



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 10 – 18th November 2016

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The next few days

Monday 21 st November	-	Years 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Festival @ Kings 12pm - 3.30pm Booster Club/Construction Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd November	-	Glee Club 12.30 - 1pm
Wednesday 23 rd November	-	Roman Roadshow Ash am / Oak pm Scratch club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 24 th November	-	Christmas Craft Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 25 th November	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week has seemed quite quiet. Yesterday I had the pleasure of showing two prospective parents around the school. It's at those times when I stand back and look at the school from a different perspective that I really see how well everything is going. The classrooms look particularly good at the moment and the children's work displayed is of a very high standard.

On Wednesday evening we had a teaching and learning committee meeting for governors and we began with a learning walk around the school. The purpose of the activity was to monitor the standards of display, class organisation and children's work. I know the governors were super pleased with what they saw. I would like to say a big well done to the children and staff for working so hard this term.

It's going to be a spotty day today! 'Children in need' is the focus and there are small activities arranged throughout the day by the school council for the children to take part in. Thank you for supporting our fundraising day.

Unfortunately yesterday the planned administration of the flu vaccination had to be postponed as the nurse had a small car accident in the morning. They will be rescheduling as soon as possible. Mrs Lush will let us know the new date soon.

Last Friday's film night went well and the children had a great time, thank you to FOPS for organising and running the evening.

A huge thank you to those parents who helped with the school photographs on Wednesday, the morning seemed to go without a hitch.

Next week Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in an athletics event in the sports hall at The King's School. I know the children love this as it is a quick round robin of events.

We just had a very exciting snow fall, the breakfast club were jumping with glee, but luckily it's not settling.

I hope you all have a great weekend and the weather is bright.

With best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Ella Lusby Year 1 - Jodie Wright
Ash Class Year 2 - Grace Lusby Year 3 - William Brainch
Oak Class Year 4 - Charlie Vincent Year 5 - Marcia Jarrett Year 6 - Charlie Elsom

Notices to Parents

Admission to Primary & Junior Schools for 2017/2018 - the application facility for places in Primary & Junior Schools for the 2017/2018 academic year will open on **15th November 2016 and close at midnight on 15th January 2017**. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the on-line application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. Applications **cannot** be made online after the closing date. Hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Christmas Lunch Reply Slips - The Christmas lunch letters were sent home this week. Please return all reply slips by **Tuesday 22nd November** as we need to give the final numbers by next week. Thank you.

Ash Class School Trip - Please make sure you return your consent forms and payment to school.

School Photos - The school photos order forms have been sent home this week. If you require a photo please complete the form and hand back the sealed envelope with the payment enclosed to school within the deadline. The deadline for returning your forms is **Friday 25th November**. If you miss the school deadline you can still order online or post your order but a £4 postage/late order fee will apply.

Letters sent home this week

- Christmas Lunch Letter and reply slip
- Pre-school Letter
- Primary Times
- FOPS Welcome Packs (for Reception children, Pre-school children and new starters)
- School Photo order forms

Payhembury Church of England Primary School

Devon County Council is formally consulting on increasing places at Payhembury Church of England Primary School from 70 places to 105 places with effect from Spring 2017.

The Full Proposal is available to view on-line via: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/> - please select the 'Education and Schools' category.

The web page also details how responses can be sent to Devon County Council, as the decision-maker.

The deadline date for representations to be made is 5pm on Wednesday, 14 December 2016. If you do not have access to the web, please call the School Organisation Team on 01392 382057.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

21 st November	- Yrs 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Festival @ Kings School 12-3.30pm
30 th November	- Full Governor's Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury / Governor's Pay & Performance Meeting 8pm @ Payhembury
1 st December	- Year 6 Heights & Weights @ 6 11.30am
2 nd December	- Non-Uniform Day - chocolate donations for Christmas Fayre
5 th December	- NSPCC Safeguarding Assembly and workshop throughout the day
7 th /8 th December	- Bikeability Yrs 3 & 4 - Level 1 on the playground
9 th December	- Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall 3.30 - 5pm
14 th December	- Exeter Phoenix Trip am followed by Christmas Lunch
15 th December	- Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm start
16 th December	- Last day of Term / Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children)
3 rd January	- First day of Term
13 th -17 th February	- Half Term
31 st March	- Last day of Term
18 th April	- First day of Term
29 th -2 nd June	- Half Term
5 th June	- Non-Pupil Day
21 st July	- Last day of Term

Pre-School

This week we sent home a letter explaining about Wednesday 14th December and Christmas lunch. If your child would like to come along to the Christmas lunch please complete the reply slip and return to school by **Tuesday 22nd November** as we need to let the kitchen know the numbers. Many thanks.

Governors

My name is Samuel Pollard and I am one of the parent governors. I currently have my 4 children attend Awliscombe primary school. I have been a lecturer in physiology in various parts of the country for the last 6 years and prior to this, completed a PhD in something that when described by me to others, generally causes a glaze to appear over their eyes. I currently work at the medical school in Exeter and have various roles and responsibilities. I was a governor at my daughter's previous school; only being appointed the parent governor role a short while ago.

One thing I am very passionate about is education and its power to change lives. My personal educational journey has been far from straightforward; struggling to achieve national average grade boundaries throughout my school life. I now appreciate the beautiful thing that is education and how it has released me into a career I'd never have dreamed I would've or even could've gone into. This is one of the reasons I wanted to get involved and become a FORT governor; to help shape and positively impact the education of our young children so that they can have the opportunity to reach their potential.

Although I would like to be able to commit to doing more within both schools, I am hoping to be in both schools soon to help with some activities centred on the body using some resources from the university. I have managed to attend regular meetings throughout the three terms and can feedback that the team of governors is remarkably skilled and the passion that all the governors, senior leadership and the teachers have for your children's education is nothing but remarkable. From my observation and my personal experience of higher education; the attention on the progress of each and every child has is simply not replicated elsewhere. The latest governors meeting included a walk around the different classes and the work that the children have created. One of the striking things from this walk was not just the quality of the work, but also the significant emphasis and value that the senior leadership and teachers place onto

the children's work and the display. It is from my observation that the FORT is really trying to put your child(ren's) learning and developmental journey at the centre of every decision or activity.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

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



A thought:

In the great orchestra we call life, you have an instrument and a song, and you owe it to God to play them both sublimely.

Max Lucado

F.O.P.S

FOPs & The New Age

To make sure you don't miss out on any socials or events please could you get in touch with me (Kirsty) with an e-mail. We are all teched (not an actual word I know) and up to date with technology and e-mail is our way to involve and include you. There are plenty of things going on that you may want to join in, help out with or avoid!!!! If you are happy to get involved or have any questions this is a great time to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks, Kirsty Kirsty@camns.co.uk 0785948606

Community News

Broadhembury Memorial Hall

Calling all TOTS TO TEENS with their parents to an OPEN MORNING on November 19th from 10.00 to 12.00 noon to come along to the hall and utilise some of the facilities that are available. There will be table tennis, table football and other games available.

**_WEST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
are urgently seeking....**

**Meal Time Assistant
to join our friendly and supportive team.**

This role is vital in ensuring our children enjoy positive lunchtimes.

Role to include:- Assisting children with meals
Supervising play activities
Liaising with teaching staff
Packing away equipment

Hours:- 12-1.15pm

Days:- Monday to Friday inclusive
(However flexibility on the number of days per week will be considered)

If you think you may be interested in the post (even on a part-time basis) and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 812599.