



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 26 – 20th April 2018
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The next few days

- Monday 23rd April - Ash Class - come dressed as pirates/swimming pm
Oak Class Quad Kids @ kings 12pm - 3.30pm
Booster/Netball Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Tuesday 24th April - KS1 Football Skills Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Top Ten Event @ Kings 4-5.15pm (selected children)
- Wednesday 25th April - Oak class swimming pm
- Thursday 26th April - KS2 Football Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Friday 27th April - Artist visit in Oak Class am

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

The sun is here at last! This week has started with the news that Mr Bladon is poorly and will potentially be away for a while. In the meantime I have been able to secure the services of Jo Davies who had just left us, so we are in a fortunate position not to have to find a supply teacher. I will keep you posted regarding Mr Bladon's return date but we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Our amazing year 5 & 6 rugby team, Joshua, Rafa, Charlie, Marcia, Grace, Ellie, Marcus and Jessica won the trophy on Tuesday at the Ottery Learning Community tournament. The children have their coveted trophy taking centre stage in their classroom at the moment.

Also this week I would like to welcome a number of new pupils to our school: Josh in year 5, Maisie in Reception and Polly and Oliver in Pre-school.

Please can I remind parents that the only access to Willow and Ash class is across the playground. Please do not use the children's gate closest to the road. During school hours parents should go to the office before going to Ash or Willow class.

Sun hats, cream and sunglasses are vital each day at school. The children play on the field and are exposed to the sun during playtimes. I would advise they keep them in school rather than going home each day.

Cadbury's World trip was a real winner. The children thoroughly enjoyed it. It was the best way to end their topic. I am told the children really engaged and could recall everything they had learnt last term. Thank you to Ms Davies for stepping in but also planning it last term. We had thought she would miss it!

Today our Year 6 children undertook some NFER maths test papers. We had been chosen randomly by the Government to be a trial school for these new tests. Three papers were completed and I was very impressed with Year 6, they gave it their best.

Next Monday Emily Meek, our Chair of Governor's and a school nurse will be giving a puberty talk to Oak Class. In the afternoon they will be taking part in a Quad Kids event at The King's School.

Swimming will also be starting again next week. Ash class will be swimming on Monday afternoons and Oak class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons this term.

On Friday morning a professional artist will be coming into school to do a workshop with Oak Class. This is connected to the current exhibition at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton and the children will make moving sculptures connected to their theme of "Time Traveller".

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School	- Rowan Weekes	Reception	- Ruari Forsythe
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- John Buxton	Year 2	- Elliot Brainch
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Harry Bentley	Year 4	- Hattie Mullin
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Charlie Vincent	Year 6	- Rupert Hammond

Notices to Parents

Oak Class - Year 5 only - please bring in your independent projects on **Monday 21st May 2018**. Don't forget to return your slips/contribution for the artist visit on Friday 27th April.

Ash Class - Don't forget to come dressed as a pirate on Monday.

Swimming - Ash Class will be swimming on a Monday pm and Oak class on a Wednesday afternoon. Don't forget to bring in a suitable swimming costume/towel/goggles in a named bag.

Young Photographer of the Year Competition - The prize giving event will be held at The Gallery, Sidbury Mill, Sidbury on Saturday 5th May at 2pm. All exhibitors with a parent/guardian are invited (no unaccompanied children please). Everyone who turns up will be acknowledged for taking part so please come along.

Residential - A reminder that the April instalment is now due. There are still a few parents who haven't paid their March instalment, please can you do so.

Letters sent home this week

- Puberty Letter (Oak Class)
- Top Ten Event Letter (various in Oak Class)
- Head Lice letter (Willow)
- Clubs form and reply forms

Dates for the Diary

2017/18 Academic Year

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| 23 rd April | - Puberty Talk Oak Class
Oak Class Quad Kids event @ Kings 12-3.30pm |
| 27 th April | - Oak Class - artist visit am |
| 2 nd May | - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |

- 3rd May - Whole School Photo (approx. 11am)
- 5th May - Young Photographer of the Year Prize Giving @ The Gallery, Sibury @ 2pm
- 7th May - May Fayre
- 14th - 17th May - SATS week (Mon - Thurs)
- 16th May - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 28th May - 1st June - Half Term
- 4th June - Non-Pupil Day
- 6th June - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 7th June - Becky Jacobs to see Year 6 children re. transition @ 12pm
- 12th - 15th June - Oak Class Residential Trip
- 20th June - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 25th June - Wildlife Conference, Beech Class, in Village Hall 1.30 - 2.45pm
- 4th July - Year 6 Lifeskills @ the Donkey Sanctuary am
Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 18th July - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 24th July - End of Term

2018/19 Academic Year

- 3rd/4th September - Non-Pupil Days
- 5th September - First Day of Term
- 22nd - 26th October - Half Term
- 21st December - Last Day of Term
- 7th January 2019 - First Day of the Spring Term
- 18th - 22nd Feb - Half Term
- 5th April - Last Day of Term
- 23rd April - First Day of Term
- 27th - 31st May - Half Term
- 3rd June - Non-Pupil Day
- 19th July - Last Day of Term
- 22nd & 23rd July - Non-Pupil Days

Pre-School

We would like to welcome Oliver and Polly who started with us this week. They have both settled in really well and well done to everyone for making them feel so welcome.

A reminder to parents: when you collect your child from Willow Class please leave via the playground from the undercover shelter. The gate by Ash Class should only be used by staff and children. Thank you.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a Parish Communion Service at 9:30. A warm welcome to all and there will be coffee and biscuits after the Service.

A thought:

When we build, let us think that we build forever.