



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days

Monday 19 th June	-	Oak Class swimming pm / Craft Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 20 th June	-	Go Ride Cycling Event @ Kings 4.15-5.30pm
Wednesday 21 st June	-	Sport's Day from 9.30am (no hot dinners today)
Thursday 22 nd June	-	Oak Class Trip to Carleon, leaving 8am, returning 5pm Glee/Wild Area Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 23 rd June	-	(Reserve Sports Day)

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

We have really enjoyed this week. The sun has helped us all feel more enthusiastic and the children have enjoyed getting onto the field for playtimes.

On Monday the week started with a trip for the Year 6 pupils. They explored Dartmoor for a day weaselling and climbing. They got to join up with their friends from Awliscombe to celebrate their achievements and to finish their last term at Primary school with a trip to remember. Listening to the stories from the children and the staff, I believe it was a great day.

On Monday afternoon Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a Quad Kids competition at The Kings. Thank goodness it wasn't raining as they don't seem to have much luck with the Quad competitions at the moment. Following that our Year 5 and 6 team went to the East Devon Quad Kids final and although we didn't progress to the next level of the competition Sam Gammon came first across all 10 schools for the highest point scoring individual boy. What a fantastic achievement. Well done Sam, we are all very proud of you.

All schools nationally had to administer their phonics screening assessments this week. This requires Year 1 pupils to be tested in reading 40 words. Some are real words, others are made up and the children's understanding of phonics is tested. It all went very smoothly and the children did a great job.

Wednesday started with a trip to Honiton Church to take part in a school's celebration. Over 6 church schools came to the service and both Awliscombe and Payhembury schools contributed to the service.

Next week we have Sports Day booked for Wednesday. Let's pray the good weather continues till then. We originally planned to hold the sports day jointly with Awliscombe on their field due to the building works but fortunately we do have the space to carry on this year so our Sports Day will be on our school field. For that reason, both Sports day are scheduled for the same day so please accept my apologies now for having to split myself across both sites. I will be visiting both schools hoping to catch some of the races on both sites. I will probably resemble the Vicar of Dibley on

that day - just need the uniform! The format will be the same again this year. It will start at 9.30am and the morning will be a carousel of athletics events that the children take part in, being awarded points towards their family group. The afternoon will have the more formal races. You are welcome for the whole day and we encourage you to come along for lunch, bring your own picnic and sit with the children. It is a highlight of the year and the children particularly love the mum and dad races. Please note there won't be any hot meals on the day. We are looking forward to Pre-school joining the events in the morning.

Next Thursday Oak class have got a very exciting trip arranged for them. They are off to south Wales to visit Caerleon. This is a firm favourite for me. There is so much to see and do in a small space so the children will have a fun packed day full of opportunities to learn about the Romans.

Some of you may have seen a new teacher working in school. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Gunningham has started with us already and we aren't waiting till September. Mrs Gunningham is an experienced teacher with a specialism in Art and design. She has worked previously at West Hill and St Martins. Over the remaining five weeks Mrs Gunningham will be working across the Federation getting herself more familiar with our schools and preparing for her class in September.

Just a quick reminder, if items have been left in school after the end of the day and you return to retrieve them, please can I ask you sign in at the office and see a member of staff. No one should be on the premise unless authorised by the staff. If no one is around then it will have to wait until the next day. The building contractors often do more complicated and hazardous jobs after school and therefore no children should be unsupervised.

I have included a small table to show you how we are organising the school next term. As we have such a high quality staff team, we have decided to make a few changes. Mr Bladon will be moving to our new Beech class. It is important for all teachers to move every so often to a different year group so that we are continuously offering CPD and new challenges. Mrs Gunningham will take Oak class.

Classes and Staff for September 2017

Age range	Class name	location	Class teacher and teaching assistant
Pre-school and Reception	Willow	New classroom (near our current willow class)	Mrs Emma Palmer Mrs Kay George
Year 1 and year 2	Ash	Current Willow	Miss Stoneman Mrs Jo Vincent
Year 3 and Year 4	Beech	New classroom	Mr Bladon Mrs Foulds
Year 5 and 6	Oak	Oak	Mrs Gunningham Ms Lea

I am delighted to share that we are also welcoming 16 new children in September. This includes our new reception children and our Pre-school is very close to full already.

We are entering a new phase for Payhembury school and it is very exciting. We will have a purpose built foundation stage unit and equally spread year groups across the remaining three classes. We will then focus on building an innovative, engaging curriculum. We want to ensure we make the most of all our school has to offer.

I hope you have a rest this weekend. The weather looks good because we have got so much to do next week. I hope you will be able to join us for sports day on Wednesday. If it does rain by any chance then Friday is our back up day.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Nicholas Lane Year 1 - Ben Wadsworth

Ash Class Year 2 - Hugo Doyle Year 3 - Oliver Burton

Oak Class Year 4 - Lilly Knight Year 5 - Aidan Rogers Year 6 - Harlan Doble

Notices to Parents

Photographs - The deadline for the school photos has now passed. They will be sent off to Tempest on Monday.

Trophies - Please can all trophies/shields awarded to the children at the end of last summer term be returned to the school office ASAP.

Lost Property -

Willow Class - Angus Forsythe has lost a named, school coat. Please can you check to see if you have taken it by mistake.

