a lunch on this day. Please see "Notices to Parents" in the newsletter to see the change of menu. If you would like to order a lunch please speak to Mrs Lush in the office.

This term we have two students working with us. Firstly in Oak class we have Miss Rogers, who is currently a final year student on a B Ed course at Plymouth University. We then have Miss Davies in Beech class who is a student on her final practice of a Schools Direct programme. Both

students will be with us until the end of the spring term. The FORT Federation actively supports new colleagues to the profession. By working in school the students develop their skills and strategies and the school benefits from enthusiasm and dedication which ultimately supports our children's learning.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School	- Isla Palmer	Reception	- Demi-Lee Woodfield
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Sophia Tetley	Year 2	- Alice Brauer
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Jessica Mellor	Year 4	- Matthew Currey
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Amelia Wadsworth	Year 6	- Marcia Jarrett

Notices to Parents

Admission to Primary School 2018 for children born between 01/09/2013 & 31/09/2014 - Don't forget the deadline is this Monday, 15th January 2018. If you have any queries please contact The Education Helpline Advisers on 0345 155 1019.

School Meals - Please note there will be a change of menu next **Thursday 18th January 2018** for Census Day to encourage as many children as possible to have a lunch on this day. The choices are: M: Sausages, V: vegetarian sausage with chips and beans or Jacket Potato with cheese and beans, followed by chocolate cracknel, fruit or a yoghurt. KS2 children - if you would like to order a meal for this day but haven't done so please speak to Mrs Lush in the office.

Clubs - Clubs start back next week. Unfortunately we haven't had many children sign up for scratch club on a Wednesday. If your child would like to attend (yrs 4/5/6) please return your form on Monday. Reply slips will be returned on Monday if there are enough children taking part. Reply slips regarding KS1 Multi Skills Club on a Tuesday will be sent home on Monday.

Oak Class - The home learning projects need to be brought into school on **Thursday 8th February 2018**.

Letters sent home this week

- School Sports Crew Training Letter (Sports Crew children in Oak Class)
- Clubs Forms
- Reply forms for KS2 Netball and Booster Club

Dates for the Diary

2017/18 Academic Year

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| 15 th January | - Application deadline for Primary School places for September 2018. |
| 18 th January | - School Census |
| 22 nd January | - Fire Safety Talk for Ash Class, 1.15-2pm and Oak Class 2-3pm |
| 23 rd January | - Sports Crew Training @ Kings 4-5.30pm |
| 24 th January | - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |
| 28 th January | - Christingle Service in the Church at 4pm |

2 nd February	- Vision Screening Programme for Reception Children @ 1pm
5 th February	- Yrs 5/6 Hockey at Kings 12pm - 3pm
7 th February	- Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
12 th - 16 th Feb	- Half Term
19 th - 22 nd Feb	- Bikeability for Years 5
21 st February	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
26 th February	- Parent's Evening
27 th February	- Parent's Evening
28 th February	- Parent's Evening
6 th March	- Cross Country for Yrs 3-6 on King's Field 4-5.30pm
7 th March	- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
12 th March	- Yrs 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Kings 12pm - 3pm
27 th March	- Yrs 3/4 Orienteering @ Kilerton House 10am - 2.30pm
28 th March	- Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
29 th March	- Last day of Term
16 th April	- First day of Term
18 th April	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
2 nd May	- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
16 th May	- Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
28 th May - 1 st June	- Half Term
4 th June	- Non-Pupil Day
6 th June	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
20 th June	- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
4 th July	- Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
18 th July	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
24 th July	- End of Term

2018/19 Academic Year

3 rd /4 th September	- Non-Pupil Days
5 th September	- First Day of Term
22 nd - 26 th October	- Half Term
21 st December	- Last Day of Term
7 th January 2019	- First Day of the Spring Term

Pre-School

We would like to say a big welcome to Scarlet Mounser who started in Pre-School with us this week.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and hoping you had a joy filled Christmas.

On Sunday in the Parish Hall there will be a CAFÉ Service at 10:30 but do come early for a chat and a coffee and cake!!!

If you have not been to CAFÉ before, then why not join us for an informal Service and the children have their own fun activities.

A thought:

The Bible is a letter from God with our personal address on it.

Soren Kierkegaard.