



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 37 – 14th July 2017
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The next few days

Monday 17 th July	-	Swimming for Oak Class pm
Tuesday 18 th July	-	
Wednesday 19 th July	-	Willow/Ash Class Swimming pm
Thursday 20 th July	-	Leaver's Service 9.15am in the Church / Kid's Café from 3pm
Friday 21 st July	-	Last Day of Term - School Closes at 12pm

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

I will start with an apology for not sending a newsletter last week. I think that was the first time in a long time that I hadn't managed to do it.

We had two focuses last week, the summer production and the reports for the children.

The amazing production of *The Keymaster* was a real feat of precise planning but every child sang and performed to the best of their ability. Each class took an era in history and brought it alive for the audience. It was a really hot night but the children still managed to perform to the very highest standards. I would really like to thank everyone who came and supported the children. In the end we sold over 400 tickets and any profit from tickets once costs are paid will go towards our next joint production. I know it was a long day and a late night especially for the young children but it was just so good. I know they will have lasting memories of the evening for some time to come.

Our other focus last week was to get all reports out on Friday. I hope you found them useful and informative. Having analysed all the pupil performance data this year/term it is very clear to see our children are making great progress throughout the school. If there were any issues I hope you felt you could address them at parents evening.

This week has been transition week for our Year 6's and I know they have all enjoyed it immensely. The last week is hard for them as they really feel like they just want to start properly at their new school. They went out last night for bowling and a meal to celebrate their successful completion of primary school.

Our other classes had their transition day with their new teacher on Thursday too. It was a little harder this year due to the unfinished classrooms.

Our last week is coming up and the year, as always, seems to have just flown by. I hope you will be able to join us at the leavers' service on Thursday at 9.15am in the church. We will say our last farewell to the year 6's and leavers and we will give out the yearly awards across the school.

Willow class will be hosting Kids Café from 3pm on the Thursday in the village hall so please come along and join in the fun.

And finally a reminder that school will be closing early on Friday (12pm) as the new classroom will arrive on Monday morning so a large track is being laid in the playground Friday afternoon. There will be no meals at school on this day.

Have a lovely weekend.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

7th July 2017

<u>Willow</u>	Reception - Lucas Duggan-Jones	Year 1 - Tommy Knight
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 2 - Imogen Blackman	Year 3 - Sammy Hart
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 4 - Tabitha Boland-Davies	Year 5 - Marcia Jarrett
		Year 6 - Harlan Doble

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<u>Willow</u>	Reception - Nicolas Hayes-Lane	Year 1 - Jodie Wright	
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 2 - Grace Lusby	Year 3 - Matthew Currey	
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 4 - Tom Stonex	Year 5 - Isla Bryson	Year 6 - Connor Williams

Notices to Parents

Clubs - There are no clubs next week. Club forms will be sent home at the beginning of term for the new Autumn clubs.

Breakfast and After School Club Forms - Forms for September 2017 have been sent home this week to those children who attended the clubs this term. If you would like your child to attend in September but don't have a form please ask in the office or download from the website. If you can return your forms by the end of term that would be much appreciated.

Lost Property - A red Avengers water bottle with a blue lid has been found. If it belongs to you please collect from the office.

Mealtime Assistant - We are looking for a meal time assistant to join our friendly and supportive team. This role is vital in ensuring our children enjoy positive lunchtimes. **Days:** Monday to Friday inclusive. **Hours:** 11.45am - 1pm. If you think you may be interested in the post and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 841291.

Swimming - Oak Class will be swimming on Monday and Ash/Willow will be swimming on Wednesday afternoon.

Letters sent home this week

- Primary Times

- Breakfast and After School Club Forms (those who attended in Summer Term)
- School Nursing Service Update (per family)
- Sealife Flyer
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New Build Project Update

This week you will have noticed the large hole next to Willow. At the moment they are preparing the ground for the arrival of the new classroom. It will be with us on the 24th July. It will arrive in three pieces and will be craned onto the site and connected together. On your return the new classroom (Willow) will be ready but we anticipate that the classroom on the main site will be nearly complete. We are about 1 week to 10 days behind schedule. The roof trusts go in on the 18th July and then the building can be made water tight. This week we picked colours for the carpets, floor and blinds. It is all very exciting.

If there is any major change in the building programme that might have a knock on effect in September I will send a text out to update you all.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

- 20th July - Leaver's Service in Church 9.15am
- Kid's Café (Willow Hosting) from 3pm
- 21st July - **Last day of Term - School Closing at 12pm**

2017/18 Academic Year

- 4/5/6th September - Non-Pupil Days
- 7th September - **First day of Term for pupils**
- 23rd-27th October - Half Term
- 21st December - Last day of Term
- 8th January - First day of Term
- 12th - 16th Feb - Half Term
- 29th March - Last day of Term
- 16th April - First day of Term
- 28th May - 1st June - Half Term
- 2nd June - Non-Pupil Day
- 24th July - End of Term

Pre-School

Thank you to all those parents who have given us their registered codes. If we don't have your codes by the end of term we are unable to claim your funding until January 2018 and therefore you will be charged for any hours your child attends. If you have any questions please speak to Vanessa Jarrett in the office.

