



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 23 –16<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
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## The next few days ....

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	-	The Bulb Show 2.30 - 4pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Sport's Relief Mile run / Booster/Netball Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Tag Rugby Oak Class @ Kings 12pm - 3.30pm Multi Skills Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	-	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	-	Football Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Readathon Deadline

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

On Monday Mrs Morris and myself updated our Level 3 safeguarding training. This is a statutory requirement as we are the identified safeguarding officers for the school. It is an intensive day of learning and ensuring we understand the current law and expectations in dealing with issues as they occur.

Emily Meek, a school nurse has been visiting school today to explain and show the children how important it is to wash their hands properly. It's a very useful session especially at this time of year when the germs are making their rounds.

Over the next two weeks a number of our staff will be receiving Lego therapy training. This seems more like a fun thing than a serious strategy to support children. In fact, this has been a proven successful therapy to support children in school. It's a way to engage children in a relaxed environment and an intervention programme is developed around the child's needs.

It's time for the Bulb Show. The classes have been actively working on their entries. They look amazing. I am always delighted to see how they get more imaginative each year. I hope you will be able to go along and see the wonderful entries in the village hall this Saturday. So much time and effort goes into the show and it is such a celebration of what a fantastic village Payhembury is. The judging happens in the morning and the show opens at 2.30pm.

Next week we begin with the sports relief run a mile on Monday. This is organised by our Sport's Council and it requires the children to participate in various running activities throughout the day. On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> years 5 and 6 are going to Kings hopefully (subject to weather and pitch conditions) to take part in a Tag Rugby competition. Fingers crossed it has warmed up by then.

Also on Tuesday afternoon the year 6 teachers from the local learning community are meeting to moderate science work. This is a very important activity that allows our teachers to assess whether we are working at, below or above the expectation of the national curriculum. The dialogue involved challenges our teachers and in turn raises school standards.

Just to let you know that myself and Mr Bladon will be away on Thursday and Friday at a church leader's conference. However, we are not that far away and we will be in daily

contact with the school. If you have any issues, please direct them first to the class teacher or Mrs Lush in the office and they will all manage your requirements accordingly.

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention a letter I received from Nick Gibb the Minister of State for school standards. He wrote to congratulate staff and pupils on our very high standard of achievement in mathematics in 2017 Key stage 2 assessments. Our results showed 100% of our children achieved at or above the expected standard. This means that our school was in the top 1% of primary schools in England for attainment in maths. These are the types of letter I love to open and read. I want you to know that we all strive to ensure your child achieves the very best they can at Payhembury and we will continue to work together.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School	- Noah Clarke	Reception	- Lola Spiller
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Arwen Springall	Year 2	- Alice Brauer
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Maya Mayne	Year 4	- Lily Paterson
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Sophie Pitts	Year 6	- Grace Blackman

### Notices to Parents

Ash Class - Miss Stoneman will be having a SATS talk for Year 2 parents in her classroom on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3.45pm.

Lost Property - A bunch of keys (with 2 fobs, one blue and one yellow) has been handed in to the school office. There are various keys including a chub key.

#### Letters sent home this week

- Tag Rugby Cancellation Letter (Oak Class)
- Hand washing letter (Oak & Ash Classes)
- Cool Milk Letter (KS1)
- Maths Workshop Flyer (Years 5/6)
- Sports Relieve Flyer
- Primary Times

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## The Eatons' Malawi trip 2018

Dear Parents and Children

Sebastian and his family are heading off to Malawi in Africa on March 20<sup>th</sup> for two weeks. Ryan (Seb's Daddy) will be helping to build classrooms for children who have to have lessons under a tree at the moment.

Izzy, Sebastian and Dominic will be volunteering at an orphanage (where children who have no parents live and are looked after). In the orphanage are 80-90 children between the ages 0-19yr (that's similar to the number of children in Payhembury School). We will be teaching these children about washing their hands and how to keep their teeth clean (just like you were learning about last term).

We would like to take some toothbrushes out to give to them (new and not battery operated please). Would you like to donate a new one?

When we get back Sebastian will show the class photos of the children there...and maybe some African animals if we catch a glimpse of any!

Any toothbrushes can be left in a box in Willow Class and Sebastian will collect them on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you!

**Sebastian, Dominic,  
Ryan and Izzy Eaton**

<http://www.stpetersmalawi.co.uk/gallery.html> <http://www.helpingmalawi.com/en/projects/amao-orphanage>

### Dates for the Diary

#### **2017/18 Academic Year**

- 17<sup>th</sup> March - Bulb Show 2.30 - 4pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> March - Sport's Relief Mile run during school hours
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Tag Rugby Oak Class 12pm - 3.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Yrs 3/4 Orienteering @ Kilerton House 10am - 2.30pm
- Year 2 Parent's Talk re. SATS in Ash Class @ 3.45pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> March - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 29<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service 9.15am / Last day of Term
- 16<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Term
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Whole School Photo (approx. 11am)
- 16<sup>th</sup> May - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half Term
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Non-Pupil Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> June - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> June - Oak Class Residential Trip
- 20<sup>th</sup> June - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 4<sup>th</sup> July - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 18<sup>th</sup> July - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September - Non-Pupil Days
- 5<sup>th</sup> September - First Day of Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term
- 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

### Pre-School

If you have any more pupil progress sheets please return them to Mrs George.

## News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a Parish Communion Service at 9:30 and in the evening in Feniton there will be Worship and Praise at 6:00 pm.

A thought:

There are hundreds of paths up the mountain, all leading to the same place, so it doesn't matter which path you take. The only person wasting time is the one who runs around the mountain, telling everyone that his or her path is wrong.

Hindu proverb

## F.O.P.S

### Easter Bingo Success!

FOPS would like to thank everyone for their support (with donations & attendance) at last weekend's Easter Bingo, and for making it the great success it was! We were so pleased with how many people came along and enjoyed Marty's Bingo calling skills.

£335 was raised during the evening, which is a fantastic amount to add to the FOPS donations to our school.

Thanks again

## Community News

# SPORTS RELIEF RUN



**SPORT  
RELIEF**

**REMEMBER!**

**FUN**



Remember to bring in your pound (minimum donation) on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to take part in a brilliant run in aid of Sport Relief. This Monday!