

# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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## The next few days ...

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Early years drop in sessions for pre-school parents
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Oak and Beech Class - PAW cup at Awliscombe
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Drama Group Performance 6pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 9.15am. Last day of term for all pupils

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It seems a lot has happened since the last newsletter and I find myself writing the last one for this year. At this point we are all feeling quite frazzled but when we look back it's hard to believe what has actually been achieved over the year.

The new annual school report seemed to be well received by the majority of parents. I think there are always ways to improve so next year we will learn from this one and make a couple of tweaks. Thank you for your positive feedback, we appreciate your support.

I am delighted to announce that both schools met the criteria and were awarded the School Sport Mark with Payhembury moving up to Silver level. Next year we are definitely going to get the Gold - Mrs Moran has a plan to ensure we get there! We very much value physical education and have focused a lot of school resources on it, so I am pleased such a wonderful recognition of the children efforts and the opportunities provided through school has been achieved.

Last week KS1 children won the multi skills cup for the local learning community. Our children show amazing core values while participating in the events; especially perseverance and acceptance.

A huge thank you for your continued patience with ParentPay! Overall it has been a great success but, like most internet-based things, we have had a few glitches. It has made an immediate impact in both school offices, saving time on the dinner money collection. I am excited to see it working in September and I am confident everyone will benefit from it eventually. Please can you sign up if you haven't done already and also remember that all trips and consent forms will be held on ParentPay so it will be vital you are up and ready for September in preparation for upcoming events and activities.

Our uniform has been provided by a local company who is extremely efficient and, in my opinion, produces good quality items. We have had a review of the products available to us and there is a great cardigan available in the same material as the jumpers which are easy to wash, keeps their colour and shape. We appreciate that the girls love their dresses and pinafores and the jumper hide their uniform so we have decided to introduce the cardigan for any of the children to wear. We have also discussed the neck shape of the jumpers and we felt the round neck squashed the polo shirts; so we have moved to a v neck jumper. Please don't feel you can't wear your current uniform but we are slowly fazing the new ones in.

As the staff also love to wear the uniform (especially at external sporting events) we are moving to a new colour for them. As we are a Federation and our staff move freely between the two schools we have decided to put the red and blue together and we are going purple. Please don't worry, there is no intention to change

the school colours but staff find it hard when turning up at one school's event wearing the other school's colours. Luckily I didn't listen to Vicky Morris who wanted Pink!!!

Just a reminder, any uniform required for September should be placed with the school office prior to the end of term. Anything ordered during the summer holidays won't be looked at by the school until we return in September.

We have another building project taking place this summer in Oak Class. All the windows are being replaced; repairs and improvement on the internal plastering and the external brickwork will be re-pointed.

This will be happening over the whole summer holidays so don't be surprised if you see people on site.

The SATs results were released this week and I am delighted to say both our schools have achieved wonderful results. All our data from the formal statutory assessments throughout the school have been outstanding this year. Next week I will send out a summary sheet for your information, but in the meantime, a big congratulations to all the Year 6 children who have worked so hard this year and during their time at Payhembury!

This week our year 6 had their transition week. I had the chance to walk around Kings on Monday to see them all. They were all happy, confident and focused.

I don't want to finish the year without a huge thank you to our amazing FOPS team. The support for the school has been phenomenal and really makes a difference. Thank you so much. Another thank you linked to FOPS is to the Village shop, which has kindly donated £2700 to the school for laptops; another example of what makes Payhembury so special and unique.

So finally, I would like to say thank you to you all for the unwavering support you have shown me this year but also for the school. Our staff are amazing and I really feel I have the very best people teaching and looking after your children, I would like to say thank you to the staff for their hard work.

I hope to see you all at the Leavers service on Friday morning, it's a special day for a wonderful group of children and I would love for you to join me in making it an extra special last day of term. We will also be presenting all the trophies and awards across the rest of the school during the service.

Have a wonderful summer, I look forward to a break but I promise I will be so excited to come back in September!