Early Years Funding

We have received an update with regards to Early Years funding and the roll out of the 30 hour entitlement. To receive the extended entitlement funding in September parents will have needed to apply directly to HMRC and be in receipt of the 11 digit code as soon as possible to allow the school to have registered all codes by 31st August 2017.

In order to do this you will need to carry out the following;

- Visit www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk

- Follow on-line instructions to register as a Gateway user – for this you will need proof of identity for which you can use passport details, payslip information or tax credit information.
- Once in receipt of your username for Gateway you will then be able to register your interest in the extended entitlement.
- You will then need to wait to receive an e-mail notification as to whether your request has been successful and a code will be issued
- This code will need to be given to the school office as soon as possible to allow for validation through Devon County Council by the date of 31st August 2017

Any codes not validated by 31st August 2017 will not be funded until January 2018.

With this in mind, please can I ask all parents to register at your earliest convenience and ensure that you have submitted the relevant codes to the school office by no later than Friday 14th July 2017. Should you have any problems or require any assistance please do not hesitate to speak to Vanessa Jarrett as she will be more than happy to help having completed the process already.

Mrs George

Governors

I really wanted to say how much I enjoyed our Year 5 Prayer Space day at Ottery. It is a joy to work with the children and their behaviour and enthusiasm made for a very exciting day with lots of positive engagement. Seeing our two schools working together is also another bonus. Following that I have just held the transition afternoon for the year 6 children who come together from local church school primaries to look at how their secondary school will feel if it's not a church school. It's another opportunity for our two schools to come together again.

A couple of days ago Hannah Chandler brought Willow class to visit me in Church for a morning of exploring.

Rev. Cate

Clerk to Governors

FORT Federation is looking to recruit a highly organised individual with a professional manner and effective interpersonal and communication skills to support the work of the dedicated governing body. Further details and an application form can be obtained by e-mailing:

senioradmin@fort.devon.sch.uk or details can be found on the federation website:
www.fort.devon.sch.uk

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

Parish Communion at 9:30 in Church

A thought:

The greatest thing an individual can do for his heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His children.

Anon

Firstly FOPS would like to thank everyone for the contributions they made towards the raffle at the fabulous Keymaster last week. Bearing in mind how short notice the request for contributions was we were delighted with what was given. We raised an amazing £245, which has been split between the Awliscombe and Payhembury PTA's.

The end of term Kids Café will take place after school on Thursday 20th July (scheduled a day earlier than normal as the school is closing early on the 21st). It's WILLOWS turn to host the café. Please could all donations be left in the hall on Thursday morning.

FOPS CHAIR

As many of you will be aware, Kirsty Cann is stepping down as our chairperson. She has been a member of FOPS for 6 years and many of these as chair of the committee. Kirsty has been instrumental in many of our achievements most notably the play equipment in the wild area, the Willow shelter and making the May Fair the fantastic day that it is. Thank you Kirsty, we'll miss you!

Kirsten Brauer and Georgina (George) Burton will be taking on the chair from September and are working with Kirsty as she hands over. If you would like to get involved in raising money for the school please do speak to one of the committee members.

Community News

Ottery Library Children's Summer Events and Activities

July



“Animal Agents” – Children's Summer Reading Challenge, launch date Saturday 15th July, running throughout the school holidays. This summer there's something peculiar happening at the local library – and that's where the Animal Agents come in! It's free to join, so come along and take part in the investigations. More details coming soon, or ask at the library.

Songs and Stories – Friday 21st July from 9.30 to 9.55, for babies, toddlers and their “grown-ups” – 9.30 till 9.55.

August

Cops and Robbers – Monday 14th August 11am. A fun event for children ages 4 plus. Come along and be fingerprinted and have your “mug shot” taken, (subject to parental approval) by Maria Clapp, popular local PCSO. Try on a police uniform and take away some freebies too. Also, make a “cat burglar” mask to take home. Limited number of FREE tickets available from 15th July.

“About a Bee” – Saturday 19th August at 11am. Local author and illustrator, Carolyn King reads from her own story about a little bee who wants an adventure.

Story Time and Colouring Session for Children ages 4 plus.

Evan's Sensational Science Club – 3 sessions all starting at 11am.

Fun, science based sessions, aimed at children ages 9 plus, or younger children accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 17th August “Vivid Vision” – How we see colours, including odd facts about light and some cool optical illusions for you to take home with you.

Thursday 24th August “Splendid Sound” – About how musical instruments change pitch, will include making a few musical instruments of your own.

Thursday 31st August “Fantastic Forces” – Learn about buoyancy, thrust and weight, including what makes a plane fly. Make lots of fun physics toys to take home. (Probably **not** a full-sized plane!)

Each sessions runs for about 1 hour 15 minutes. A sign-up sheet will be at the Library from 6th July. You can sign up for all 3 or just the 1 session that appeals to you.

Cops and Robbers – Friday 1st September 10.30am. See above (14th August event) for more details. Limited number of FREE tickets available from 5th August.

Watch out for some fun children's competitions, including a “treasure trail” as well. There will be prizes!

For more information visit the library or phone 01404 813838 or email

ottery.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

