



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What a week! It started busy and just carried on. I cannot find the words to describe how frustrating and upsetting it has been for some parents trying to get Covid tests this week. I know the news has highlighted the issue but it has been so difficult this week. We have had families going to Cardiff, Torquay, Launceston and Abergavenny to get tested. Hopefully we will see an improvement soon now that the spotlight is on the chaos around the country.

Can I please ask that if you are successful in getting a test, please let us know the results as soon as possible, even with a negative result we would appreciate knowing before your child returns to school. If you need any help or advice please don't hesitate to get in touch. We will be sending work home for children who find themselves in self isolation. Our Google Classroom isn't quite ready yet but we are hoping it will be completed soon. Once you inform us of your family's self-isolation teachers will send you a pack to cover for the 14 days.

I am going to write to the local MP, Neil Parish to express our despair of the current position we find ourselves in. If you would also like to write to him to emphasise how outrageous it is to leave his constituents in such a vulnerable place without enough testing to manage the situation, then his email address: neil.parish.mp@parliament.uk

After talking with the children, it has become apparent that there are children accessing Tiktok (over 13's) and WhatsApp (over 16's). While it is a parent's decision as to whether their child is allowed access to these apps, I would like to just make you aware of the need to be vigilant when online livestreaming/messaging. I have provided a link that might be useful:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/livestreaming-online-video-apps/>

Next week we have a large building project taking place onsite. You may have seen the machinery arriving on Wednesday. We have an issue with our drains so the wild area and part of the field will be out of action for a couple of weeks.

Please can I remind you all that even though we have all settled back into school we still need to follow the protocols for keeping safe. Please can you try and not be late for your drop offs and pick ups. Turning up 10 minutes early also doesn't help as it clogs up the school for the group before yours. I appreciate we all enjoy a catch up but please refrain from chatting together outside the school perimeter as we have a duty to keep our social distance. It's harder to approach the school entrance if there is a group chatting outside the gates. Can I also draw your attention to the 'rule of 6'? Two families cannot lift share if the group is over 6 people. I know it's frustrating but it's the rules we need to keep to keep ourselves safe.

We had our first Full Governors meeting last night and I am delighted to announce that Emily Meek was re-elected as our Chair of Governors. Emily is a dedicated, experienced governor who has been an effective Chair for the past few years now. I value her support and look forward to working with her

through her next term of office. We have a great Governing body with a wealth of experience. I feel particular lucky as a Headteacher to have their support and knowledge to draw upon.

With best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

★ Star of the Week - Well Done To....

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School -	Rosie	Reception -	Oscar
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 -	Matilda	Year 2 -	Letty
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 -	Demi Lee	Year 4 -	Robert
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 -	Daisy	Year 6 -	Tom

Notices to Parents

Oak Class: Please bring in your prepared speeches for Family Group leader, Sports, Eco or School Council for Monday.

Date Collection and Permissions Booklet: Thank you to all those who have already returned these. It's vital we hold up to date records for all children, so if you haven't already please send these in with your children on Monday.

Sports News



It's been lovely to spend the last two weeks being active with the children on both school sites. Without exception, everyone has joined in with new challenges and shown huge determination during PE lessons and active sessions. During the summer term I sent information home about the virtual school's games challenges and many of you joined in. I also updated you with the achievements of the children who were participating on the two school sites.



I'm delighted to say that both school sites have been recognised for their commitment to physical activity and continuing to promote and stay involved in competitive opportunities even in challenging times.

Both sites have received their certificates of recognition as well as £100 per school to spend on PE and school sport equipment.

And to ensure that we remain committed both schools are taking part in the new Autumn Virtual School Games.

We would normally be involved in competitions at the secondary school sites for activities such as cross-country, handball and multi-skills but we are obviously unable to meet other schools at present so instead we are going to do the activities on our own sites and submit our results to the Devon School Games.



Everyone on both sites is already involved in the first activity – The Virtual Run Challenge and the children are setting their own personal targets for improvement

We have recorded how many meters they can run in 2,4 or 6 minutes (depending on their age) and practising every week. Will then see how much everyone has improved after one month before submitting our results to the Devon Virtual Games.



As well as getting involved in the Virtual School Games we are also going to have some Family competitions on each site and an inter-school PAW CUP challenge. So come on everyone – lets get practising. Other events that we will hopefully enter during the course of the term are: Games Skills Challenge, Virtual Athletics and Gymnastics.

After the first week of measuring the metres achieved the results are below – we have worked out the average distance per year group and per class as well as the whole school average.

	Yr1	Yr2	Robins/Ash	Yr3	Yr4	WPeck/Beech	Yr5	Yr6	KFish/Oak	Whole School
AWL Average meters	315m	351m	333m	587m	689m	638m	868m	966m	917m	613m
PAY Average meters	320m	380m	350m	540m	524m	532m	949m	1011m	980m	623m

LOOK HOW CLOSE IT IS! - Just 10m difference on average between the two schools!!!! What will it look like in one month's time??? How much improvement will you make to help your class total?



So come on everyone – let's get practising!!!

Letters sent home

- Guidance for children feeling unwell (email)
- Pre School Fees (email)

Dates for the Diary

AUTUMN TERM:

26th October - 30th October 2020 - Half term
 2nd November 2020 - Non pupil day
 18th December 2020 - Last day of term for pupils

SPRING TERM:

Monday 4th January 2021 - Non pupil day
 Tuesday 5th January 2021 - First day of term for pupils
 15th - 19th February 2021 - Half Term
 Thursday 1st April 2021 - Last day of term for pupils

SUMMER TERM:

Monday 19th April 2021 - First day of term for pupils
 Monday 3rd May 2021 - Bank Holiday
 31st May to 4th June 2021 - Half term
 Monday 7th June 2021 - Non pupil day
 Friday 23rd July 2021 - Last day of term for pupils