With best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School -	Leah T	Reception -	Henry B
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 -	Annabel	Year 2 -	Anwen
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 -	Alice B	Year 4 -	Harry B
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 -	Oliver B		

## Notices to Parents

### **Beech Class - Wildlife Champions**

During this half term, Beech class have been working hard on their wildlife project - 'Mini beasts Matter'. They have been looking at the different mini beasts in the wild area and have researched the advantages and disadvantages that they bring. They have built bug homes to attract even more mini beasts and have found that they already have new residents! We're looking forward to sharing all the information that we've found out with Paul Martin, who is part of Devon Wildlife Trust; hopefully he will be impressed.

Beech class will be happy to share any top tips with you about attracting and keeping mini beasts; making a home for them out of unwanted plastic bottles is quick and easy. Why not ask them or look at the information on the noticeboards in the church and shop, and those dotted around the school, and help us to help mini beasts thrive.



### **Sports News - School Games Mark 2018 -2019**

This week we learnt that we had successfully met the criteria for the SCHOOL GAMES AWARD 2018-19. To achieve the award the school has to provide evidence that it is meeting criteria in areas of PE, School Sport, Daily Physical Activity, Leadership and Club links. It also has to show that it is providing these opportunities across all age ranges, genders and abilities in both competitive and cooperative activities both within the and beyond the school curriculum.



The award is presented in 3 categories Bronze, Silver and Gold depending on the level of access and opportunity the school has provided.

We are extremely pleased to have been recognised with the SILVER award for 2018-19.

A huge thank you to the children for being engaged and passionate about the opportunities they have been involved with but also a big thank you to parents for supporting the opportunities that are offered and encouraging your children to 'give it a go'.

### **Sports News - World Cups**

There has been so much top level sport happening over the last few weeks - Women's World Cup Football, Men's World Cup Cricket, Women's Cricket Ashes, Wimbledon and much more - and so much of it being staged in our own country.



We can't always get to the venues to watch the action live but hopefully you have had a chance to watch some of our top sports people in action.

This week sees the start of the Netball World Cup in Liverpool - 12th-21st July - A sport that England have brought to life with their recent successes. The BBC will be streaming all games on the BBC Sport app, BBC will show games live from day 4, Sky have full coverage from day 1 and there has been a special SPORT RELIEF CELEBRITY NETBALL match which is on BBC2 7pm on 20th July.

### **SEND Parent Coffee Mornings**

From Friday 13th September, Feniton Primary School will be hosting a SEND Parent Support Group for parents from all local schools to attend each fortnight 9.30 - 10.30am. The purpose of these sessions is to provide parents of children with SEND a supportive network to chat through issues specific to their child at home or at school. The coffee morning will be led by a parent who has experience of running a similar group in the local area.

If you would like to attend on Friday 13th September, please contact Feniton School (01404 850303) to register your interest.

## Junior Bake-Off Results

Our first Junior Bake Off, held this year at the School's Summer Fair, was a huge success. Thank you to all the children that entered - the quality was brilliant and clearly a lot of time & effort had gone into all entries. It was a tough job for our judges, Sandra Ford and Penny Hammett, to chomp through so much cake, but they managed it and finally found 4 winners. Our Bake Off champions were:

Emma K - Willow class          John B - Ash Class

Harry B - Beech Class          Rose K - Oak Class

## Menu Choices for September 2019

On Wednesday 4th September the school lunch menu will be the options from the Tuesday on the menu: Italian Meatball Pasta Bake or Spanish Rice.

## Dates for the Diary

### **2018/19 Academic Year**

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

8th May 2020 - May Bank Holiday \*moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## Pre-School

We will be having an open session for the parents of children starting in reception in September 2019. This will run from 3.30pm - 5.00pm on Monday, there is no need to make an appointment.

## News From St Mary's Church, Payhembury

Growing in Love Hope and Faith

On Sunday there will be a C.A.F.E Service starting at 10:30 but arrive a little earlier for coffee, croissant and chat.

Enjoy all this wonderful sunshine.

A thought

*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*

- Aeso



**Grand Appeal for Laptops news**

After a fantastic school year of fundraising, we are thrilled to be able to report that 20 laptops, along with the software & set up systems have been purchased and will be ready for use in September. FOPS, as a result of your support has raised over £4,000 towards the laptops, but the ability to purchase them has only been made possible by the hugely generous donation from Payhembury Provisions, who has given a staggering £2,700 specifically for the laptop grand appeal.

