



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 27 – 21st April 2017

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The next few days

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| Monday 24 th April | - | Booster Club 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Tuesday 25 th April | - | Rounders Club Yrs 5/6 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Wednesday 26 th April | - | Tag Rugby Finals @ Kings 3.50 - 6.30pm
Willow/Ash Classes Swimming pm
Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Governor's Meeting: Teaching & Learning 6pm @ Awliscombe |
| Thursday 27 th April | - | FOPS May Day Planning Meeting 4.30pm Village Hall
Glee/Wild Area Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Friday 28 th April | - | |

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school after a lovely Easter holiday. I think the weather was quite good and everyone seems to have returned more relaxed. It did seem a little strange only just celebrating Easter at the end of the holiday instead of the beginning but it's good to be back.

I love the summer term as the children just love being on the field and then having lunches outdoors.

This term does look extremely busy especially with the approaching building works. I am going to offer a brief parent meeting to give you a full explanation of the plans this term to work around the build programme. I am waiting for my contractors to be confirmed and I will send the date of the meeting very soon. I will be working with everyone concerned to ensure that the disruption to the children's learning is as limited as possible but obviously we will have to make some compromises.

I am sending all the wellington boots home today as we need to begin to make space and empty the shelter area. If you don't have any boots sent home today please come and have a look under the shelter as there will be a variety of unknown/unnamed pairs left.

I would like to confirm one change I have already had to make in regards to the term dates for September 2017. The build programme is running very close to the end of the holidays and to ensure we have enough time to set the classes up I have had authority to amend our published dates to accommodate the new build. School starts for the children on Thursday 7th September now. We have added two additional days to the end of the holidays but we need to now work them at the end of the year. So the end of the summer term, 2017-18 Academic Year, is now Tuesday 24th July 2018. We have amended the website to reflect the changes so please look on line if I have confused you.

Good news! Swimming begins again this term. On Wednesdays Ash and Willow will swim and on Monday Oak class will swim. The first lesson will begin on Wednesday 26th April.

Next Wednesday our year 5 and 6 Tag rugby team will be competing at the East Devon tag rugby final at Kings. It starts at 4pm, please come along to support the team if you can.

Next Tuesday Mrs Little has kindly offered to run a three week Rounder's club for Years 5 and 6 after school. I know the children are very keen to take part.

Finally we have dusted off the maypole and the classes are beginning to practice in readiness for May Day. Please come along and support the wonderful things planned for May Day. Obviously the highlight being the children and their dancing. There will be a FOPS planning meeting next Thursday 25th April, 4.30pm in the village hall and everyone is welcome.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Harvey Rand Year 1 - Ashton Gibbs

Ash Class Year 2 - Imogen Blackman Year 3 - Matthew Currey

Oak Class Year 4 - Roxy Spiller Year 5 - Laura Campbell Year 6 - Phoebe Boland-Davies

Notices to Parents

Clubs - Clubs will start back next week. The Wild Area club for KS1 children was oversubscribed so half the children will attend this half of the term and the rest will attend after half term.

Rounder's Club - Heather Little from The King's School has very kindly offered to run a rounder's club for years 5/6 on Tuesday afternoons (25/4, 2/5 and 9/5). This will run from 3.30 - 4.30 pm. Don't forget to return your forms if you would like to attend.

Swimming - We have managed to secure a lifeguard for swimming for the summer term. Swimming will start on **Wednesday 26th April** for **Willow & Ash class**. Oak Class will be swimming on Monday afternoons from 1.30pm and Ash and Willow Classes will be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm. Please bring in a suitable swimming costume, a towel and goggles if required in a named bag. If your child has long hair please make sure they bring a swimming hat. Please keep an eye out on the newsletter for any possible changes.

Letters sent home this week

- School Menus
- Hi Flyers/Top Ten Event Letter (selected children)

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 26 th April | - Tag Rugby Finals @ The King's School 3.50 - 6.30pm
Teaching & Learning Governor's Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe |
| 1 st May | - May Day from 11am |
| 4 th May | - Polling Day - No Village Hall |
| 8 th May | - KS2 SATS Week |
| 10 th May | - Governors Resources meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |

- 15th May - KS1 SATS Week / Quad Kids Yrs 5/6 @ Kings 11.50 - 3.30pm
- 16th May - School Photos
- 22nd May - Eco Champions Conference for Yrs 2/3 @ Payhembury Village Hall pm
- 24th May - Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 25th May - Year 5 OSM Church
- 29th-2nd June - Half Term
- 5th June - Non-Pupil Day
- 8th June - General Election - No Village Hall
- 14th June - Governor's Teaching & Learning Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 28th June - Year 6 Lifeskills - Donkey Sanctuary leaving 8.30am return by 1pm
Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 5th July - Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 6th July - Payhembury & Awliscombe Schools Performance at The Beehive, Honiton
- 10th - 14th July - Year 6 Transition week at The King's School
- 21st July - Last day of Term

2017/18 Academic Year

- 7th September - Non-Pupil Day
- 5th September - **First day of Term for pupils**
- 23rd-27th October - Half Term
- 21st December - Last day of Term
- 8th January - First day of Term
- 12th - 16th Feb - Half Term
- 29th March - Last day of Term
- 16th April - First day of Term

Pre-School

There is one session available on a Friday morning throughout the summer term. If anyone is interested please speak to either Mrs George or the school office.

Governors

On Wednesday we had a full governing body meeting of which we have 5 per year. These meetings have to be carefully structured as there is always so much to cover in a short space of time, but we are lucky enough to have Sarah Woolfries as Clerk for all governor meetings and she is very skilled and organised.

At the meetings I am always asked to present a headteacher's report. It includes information under the Ofsted headings; Effectiveness of leadership and management, Quality teaching and learning, Personal development, behaviour and welfare, outcomes for learners and the effectiveness of early years. I also reference our strengths and areas for development. Of particular interest to governors this week was an update on the build programme.

The role of the governors is to challenge through critical questioning all aspects of school life, to ensure we are moving forward and children are receiving the best education possible and to keep me to account on my roles and responsibilities.

Also during Wednesday's meeting we ratified the next year's budget and confirmed the structures for both schools. Unfortunately there is enormous pressure on our school budgets and we have to make savings in all areas but I am pleased to say we can balance our budgets this year. Next week we have the teaching and learning committee meeting that will focus specifically on the details of raising standards, curriculum development and Assessment.



Hope you all had a brilliant Easter holiday. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Good Friday Easter Activities and a big thank you to Becky, Rev'd Cate and all the helpers. On Sunday there will be a joint Holy Communion Service at 11:00 in Feniton Church.

A thought

There is no relief so sweet as the relief of coming clean to God and living again in the truth.

Christine Dallman

FOPS

FOPS meeting - Thursday 27th April, 4.30pm in the Parish Hall.
Everyone very welcome.

May Day

This is our school's main fundraiser for the year. Please help support it in any way you can.

We are looking for donations for the raffle and the tombola - anything you would like to win yourself (chocolates, wine, books etc). Please hand into the school office, or give to Sue Morris/George Searle over the course of next week.

The Cake Stall - all cakes/biscuits etc gratefully received. Please bring along with you on the day.

Look out for further details of the exciting things planned for May Day next week - this year's will be bigger & better, with something for all ages.



Community News

Another Defibrillator Awareness session will be held on Monday 24th April 7pm in the Hall.