



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 3 – 21st September 2018
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The next few days

Monday 24 th September	-	Oak Class trip to Morwellham Quay
Tuesday 25 th September	-	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 26 th September	-	Swimming for Oak Class / Harvest Festival 2pm
Thursday 27 th September	-	
Friday 28 th September	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

I would like to begin with a huge thank you to a team of dedicated and talented dads who have constructed a wonderful new shelter for the children on the old site. It has been funded by FOPS and it is so brilliant. We will be able to really develop the area outside Beech and Oak class to extend their learning space. Thank you to Mark, Rob and Fred.

Thank you to those parents who came to the curriculum meetings this term, unfortunately we had a disappointing turn out. I know the teachers spend a lot of time preparing for the meetings and our aim is always to provide as much information about your child's next year in school as possible.

This week was quite quiet; we had a group of 15 take part in bikeability on Wednesday, which is such a successful activity. Ross the teacher does a fantastic job.

I really do appreciate the difficulty of parking around school first thing and at the end of the day, but please can I remind parents that no one should park in the farm entrance opposite the school for drop-off or pickup. It is a busy working farm and the road and parking is the property of the Farm. Following on, parents have been parking across the crossing of the two school sites. This is such a dangerous place to leave your car. We cannot cross the children safely if they need to weave through parked cars. Please can I ask that if you can walk to school then it would definitely help with the congestion?

Next week we have Oak class joining Awliscombe Kingfishers on a trip to Morwellham Quay. It should be a great day of learning.

Tuesday is our European Languages Day -please dress up in traditional dress if you have anything. Madame Shackleton will be on the playground giving out the French pastries first thing for breakfast.

We have a Schools Direct student joining for a couple of days from Exeter University next week. He is a secondary training teacher but needs to understand the life of a primary school. He will be with Mr Bladon for two days.

Please come along to our Harvest festival on Wednesday 26th September at 2pm in the church. If you can spare some produce for the harvest celebration we will be making a collection as usual to put in the church for deliver to our local community.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Penny Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-school	- Georgina Bladon	Reception	- Hayden Dye
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Lochlan Forsythe	Year 2	- Oscar Power
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Jack Hammett	Year 4	- Evie Archer
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Emily Johnson-Hugill	Year 6	- Tabitha Boland-Davies

Notices to Parents

Oak Class Trip - Please can we ask that all children be dropped to the classroom for 8.20am on Monday morning ready for a prompt departure to Morwellham Quay?

Dropping off - Just a reminder to all parents that, should you be late dropping off and find no staff on the playground, you must go to the school office to sign your child in. No child is to be left unsupervised either on the playground or in the car park.

Clubs - Just to confirm that both Yoga and Forest School are now full. If you had requested a place and have, unfortunately, not been issued with one, we will make sure that your child is able to attend after half term. There are still places in both Netball and Invasion Games so please return your form to the school office if your child would like to join.

Breakfast Club - Breakfast is served until 8.20am. If children arrive after this time they will need to have been given breakfast at home.

Swimming Oak Class - Oak Class will be swimming every Wednesday up until half term so don't forget to bring your swimming kit in a named bag.

Curriculum Meetings - Thank you to all of the parents that were able to attend the meetings held this week; we hope that you found them useful. For those unable to attend don't worry - we will make sure that information needed is sent home with your child/ren to keep you updated.

European Day of Languages - On Tuesday 25th September we would like to invite the children to join in the fun by coming to school dressed in another country's traditional costume. This can be European or non-European as we shall extend our celebration to include all languages. We shall enjoy a French breakfast in the playground and activities throughout the day to raise awareness of the world's rich and diverse linguistic culture.

Newsletter - the newsletter will be sent out in hard copy form until all communication forms are updated on the system.

Letters sent home this week

- The Kings photograph consent
- Oak Class Netball

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

24 th September	- Oak Class Trip
25 th September	- European Day of Languages
26 th September	- Harvest Festival, 2pm / FOPS Annual General Meeting
2 nd October	- Beech Class Wildlife Champions
15 th & 17 th	- Parents Evenings
22 nd - 26 th October	- Half Term
5 th November	- Flu vaccinations
13 th November	- School Photos
14 th December	- Christmas Jumper Day / Phoenix theatre visit
19 th December	- Christmas Dinner
21 st December	- Last Day of Term
7 th January 2019	- First Day of the Spring Term
18 th - 22 nd Feb	- Half Term
5 th April	- Last Day of Term
23 rd April	- First Day of Term
27 th - 31 st May	- Half Term
3 rd June	- Non-Pupil Day
19 th July	- Last Day of Term
22 nd & 23 rd July	- Non-Pupil Days

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



F.O.P.S



CHANGE OF DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This will now take place this Wednesday, 26th September, 8pm in The Six Bells, Payhembury

All are very welcome. If you would like further information before the meeting date, please see our current Co-Chairs (George Searle & Kirsten Brauer) in the playground, or send a message to: friendsofpayhemburyschool@gmail.com

KIDS MATTER - Join us to chat about how to build strong families and help kids do their best in life. A friendly meet-up for anyone with children aged 0 - 10 years. For more information please talk to Nicola Hart or Penny Hammett



New Music Club for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Mondays 3.45 – 4.30

Monday 24th September

Singing, games, listening to music, playing percussion, learning the basics of music.
Great preparation for learning an instrument

Contact Leah to book a place on the free trial session

leah@musicseeds.co.uk

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McMillian Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning in aid of the wonderful McMillian Charity

**9-11a.m Saturday 29th September at
The Six Bells**

Please join us to make the morning a great success!