



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

13th March 2020

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The next few days...

Monday 16 th March	Beech Orienteering. Parents Evening & Parents Afternoon (Pre-School).
Tuesday 17 th March	Parents Afternoon (Pre-School). Parents Evening (Ash Class only)
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 5 Swimming. Parents Evening.
Thursday 19 th March	
Friday 20 th March	Ash Trip to Buckfast Abbey

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The Coronavirus has dominated my time and energy this week. It seems to be evolving every hour and the changes are beginning to be far reaching. I have been working with staff to prepare for a number of changing scenarios. I continue to follow the guidance from Public Health England (PHE) and we continue to emphasise the importance of personal hygiene with the children.

We have not been instructed to cancel school trips yet but I would remind parents that they always have the choice as to whether their child takes part in a trip. We have received a number of telephone calls asking if trips are wise at this time... I would like to remind you I am instructed to follow the PHE guidance and would not let a trip take place if I had been advised against it. This is the current information but it may change at any time and I will act accordingly.

With the announcement yesterday of self -isolation with the appearance of any new symptoms please can I point out the guidance below as to how to manage self -isolation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

This guidance from the HSE in the Republic of Ireland is very clear and less wordy:

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/self-isolation-and-limited-social-interaction.html#self-isolote>

If one person in the home requires self -isolation, the rest of the family needs to follow the safe practice of the advice in the above web links.

If you are self-isolating your child, please inform us by email or ring the office on the first day so we can record the absence officially. Through the website we will suggest school work for your child to do if they are well enough. Please look on the website which will be updated regularly.

If a nationwide school closure is announced, we are planning to put work on the website for daily learning. Teaching children at home can be quite difficult so I would recommend you set out an agreed time each day. Children would work better with a clear plan - don't forget regular breaks between activities. We don't expect them to work all day but it needs to be for a good period of time to get any benefit.

The internet can be quite unreliable in our local area so we will provide a list of activities on our website rather than a daily online learning update. I'm not suggesting it is expected of you but I bought a couple of home work books from Amazon yesterday (£3.50ish) to do also if we go into isolation. WH Smiths or a Waterstones have them too.

In the meantime, if our staff are hit by illness or self-isolation we will try our hardest to cover our classes with our own staff. This may require a few temporary move a rounds within school but I will assure you it would be for a very short time.

I will update you as soon as I have any clear instructions to change from our normal routine. Our Parents Evenings will still take place and we will confirm if our Easter service is to go ahead by the end of next week. The trip to Buckfast Abbey has not been cancelled at present but we will be monitoring it on a daily basis next week.

With regards

Mrs Hammett

★ Star of the Week - Well Done To....

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School -	Henry	Reception -	Matilda
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 -	Otis	Year 2 -	Demi-Lee
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 -	Nicholas	Year 4 -	Isla
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 -	James	Year 6 -	Sam

Notices to Parents

Sports Reports

Well done to the Oak Class Hurricane Netball team who were awarded 100% Fair Play "Spirit of the Games" award at the East Devon Tournament last week. They were recognised in every game by all umpires for their determination, perseverance and teamwork. Only two schools achieved a 100% score so the children feel proud of their commitment to sports values. Well done!!

Oak Class - Humanism Visit

On Monday 9th March, Keith Denby came in to talk to Oak Class about humanism.

The children learnt that empathy is the key value underpinning humanism. We thought about what it means to have empathy and how very young children show empathy even before they can talk.



At the beginning of the session, we looked at lots of different cards and sorted them into our top five things to make us happy. We talked about what happiness is and how we can make ourselves happy.

Then we had the chance to learn about what humanism is, what humanists believe and to explore their ideas of stewardship of world and caring for others - particularly by doing charity work and volunteering.

After that, there was an opportunity for asking Keith questions about humanism and his life as a humanist. At the end of the session, the children felt that they had a much clearer understanding of what humanism is and what humanists believe.

Sports Relief

Come Run & Walk with us raised £37.60 on Wednesday- thank you for all your donations and to the parents and carers who came along! We will let you know the final amount raised from the activities, non-uniform day and wristband sales.



World Book Day

Don't forget there is still time to get your entry in for the World Book Day Design a Book Token Competition, you can return entries to the school office or the address online.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/02/design-a-national-book-token-competition-2020/>

Parents Evenings and Pre School Parents Afternoons

Just a reminder that your 10 minute appointment is to discuss your child's progress and targets. If you feel you require more time then we will be happy to arrange a further appointment with your child's class teacher.

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Letters sent home

Parent Interview Confirmation Slips

Dates for the Diary

16th & 17th March 2020 - Pre-School Parent Interviews pm

16th & 18th March 2020 - Parent Interviews

17th March 2020 - Parent Interview (Ash Class Only)

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 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

News From St Mary's Church, Payhembury

News from St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be Parish Communion at 9:15 and in the evening at 6:00 there is Worship and Praise at Feniton Church.

All are welcome.

A thought

God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself.

C. S. Lewis



Cancelled Bulb Show 2020

Unfortunately the committee has decided to cancel the Bulb show this year in light of the Coronavirus outbreak. They did not want to put anyone at risk.

COVID-19

You will all be aware of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. At a time like this we encourage you to consider ways to keep yourself, your family and those in our community safe, particularly the isolated and vulnerable. Over the next few months we may all need some help and support at different times

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If you can't leave you home and need provisions

Payhembury Provisions can deliver

Call: 01404 841856

Or email: [payhemburyprovisions@gmail.com](mailto:payhemburyprovisions@gmail.com)

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If you can help deliver supplies to those stuck at home

Call: 01404 841856 and leave your details

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If you could help your neighbours & friends when they are not able to go out - exchange phone numbers and email addresses now

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Let people know if you want help

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## Further Information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

<https://www.payhembury.org.uk/coronavirus-watching-out-for-yourself-family-and-neighbours/>



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020



# CELEBRATE MOTHERING SUNDAY



COME AND MEET BISHOP ROBERT AT  
ESCOT CHURCH @ 9am for communion  
and a

Mothers Sunday Mayhem  
at ESCOT HOUSE from 10:30

All welcome, with bacon sandwiches, pastries, tea and  
coffee and activities for the children



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SOUTH WEST

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RUN

Join the brightest  
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Saturday 20 June 2020 ☺ Westpoint

Also taking place in Bristol and Newquay.  
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# HAPPY MUSIC



## Otter Valley Rotary Junior Young Musician Competition

St Mary's Church Ottery Saint Mary,  
Tuesday 9 June, 19:00



Registration from 18:00

Please contact your Music Teacher or the Rotary organiser, Jax  
Ridgeway: [ridgeway1tt@btinternet.com](mailto:ridgeway1tt@btinternet.com) if you would like to take  
part.