



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 17 – 20th January 2017

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The next few days

Monday 23 rd January	-	Booster Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 24 th January	-	
Wednesday 25 th January	-	Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 26 th January	-	Glee & Construction Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 27 th January	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Another quiet week but no one is complaining. It's actually really good for the schools to be able to just get on with learning without distractions. The children are very focused and I had the joy of leading church this week as Rev. Cate is unfortunately battling a very heavy cold. The children were delightful, it was a real pleasure.

Next weekend is our Christingle service in the church on Sunday afternoon at 4pm. The children will all make Christingles in school on Friday but I hope they will come to church on Sunday to enjoy the celebration.

We now only have three weeks until the half term holiday and on the last Friday of this half term we have a disco organised by Awliscombe's PTFA. It will start at 6pm in the Payhembury parish hall; there will be refreshments for all, including for parents, so please stay if you want. It was great to get the two schools together and I know the children really enjoyed it.

I am beginning to find out more about the progress of our new classrooms. I am hoping to give some definite dates of when the building works will begin. I know the completion date is set for within the summer holidays but I am very excited now. Obviously we will have the new classrooms and the space to take more children but we will still be the same total of pupils and we will very slowly grow. I don't expect you will see any major changes except the new classrooms.

Next week the diary seems empty so we will all keep working hard and hope the sun keeps shining.

Have a lovely weekend,

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Willow</u>	Reception	- Arwen Springall	Year 1	- Oliver Holding		
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 2	- Max Millett	Year 3	- William Brainch		
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 4	- Amelia Wadsworth	Year 5	- Grace Blackman	Year 6	Sam Gammon

Notices to Parents

PE Kits - A reminder that all children need to have their PE kits in school at all times. Unfortunately if your child doesn't have their PE kit in school then they are unable to take part in their class PE.

Ash Class - Ash class are in need of any recyclable, clean containers e.g. empty plastic milk containers, yoghurt pots, cleaned out tins, take-a-way containers etc for their Puppet project. If you do have anything please send in to Ash Class.

Readathon - We are waiting for the information on the Readathon for Reception children and hoping this should arrive shortly. Please note the deadline for sending in your sponsorship money is Friday 24th March 2017. Alternatively you can pay on line at www.readathon.org/sponsor.

Letters sent home this week

- School Meals Order Forms

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

6 th February	- Yrs 5/6 Hockey @ Kings 12-3pm
10 th February	- School Disco with Awliscombe Primary School @ Payhembury Village Hall 6 - 8pm
13 th -17 th February	- Half Term
20 - 23 rd February	- Bikeability
6 th March	- Paul Martin - Wildlife Champions to visit Ash Class am
11 th March	- Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30 - 4pm Parish Hall
16 th March	- Heights & Weights for Reception children
24 th March	- Red Nose Day
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
5 th September	- First day of Term
23 rd -27 th October	- Half Term
21 st December	- Last day of Term

Pre-School

School meals order forms for Pre-School for February are available from Mrs George. If you require a menu please ask in the office.

Mrs George

Governors

The role of a staff governor: Nick Bladon.

I am the staff governor for the Fort Federation and the link between the staff, Executive head teacher and governors.

Staff governors are selected by the staff at their school. Under the new (2012) governance regulations the category is referred to as a staff governor. That means all the staff. Anyone employed at the school can be the staff governor.

Once elected, staff governors serve in a representative capacity. As teachers they should have a clear understanding of the school's vision and be able to contribute a professional perspective to the educational issues of concern to the governors. As well as attending full governor meetings I also sit on the teaching and learning committee which really enables me to give a school perspective to the governors on how we as teachers deliver the curriculum and assess the children progress and understanding throughout the school.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be an All Ages Service at 9:30 starting with Bacon Butties, so do join us for some early Sunday fun.

A thought:

Because I know the Who I don't have to fear the What even though I don't understand the Why.

Unknown