



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days ...

Monday 28th October	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 29th October	Non Pupil Day - Staff on site
Wednesday 30th October	First day back for Children. No swimming this half term.
Thursday 1st November	
Friday 2 nd November	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

A short one this week, thanks for all the support you have shown your child and the school this half term. It has been a really successful half term and has seemed to have flown by. Next half term is a long one but once Christmas gets going it moves quickly. Just a reminder that the children are back on Wednesday 30th October and please pop the key dates for the events in your diary.

Have a super half term,
Mrs Hammett

★ Star of the Week - Well Done To....

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School -	Rueben	Reception -	Amber
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 -	Nathan	Year 2 -	Maisie
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 -	Ellie	Year 4 -	Jack
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 -	Grace	Year 6 -	Buzz

Notices to Parents

New Menus from Devon Norse

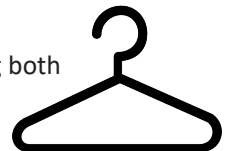
The new Autumn / Winter menus for school dinners are now available to book on ParentPay. You now need to book their school dinner choices in advance, even if your child is eligible for free school meals.

Shoebbox Appeal

Once again, we are running the Christmas Shoebbox Appeal on behalf of Blythwood Care. Suggested items include toiletries, stationery, clothing, small toys and sweets. Additional information and a checklist is available on www.shoebboxappeal.org and checklist. Please return your filled shoeboxes to the school office by 12th November.

Willow Class

Willow Class would like donations of any coathangers in this style, which are suitable for hanging both jackets and trousers on for their outdoor gear.



Harvest Lunch



On Wednesday 9th October, Oak held a harvest lunch with members of the community. This was the celebration of the end of a long project that started in April with the weeding, clearing and preparing of the vegetable beds. We then planted several different vegetables and cared for them.

At the beginning of October, we learnt how to make bread and soup – chopping and kneading were key skills that we focused on developing and improving. After that, we planned our own soup and bread menus and then made large batches to serve.

It was a fantastic opportunity to talk and learn more about each other whilst enjoying some delicious food! Everyone worked together to prepare the food and the tables, serve and clear away – a true collaborative effort!



British Cycling at School

On Tuesday the weather proved kind to both sites to allow Justin Knox from British Cycling to provide all children in Yr5 and Yr6 a grass cycling workshop.

Everyone was able to experience top tips from Justin whilst pitting themselves against each other on lap cycling and some team pursuit races.

It was a fabulous opportunity to allow all our older children to experience a new sport for most of them. Such events really help them to see that they can give everything a go and that if they believe in themselves they will always walk away with a sense of achievement and pride – and I'm fairly sure most of them had a smile too!

Go-Ride Cycling at Bicton

Yesterday Awliscombe and Payhembury joined forces to give 16 children from year 5 and 6 an opportunity to take their grass cycling skills one-step further and take part in the East Devon Go-Ride cycling at Bicton.

All children started the event by doing a time trial around a grass track of approx. 400m long, which included challenging inclines, sharp downhill bends and tight chicanes. They set off at 20seconds intervals and everyone completed their lap successfully.

They were then placed into 4 races and had to race the same course but for a sustained 10 minutes of cycling! Wow – what determination and perseverance! Every single child completed their 10 minutes – even when the going got tough. Many were praised by staff for showing such resilience – it really was an event that required them to dig deep and push hard on the pedals! Results from the event will be with us after the holiday as there were 10 more teams competing in the afternoon. A very big WELL DONE to everyone involved.





New equipment – thank you!

Following the success of the Sponsored Sports for Schools Paralympian visit in the summer we are now beginning to take charge of some new things to play with on the playground and in PE lessons. The picture shows a selection of equipment that is arriving over the coming weeks on both sites (depending on needs and amount raised – don't worry, separate totals are being monitored!).

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed so kindly – the children will benefit greatly.

Letters sent home

- Activities Clubs 2nd half Autumn term
- This Girl Can (Years 4, 5, 6 only)
- Summer Residential Years 5 & 6
- Phizzifit
- Handball Festival

FOPS News

At the FOPS AGM held recently, we officially announced the total figure that was raised over the course of the last academic year to be a whopping **£7,536**, which equates to £75 per child! As we always say - this is only possible due to a huge commitment and effort from parents & the wider community. Special thanks, of course must once again go to Payhembury Provisions, who generously donated £2,300 towards our grand laptop appeal.

AGM news: George Searle stood down as co-chair of FOPS at the meeting. George's pragmatic & focused approach played a huge part in our enormously successful fundraising year, so we all owe thanks to her for efforts made. She hands the mantel over fully to Anita Elsom, who has taken on the position of sole Chair. Anita is already working hard towards getting our fundraising off to a good start, and welcomes any assistance that parents are able to give.

So, we are at the start of our new academic year, and a new wave of fundraising. Our first event is the **Film Night on Thursday 14th November**. There will be 2 different films for our children to choose from - this is an event they all love, so pop it your calendars. Another save the date is for our **Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December**, which promises to be another fantastic, festive event not to be missed.

Finally, the school has registered with a great new scheme being offered by **The Book People**. They are donating £1 to the school every time you spend £10, so please do remember them & remember to select Payhembury Primary School when you are Christmas shopping!

Dates for the Diary

2019/20 Academic Year

30th October 2019 - First day back after half term for pupils
11th November 2019 - Armistice Service
12th November 2019 - Tempest Photography
14th November 2019 - Film Night
29th November 2019 - Non Uniform Day
7th December - Christmas Fair
11th December - Christmas Production (evening)
12th December - Christmas Production (afternoon & evening)
13th December - School theatre trip
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
8th May 2020 - May Bank Holiday
25th-29th May 2020 - Half term
1st - 2nd June 2020 - Non pupil days
22nd July 2020 - Last day of term



Join us for a fun filled spooky yoga session at the Chicken Shed, Hunger Hill Yurts, Newton Poppleford on Monday 21st October between 10am and 12pm.

Come in fancy dress and expect yoga, games and craft activities. All equipment, drink and snack provided.

£12.50 per child. Sibling discount £11 per child for two or more siblings.

To book or for more information please contact hello@flourish-yoga.co.uk

Flourish Children's Yoga
www.flourish-yoga.co.uk, Instagram: [_flourishyoga](https://www.instagram.com/flourishyoga) Facebook:
[@FlourishYogaDevon](https://www.facebook.com/FlourishYogaDevon)

DANCE IN A DAY

with Dance in Devon

Tuesday 22nd October
The Beehive, Honiton

Led by Daisy Harrison, the day will include learning group dances, partnering work and fun games and tasks to generate your own movements. Movement will be inspired by the changing energy of the ocean; from soft and fluid to energetic and fierce. There will be opportunity to dance and create as a whole group, in partners and individually. It will be an exciting journey through the ocean's changing dynamics - with opportunities for individual movements to be created in response to the 'changing tide'.



10am-4pm
Performance to
friends/family
at 3:45pm

Age:
9 - 13 years
No dance
experience
necessary.

Cost:
£30
(plus booking
fee)

Book through Eventbrite by searching 'Dance in a Day'
and for any enquiries don't hesitate to contact
info@danceindevon.org.uk

the beehive

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