Please can everyone make sure they name ALL their school uniform/swimming kit. There are a few un-named sweatshirts in the office if you have lost one.

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 - As children are now regularly attending swimming sessions throughout the summer term, we would just like to remind you of the appropriate action regarding verrucas. If your child does have a verruca please inform their class teacher. You then need to ensure your child's verruca is treated with a sealing gel treatment or wear either a waterproof plaster or ideally, a special verruca sock to help stop the verrucas spreading to other children.

Oak will be swimming on Monday afternoon and unfortunately due to Sports Day there will be no swimming on Wednesday afternoon for Willow and Ash Class.

Your Local Team Needs You!!

Awliscombe Village Football team are looking for new players. We will be working with the team to try to develop some after school activities for the children but, meanwhile, if any of you parents are interested in joining up please let Vanessa Jarrett know and she will be happy to give you all of the details.

Letters sent home this week

- Craft Club form
- The Beehive Bonanza Letter
- Pre-School Induction Letter (new starters in Reception)

New Build Project Update

This week has gone a lot more smoothly! The foundations have been laid and the second site is now beginning to be prepared. I really have to say the building contractors are a fantastic team and their attention to the children's health and safety has been paramount. I might even go as far to say we are all enjoying the project as we have been minimally disrupted by it all.

It really helps being able to see the size of the new class room now and how it is laid out. Each day I go and see the progress.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 20 th June | - Yrs 5/6 Go Ride Cycling Event @ Kings 4.15 - 5.30pm |
| 21 st June | - Sports Day - packed lunches required |
| 22 nd June | - Oak Class Trip, leave 8am, return 5pm approx. |
| 23 rd June | - Reserve Day for Sports Day if cancelled on 21 st June |
| 26 th June | - Multi Skills Years 1/2 @ Kings 1.15 - 3pm (coach leaving 12.45)
- Induction for New Starters in September 1-3.30pm followed by a Parent Induction from 3.30-4.30pm |
| 28 th June | - Induction for New Starters in September 8.50am - 12.30am
- Year 6 Lifeskills - Donkey Sanctuary leaving 8.30am return by 1pm
- Yr 5 OSM Cricket Club 10 - 2.30pm
- Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe |
| 29 th June | - Year 6 Transition - King's Drama Group 11-12pm |
| 5 th July | - Year 6 Transition afternoon Village Hall 1-30pm
Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |
| 6 th July | - Payhembury & Awliscombe Schools Performance at The Beehive, Honiton from 1pm |
| 10 th - 14 th July | - Year 6 Transition week at The King's School |
| 12 th July | - Parent's Evening 3.30 - 5pm |
| 13 th July | - Year 6 leaver's evening |
| 20 th July | - Leaver's Service in Church 9.15am |
| 21 st July | - Last day of Term - School Closing at 12pm |

2017/18 Academic Year

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

Pre-School

Don't forget Sports Day on Wednesday (reserve day is Friday if the weather is bad on Wednesday). Pre-school will be taking part in the morning events and it would be lovely if you could stay for your picnic/packed lunch too. If Wednesday is not your usual day you are very welcome to come along for Sports Day. You will however need to accompany your child due to pupil ratios.

Letters have been sent home today inviting all the Pre-school children who will be starting in Reception in September to attend a parent induction on Monday 26th June 2017 from 3.30 - 4.30pm. Please send in your reply slips to school.

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

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



On Sunday, there will be a Parish Communion Service at 9:30 and in the evening at 6:00 there will be Worship and Praise at St Andrew's Church Feniton.

A thought:

The most overlooked peacemaker is kindness.

Mother Teresa

Community News



SUMMER CONCERT

The Tale Valley Choir
M.D. Emma Palmer
As seen with Gareth's Best in Britain 2016 winners, Semi-Toned

AND
Bassoonery with Alan Boxer

Saturday 17th June
St Marys Church, Payhembury EX14 3HR
7.30pm

Ticket price £8 to include a glass of wine and nibbles.

Raffle Prizes

Tickets available from:
Payhembury Village Shop
or from Mary Lorimer on
maryltutoring@gmail.com

Proceeds to Guide Dogs and St. Mary's Church.

GUIDE DOGS

EMG Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert **Saturday 24 June 2017, 3.00pm** **St Peter's School, Quarry Lane, Exeter, EX2 5AP**

On Saturday 24 June, join EMG Symphony Orchestra at St Peter's School for a family-friendly afternoon of magical music inspired by "Fantasy, Film and Fairy Tales". This matinee performance features Mendelssohn's *Overture to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'*; Saint-Saens' *Danse Macabre*, with soloist Clare Smith; *Dream of a Witches' Sabbath* from Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*; extracts from John Williams' music from *Harry Potter*; and Dukas' *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, which many will remember from Disney's *Fantasia*. Join us for a glimpse into the magical world of live classical music!

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Children's Hospice South West, who provide much needed hospice care for children with life-limiting conditions and their whole family across the South West.

Tickets cost £8, £5 for students and under 16s, and £2 for under 5s. They are available from Exeter Tourist Information Centre, Dix's Field, Exeter, 01392 665885 (9.30am – 4.30pm, Monday – Saturday), online from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/357901>, or on the door. For more information about EMG Symphony Orchestra please visit www.emgsymphonyorchestra.org, find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.