



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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## The next few days ....

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Party

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch, KS1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Concert, 5pm Payhembury Church

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December -

Friday 21st December -

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## Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have had a fabulous week and the highlight was most definitely the nativity performances in the village Hall on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to all those who were able to watch the show; we feel the ticketing system worked well this year and we were able to accommodate everyone more comfortably.

Willow and pre-school were so incredible; they learnt their words to perfection. Their singing was beautiful and I particularly enjoyed the costumes. As usual, but not to be taken for granted, was the amazing singing from the rest of the school. Every child contributes so much to each song and you can feel their enthusiasm and commitment to doing their best every time you watch or listen to them. I felt incredibly proud of the whole school.

I would like to send a couple of thank you messages. Firstly to the staff, they have worked tirelessly for the last couple of weeks to prepare for the show while still keeping everything else going. They really are a smashing team who are very dedicated to the children. Thank you FOPS who are always backing the school and organising and arranging the extra things for school.

I'm already looking forward to next year's performance, we are always thinking about ways we could improve it.

On Friday last week the second round of the PAW sports cup took place. 12 children from Awliscombe Woodpeckers came across to Payhembury with Miss Goodson to compete against Beech in Crazy Catch, Indoor Rowing and Indoor Kurling. Everyone had a chance to compete in all 3 activities and score points for their team. Matches in each activity were really close and Awliscombe narrowly won the Crazy Catch and Rowing while Payhembury took the title in the Kurling.

Final results were:

OVERALL RESULTS

PAYHEMBURY AWLISCOMBE

Crazy

Catch L L W - W L 13pts W W L - L W 17pts

Rowing L - W L L L 9pts W - L W W W 21pts

Kurling W W W L L L L W W 29pts L L L W W W W L L 25pts

Total 51pts 63pts

So many of the children displayed superb sportsmanship throughout the afternoon and Spirit of the Games awards were awarded to:

SPIRIT OF THE GAMES

PAYHEMBURY AWLISCOMBE

Determination - Stanley, Ryan, Harry & Juniper Team 2

Passion - Aston, Theo & Katie

Respect / Politeness - Emma, Jack Team 6 Jodie and Grace

Encouragement / Support - Hugo, Archie, Isla & Tommy Team 1. Barney Team 1

Achievement Jack, Max, Jess, Maya, Oliver, Theo, Harry, Barney, Lacey, Ryan, Barns.

Today is Christmas jumper day and the children look very festive. It has worked out well as we are off to the Phoenix theatre this afternoon to watch our annual show. It is definitely one of my favourite trips to take the children on. As we go together with Awliscombe Primary school our numbers are so big that we fill the whole theatre with our children. I have to admit that I spend most of the show looking at the children rather than the actors as I watch their faces full of awe and laughter; it's such a joy to see how much they love it.

Next week is just as busy; we have our Carol Service in the church on Wednesday evening, please come and join us. We will all sing together some of the more traditional hymns for Christmas. It starts at 5 and will only last about 40 minutes. I know that Willow class are quite exhausted so we are suggesting that it is an optional attendance that evening and that they can stand with their parents. For all the other children we would really love for them to be there and for them to stand with their class at the front of the church. Every child is vital to make the service as beautiful as we have practiced.

Our Christmas dinner will be served on Tuesday and thank goodness for our FOPS who come along and help serve the lunch and clear away.

Beech and Oak class will have their Christmas party on Monday afternoon and they are welcome to bring party clothes to change into. Willow and Ash will have their party on Tuesday after the Christmas dinner and they will change into their party clothes then.

We will finish the term with an achievement assembly in the village hall on Friday 21st at 9.30am, as always everyone is welcome to join us.

I hope your Christmas preparations are coming along well and you all have a good weekend, see you on Monday.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

## F.O.P.S

### **Veg Box Lottery**

Thank you to all those who took part in our Veg Box Lottery at the Straw & Order Performances this week. The lucky winner was Caroline Southwood, who wins the beautiful box of fresh vegetables, kindly donated by Otter Produce of Ottery St Mary.

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

**Willow Class** Pre-school - Jackson Knight **Reception** - Otis Turner

**Ash Class** Year 1 - Thomas Pratt **Year 2** - Anwen Doyle

**Beech Class** Year 3 - Angus Forsythe **Year 4** - Imogen Blackman

**Oak Class** Year 5 - Harriet Mullin **Year 6** - Tom Stonex

## Notices to Parents

**Carol Concert** - Children who are attending after school club next Wednesday will be taken to the Church at 4.50 for the Carol concert. Those not staying for the concert can be collected at 5pm from the Church.

**Oak Class Reminder** - With all the different events going on during the last couple of weeks of term please remember to work on your projects! Doing little and often is a good plan. Projects are due in on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**The Kings School Carol Service** - The staff and Students at Kings School invite you to join them for their annual Christmas Carol Service at Ottery St. Mary Church on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Kooth.

**Hippo's Holiday Club** - Hippos Holiday Club will be running from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January at Honiton Primary School. We offer a variety of sports, games and crafts from 8.00 am to 4.30pm for £15.00. (£8.00 for morning only). Please see our website at [www.honitonprimary.co.uk/holiday-club/](http://www.honitonprimary.co.uk/holiday-club/) for more information, or ring us on 01404 548700. Children from all schools in the area are welcome, and we accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

### **Letter/emails sent this week**

School clubs form

## Dates for the Diary

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

17 <sup>th</sup> December	- Kings School carol Service 7pm Ottery St Mary Church
17 <sup>th</sup> December	- KS2 Christmas Party
18 <sup>th</sup> December	- Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> December	- KS1 Christmas Party
19 <sup>th</sup> December	- Carol Concert 5pm in the church, all welcome
21 <sup>st</sup> December	- Last Day of Term
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	- First Day of the Spring Term
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	- Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> April	- Last Day of Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	- First Day of Term
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	- Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	- Non-Pupil Day
19 <sup>th</sup> July	- Last Day of Term
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	- Non-Pupil Days

## News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



On Sunday at 9:30 there will be a Parish Communion Service. All are welcome.

A thought:

That God is more near, more real and mighty, more full of love, and more ready to help every one of us than any one of us realizes, is the undying message of the Gosp

## Community News

KIDS MATTER - Join us to chat about how to build strong families and help kids do their best in life. A friendly meet-up for anyone with children aged 0 - 10 years. For more information please talk to Nicola Hart or Penny Hammett

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### Music Club

Mondays 3.30 – 4.30

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Singing, playing games, percussion instruments, listening to music and having fun!

Plus, an opportunity to perform in a concert on February 9<sup>th</sup> at The Beehive

Contact Leah for more details:

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