The village is so lucky to have a community shop run by volunteers, allowing any monies made to be ploughed back into village charities, appeals, clubs etc. As we all know, the shop relies on volunteers for all sorts of things, and as a thank you for the donation, we are looking for support amongst school families to help spruce up the shelter section of the shop - which is in need of a lick of paint.

A working party will be there on Saturday 20th July, from 2pm for all those who can offer an hour or two. It would be a fitting thank you to the shop if we could gather a group from the school to help them in this way. Please let Roz Mullin know if you think you can spare some time on this day.

In addition, FOPS has also provided in this school year:  
£1,000 for library books - selections based on each class wish list  
£800 on guided reading books to benefit each class  
£1,000 on subsidising transport for school trips.  
The building (by parents) of the KS2 shelter - now in use

It has been an incredibly busy year of fundraising and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported, volunteered and donated money to our numerous activities.

**Party in the Park**

FOPS are running the pudding bar at the forthcoming Party in the Park on the 13th July and we would really appreciate donations towards the pudding bar and help running it during the event. As the name implies, we are looking for donations of puddings (e.g. Pavlovas, cheesecakes, Black Forest gateaux, roulades, jelly, fruit salads) but would also appreciate scones, cakes, tray bakes etc. FOPS will provide pouring cream to accompany.

If you can provide a pudding (bought or made are equally as good) please let Anita or George know as the FOPS Committee will then fill in the gaps. Similarly if you could spare half an hour to help on the stall please let us know so we can set up a rota. The stall will be running from 4.30pm until we're sold out.

# Children's Yoga Summer School

Hunger Hill Yurts Chicken Shed Studio, Newton Poppleford

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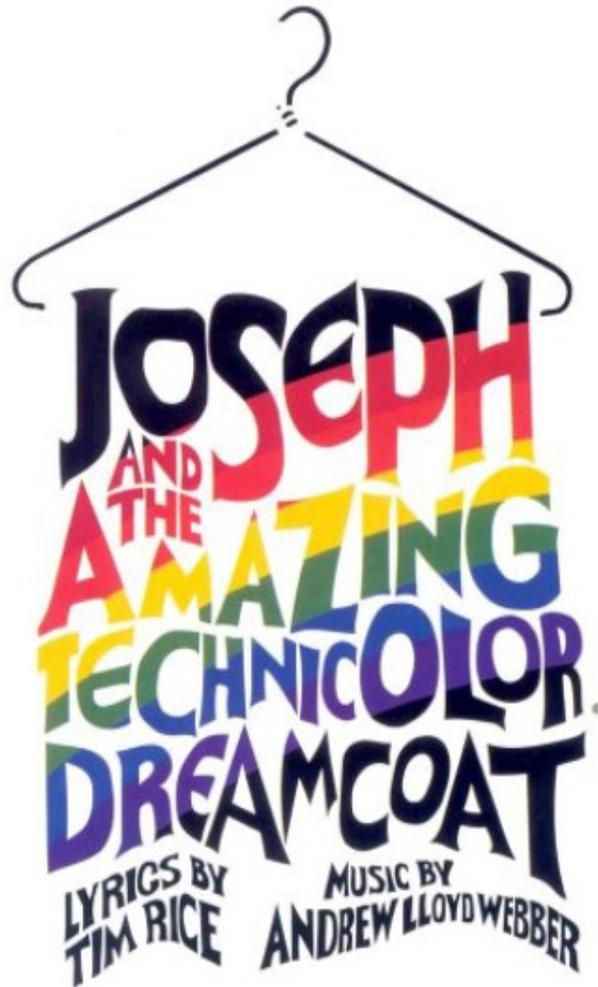
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# Community Theatre 4All

Announce an "Introductory 'Junior Cast Workshop'" for their next production



**In St Mary's Church Whimple on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm to 4.00pm.**

An introductory Music and Drama Workshop that is open to all interested young people who will be in school years 3 to 8 in September 2019. Parents are welcome to come along with their children, or to leave them to work with Emma Palmer and Tom Samson for the first 90 minutes. All parents are requested to be present from 3.30pm when all the rehearsal and performance commitments will be fully explained. Performances will be given in early February 2020.

Any pre-workshop enquiries to Tom Samson on 07979 876211

The Creative Team for this project will be Choreographer: Emily Thornhill;  
Musical Director: Emma Palmer; Stage Director: Tom Samson.