



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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## **The next few days ....**

Monday 24th June - Beech class swimming, Bikeability

Tuesday 25th June - Sports Day (weather permitting)

Wednesday 26th June - Bikeability

Thursday 27th June - Year 6 Life Skills

Friday 28th June - Bikeability

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## **Message from the Executive Headteacher**

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it the longest day today? I don't think I have even sat in my garden once in the evening yet. What a disappointment that we had to cancel Sports Day. I know that many parents had booked time off work but we always put the children's health and safety first. We are sorry to have had to move it but after the torrential rain on the Wednesday we knew it wouldn't be dry enough to compete on the field. We have planned to try again on Tuesday but if you look at the forecast it looks like Tuesday is the only day guaranteed to have rain. We keep monitoring the weather and we will get it in this term.

It's not all bad though, on Wednesday two teams took part in the Devon Finals at Exeter Arena. Mrs Moran has written a full report but I just wanted to say how proud I was to watch our teams competing at such a high level. The Year 5 and 6 children were fabulous. A special mention to Maddie, who had to stand in for Amelia at the very last moments to run the 600 metres. She demonstrated huge courage. The year 3 and 4 rugby team were also amazing. I have to say I had a little cry when it was announced we came second. Congratulations to all the children who took part. The reason why we achieved second overall were the additions points awarded to our children from other schools during the whole tournament. It is a real reflection on the depth of character our children have, the respect they have for one another and their moral code to keep going and persevere.

On Monday afternoon next week we will welcome Awliscombe, Feniton and Tipton year 6 children to join us for a 'Moving On' conference. We believe it is important to provide the children with some strategies to help their transition to Kings. It's another opportunity for the children to meet again before induction week. It has always been very successful and we also give the children a few tools to help them once they have left us.

We also have bikeability for year 5 and 6, which will take place over three days. Let's pray for sunshine.

We are moving into the last few weeks of term and things start to get very busy. Please keep an eye on the dates for the end of term. I hope you will join us for our leaver's service.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-school - Lacey-Mae	Reception - Ella M
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 - Demi Lee	Year 2 - Sophia
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 - Ben W	Year 4 - Jack T
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 - Sammy H	Year 6 - Oliver JH

## Notices to Parents

**Sport** - On Wednesday we had a very special day at the Devon Summer School Games. We were very proud to have two teams representing East Devon at the Games. The Yr5/6 Quad Kids Athletics team and the Yr3/4 Tag Rugby team.

Everyone was very excited on arrival at school and this excitement grew when we arrived at Exeter Arena and the Athletics team saw the fabulous track they would be running on - it took quite a lot to convince them that it was the same size as the field track at Kings school!

Before we headed to the competition areas we were treated to a superb Opening Ceremony and cycling display from Andre Burton. He had the children cheering and gasping as he put on a very daring display of jumps and tricks. Everyone was then able to get his autograph on their East Devon t-shirts.

It was then time for business! Yr3/4 headed over to the Saracens Rugby pitches for a day of skills and matches while Yr5/6 were put to the test in 75m Sprint, Vortex Throw, Standing Long Jump and 600m run.

Mrs Hammett and Mrs Shaw had a nail biting encounter at the rugby with lots of organisation and encouragement coming from the side lines! Fantastic teamwork and skill was on display in the morning activities followed by some well-earned tries in the afternoon. The children certainly learnt a lot about staying focused and never giving up.

Meanwhile at the Arena, the Yr5/6 children put on a fine display of throwing and jumping whilst also seeing that there are also some very fast runners in other parts of Devon. It was very impressive to see some exceptional performances by other area in Devon.

At the end of the day each event had a prize giving ceremony.

The Yr5/6 Quad kids achieved a very respectful 10th out of 16 schools while the Yr3/4 Tag Rugby team achieved a SILVER MEDAL position. They were placed 2nd in the whole of Devon!!

This is an AMAZING achievement that everyone in the school feels enormously proud of. Well done to everyone on the day who also behaved impeccably and displayed superb team spirit and a big thank you also to all the parents who came and supported us on the day.

**Parentpay** - Thank you for your ongoing support with the new system. There are still a few parents yet to set up their accounts but when everyone has been activated this is going to make a huge administrative difference to the Federation.

## F.O.P.S

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported our school summer fair last weekend - despite the dubious weather forecast the sun shone for us once again.

We are incredibly pleased to announce a provisional profit of just over £1,300. We say it every year - but this is a tremendous amount to raise within a village school.

Thanks are given to all who helped on the run up to the fair and on the day, as well as to the children, who threw themselves into all that was on offer. The first Junior Bake Off was a huge success, with an enormous number of entries, so well done to all.

The large profit made will be added to our ongoing campaign to raise £7,500 for new school laptops, so a very worthy cause that will benefit all children.

## Dates for the Diary

### 2018/19 Academic Year

- 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Ash Class Multiskills festival @ Kings
- 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Sports day
- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Oak class trip to London
- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Year 6 transition week @ Kings (all week)
- 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Drama club Production 6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Service 9.15am
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Last day of term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 - Non pupil days

### 2019/20 Academic Year

- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 - Non pupil days
- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - First day of term
- 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Half term
- 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Non pupil day
- 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - First day back after half term for pupils
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Last day of term
- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - First day of term
- 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 - Half term
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Last day of term
- 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Bank Holiday
- 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - First day of term
- 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - Bank Holiday
- 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - Half term
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 - Non pupil days
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 - Last day of term



Growing in Love, Hope and Faith

On Sunday there will be an All Ages service at 9:15, please note the earlier time, but do arrive a little earlier for the bacon butties, a time for breakfast and a chat. A warm welcome to all.

A thought;  
All that is, is all,  
Lasts ever past recall.  
Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand  
Sure.  
William Browning

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**SPIRIT OF  
SUMMER**

BRING AND SHARE PICNIC

KEY STAGE 2 AND ABOVE  
APPROPRIATE, BUT ALL  
WELCOME

**21ST JUNE 6:30 - 8:30**

**PAYHEMBURY VILLAGE HALL**

CHOOSE FROM WORKSHOPS: MUSIC,  
SPORT, COOKING, FOREST SCHOOL  
AND ART

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