



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days

Monday 17th June - Beech class swimming

Tuesday 18th June - Beech Class Cricket

Wednesday 19th June - Year 5 & 6 Quad Kids & Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Devon Final

Thursday 20th June - Sports Day (weather permitting)

Friday 21st June -

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents

Nothing can dampen the spirits of the children even with what feels like a month's rain in one week! It is always more tiring when the children can't get out for break times but they are doing a great job and still working hard.

The phone dilemma has finally been sorted, please accept my apologies if you have been affected again this week.

I hope the "niggles" with Parentpay are going away but please let me know if you are still having any difficulties. I am pleased with the overall introduction and I know it will result in a better system for you all when it is fully embedded. Change never feels comfortable but we will get used to it and hopefully it will make your lives easier.

Our week began with a visit from a Para Olympian. I know that the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and Mrs Moran has included a write up and some photographs later in today's newsletter.

This week's formal assessments were Year 1 phonics tests. These are a short test given individually to check the children's ability to read. The same process occurs for these tests as for KS1 and KS2 SATs. They have to be locked away until the specific date and then you have to follow stringent procedures when administering them. This year we were visited by an external inspector to check we were following the rules. They drop in unannounced and inspect the whole process. As you would expect we went through with no problems. That is the end of all statutory testing this year.

We need the weather to improve next week. On Wednesday 19th we have two teams taking part in the Devon Finals for Tag rugby and Quad Kids, we have a team from Beech and a team from Oak participating. It's so exciting as we haven't sent a team to the Devon Finals before and now, we send two!

On Thursday we have sports day for which we are following the normal routine - field events in the morning and races and running in the afternoon. Please come and join us. Even if you can't make the whole day, come with your picnic lunch and watch the very exciting nail-biting afternoon of races. The morning events start about 9.30am and the afternoon will start at 1pm.

This week Sophie from Devon Cricket returned to give specialised lessons for the children. The weather hasn't helped but it's good to see her back. She is working with Beech class this term.

Finally, it is the Payhembury fair on Saturday. I am going to attempt a 'Vicar of Dibley' afternoon as Awliscombe is also having a fair on Saturday so I will be aiming to attend both within the same three-hour window... fingers crossed I can achieve that. Don't forget the bake off that starts at 12.30pm. I am not sure about the weather but I think FOPS have a plan to carry on in the village hall if it is too wet. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

With regards,
Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-school - Oliver B	Reception - Otis
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 - William S	Year 2 - Alby Lock
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 - Daisy	Year 4 - Maya
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 - Oliver B	Year 6 - Tom S

Notices to Parents



We've had a fabulous afternoon on Monday. Both children and staff were very active alongside David Hill, a Paralympic athlete who competed in the 2004 Paralympics as a 15 year old swimmer (in the 100m backstroke) and then again in the 2016 Rio Games in the Triathlon!

We were also lucky to have Issy - a GB sport-sacrobatics gymnast accompany David.



They worked with the children in all classes and everyone was put through their paces in exercises such as Leg Switches, Star Jumps, Push-ups and Leg Drives - the hall was a buzz with lively

noise and energy! Everyone truly put their full effort into the exercises.



Afterwards, David delivered a truly inspiring and informative assembly about his journey as an athlete. The children had also put a lot of thought into what they wanted to ask and they were able to hear David's responses to questions such as: How much do you have to train each week? How many medals have you got? What's your most memorable achievement? And what is the

biggest challenge you have overcome?

Please do ask your children what the answers were and what they learnt (if they haven't already told you!)

I would also like to thank everyone for their sponsorship support. Athletes such as David and so many more do rely on the kindness and generosity of the public to help them achieve their best and represent our country at World events. But also, it means that we as a school will also benefit with some new Sports equipment that the Sports Council are keen to purchase.



Please could we remind everyone that all sponsorship needs to be handed in to the office by MONDAY 17th June OR it can be donated on-line (the instructions came with the sponsorship letter) but the deadline remains the same for both methods.

Swimming - A reminder that Beech Class **will** be swimming this Monday so all children will need to bring their swimming kits.

Walk to school initiative - This Monday children have started recording how they get to school each morning. Family group points will be awarded to children who come to school by bike or on foot and the golden boot award will be presented to the most eco-friendly class. Don't forget that you can 'park & stride' to school if you are unable to make the whole journey on foot. Please help to support us in earning our green flag eco school award.

Parentpay - A separate note will be sent out today but please note; When booking breakfast or afterschool club sessions it is necessary to select your requested dates when you pay. Also remember that all items **MUST** be booked in advance as we cannot offer credit facilities.

Yoga Club - Please can all children attending yoga remember to bring a mat to each session? A gentle reminder for those that still need to pay for this club.

Active Summer Sports Club - A reminder to any children in Yr4/5/6 - There is still space for you to attend the Active Summer Sports Club at The Kings School with Mrs Kiely on Tuesdays from 4pm. If you are interested please contact Mrs Kiely direct on jkiely@thekings.devon.sch.uk

Pre-School - A big well done to all of the children who have recently started in Twiglets. Oliver, Lacey-Mae, Annabelle, Oscar, Blythe and Reuben have all settled in beautifully.

F.O.P.S

School Summer Fair & Dog Show - We look forward to seeing everyone at tomorrow's school fair from 12.00 - 3.00. Remember to bring your four legged friend along for our annual Dog Show, and the masterpiece cupcakes that your children are entering into our first ever Junior Bake Off. Bring them along in the morning for judging. If anyone is able to bring an offering for the cake stall, we would be very grateful.

Wet weather plans are all in place - but fingers crossed we won't need them!

See you there!

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

- 15th June 2019 - Summer Fair
- 17th June 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 19th June 2019 - Yr 3/4 Devon Tag Rugby & Yr 5/6 Quad kids
- 20th June 2019 - Sports Day
- 24th June 2019 - Ash Class Multiskills festival @ Kings
- 24th June 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 25th June 2019 - Rain date for sports day
- 1st July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 8th July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 8th July 2019 - Year 6 transition week @ Kings (all week)
- 15th July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 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
- 4th May 2020 - Bank Holiday
- 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



Growing in Love, Hope and Faith

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

A date for your diary – 21st June- 6:30-8:30 – Spirit of Summer. There will be posters around for this event.

A thought

I don't think there is any better worship than wonder.

Donald Miller