

PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 22nd November 2019

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The next few days ...

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| Monday 25 th November | |
| Tuesday 26 th November | |
| Wednesday 27 th November | Oak Class trip to Tiverton Museum |
| Thursday 28 th November | |
| Friday 29 th November | Non Uniform Day for School Fair Ability Counts at Bickton |

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been a great week as the rain has mostly stayed away. It has been cold but as we know children are rarely bothered by the cold.

The Reception children had a fantastic experience on the balance bikes. I received a lovely email from the instructor who said, "I want to express again how impressed I was with the children's behaviour. For such a young group of reception children, each one demonstrated good listening, waiting and queuing - for example no-one tried to use the equipment until they were asked to start. They were also able to anticipate what was required before I needed to state it, for example: always going to sit on the "stripey bench" to wait for the next instruction between activities. Several tried to do up their own coats and clip on their own helmets. They were also tolerant of other children having something they didn't (e.g. the blue helmets or the pedal bike). For many of these children, learning to balance and glide was a huge challenge and quite a scary prospect, some were initially reluctant. However the activities are graded and very quickly everyone was prepared to work hard, persevere and learn. All in all, they made the sessions enjoyable for everyone!"

Well done Willow Class, everyone is very proud of you!

I had the chance to sit in on the 'Open the Book' session on Monday. It is delivered to the children by a small group from the local Ministry team. The children were riveted on the talk and sang beautifully together at end. We are very grateful that the volunteers give their time to our children. I know the children love their visits.

We had a visit from Brad Murray, our Primary advisor on Wednesday. The Senior Leadership Team worked on a number of areas of school improvement and he will be returning to work with the Governors on my Performance Management in December.

I am delighted to announce the names of our two new parent governors for the federation. We didn't receive any nominations from the Payhembury parent body but we did have two from Awliscombe. We welcome Dan Wilkinson and Stuart Coombes to our Governors committee. I will ask both to write a little about themselves to introduce themselves in the near future.

The children were absolutely buzzing yesterday when they arrived for Stone Age Day in the wildlife area. Beech class were joined by Woodpeckers from Awliscombe and were led by Alan Bruford. We were lucky with the weather but I am sure that not even the rain would have stopped the children from enjoying their day.

Thank you for support the non-uniform day today, the donations go towards a very important cause. The children are very keen to make a positive difference to our world and planting trees is something they believe will do exactly that. Thank you to the Eco council for leading this event.

Next week is a little quieter, practice for Nativity and Carols is well under way and the children are beginning to get more excited about the next few weeks ahead.

Oak class will be going to Tiverton Museum next week on Wednesday, they are currently studying the WWII so it fits really well.

On Friday it is not only Non-Uniform day, (please bring in donations towards the Christmas fair) but we will be making Christingles for the Christingle service in Church on Sunday 1st December at 4pm. I hope you will be able to come to this service as it will centre on the children and their Christingles, which they have made. Everyone is welcome and it will be followed by tea and cake.

Have a good weekend, Let's hope it isn't too soggy!!

With regards,
Mrs Hammett

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

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| <u>Willow Class</u> | Pre-School - | Chester | Reception - | Bertie |
| <u>Ash Class</u> | Year 1 - | Felix | Year 2 - | Ruari |
| <u>Beech Class</u> | Year 3 - | Ellie | Year 4 - | Isla |
| <u>Oak Class</u> | Year 5 - | Elliot | Year 6 - | Sammy |

Notices to Parents

School Christmas Lunch

We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17th December in the Village Hall. Please make sure you have returned the slip and made your selections via ParentPay as soon as possible as the deadline for placing our orders is Monday 2nd December.

Activities Clubs

Please note that there will be no activities clubs in the last two weeks of school. The last week that our Activities Clubs will be running is the week beginning 2nd December.

Tempest Photography

The closing date for free postage and delivery for parents is fast approaching for online orders. If you have already placed an order for photographs thank you. If not or you wish to order more photographs, simply enter your image reference number and website access code (found on your original order form) at www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need assistance feel free to contact Tempest 01736 751555 (option 3).

Sports Reports

Yr5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

After two weeks of intense competition at the indoor athletics we now have the overall results from all 6 school teams entered.

Payhembury Oak Class achieved a very well deserved 3rd Place overall!

In addition to this we also know that the Tornado team were 1st in their competition

A huge well done to everyone.



News from St Marys Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be an All Ages Service starting at 9:15am but arrive a little earlier for Bacon Butties and a chat.

A thought

God can't find us if we don't know we are lost.

Unknown

Letters and Emails

Christmas Lunch
Christmas Arrangements
FOPS letter & raffle tickets
Ability Counts (selected KS2)
Christmas Nativity –Ticket Arrangements

Christmas Fair

I am sure the date for the Christmas Fair is in everyone's calendar - Saturday 7th December, from 3.30pm if not! Plans are coming together, and it promises to be a wonderfully festive family event, with all the games & treats the children love.

You should all have received letters home this week about the fair - and various items we are hoping you can provide in return for the non uniform day next Friday, 29th Nov. Whatever you are able to give will be gratefully received and incorporated into various prizes & games which will help raise important funds for the school at the fair.

Tea Towels

Gorgeous self portraits have been produced by all children in the school and incorporated onto a tea towel this year. These will be ready to pre-order very soon, and will be available to purchase at the school fair. They make ideal Christmas presents - hours can be spent on Christmas Day trying to work out what your child thinks they look like!! Look out for further information coming home soon.

Dates for the Diary

2019/20 Academic Year

29th November 2019 - Non uniform day for donations to Christmas Fair

7th December 2019 - Christmas Fair

9th December - Christmas Production (**afternoon & evening**)

10th December - Christmas Production (**afternoon**)

13th December - School theatre trip & Christmas Jumper Day

16th December - KS2 end of term party

17th December - Christmas Lunch

17th December - KS1 end of term party

19th December - 3pm KS1 mini Carol Concert in Village Hall

19th December - 5pm KS2 Carol Concert in St Mary's Church

20th December 2019 - Last day of term

6th January 2020 - First day of term

17th-21st February 2020 - Half term

27th March 2020 - Last day of term

13th April 2020 - Bank Holiday

14th April 2020 - First day of term

8th May 2020 - May Bank Holiday

25th-29th May 2020 - Half term

1st - 2nd June 2020 - Non-pupil days

22nd July 2020 - Last day of term

FRIENDS OF PAYHEMBURY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

VISIT FROM SANTA!!

7TH DECEMBER
SATURDAY

3.30PM
TO
6.00PM



BRING YOUR FLOCK TO
THE VILLAGE HALL

CAROL SINGING * SANTA'S GROTTA
STALLS & GIFTS * FUN & GAMES * RAFFLE
FOOD & DRINK



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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

School Admission Arrangements and Education Transport Policy

2021-22

**Opens on
1 November
2019**



**Closes on
3 January
2020**

You are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2021-22**

**To view the policies, visit
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy**

****and the following Plymouth academies : Old Priory Junior Academy, Oreston Community Academy, Plympton St Mary's CofE Infant School, St Edward's CofE Primary, St George's CofE Primary, St Matthew's CofE Primary & Nursery and in Torbay : All Saints, Babbacombe, CofE Primary, Collaton St Mary CofE Primary, Ellacombe Academy, Galmpton CofE Primary, Ilsham CofE Academy, Oldway Primary, Roselands Primary, Shiphay Learning Academy, St Marychurch CofE Primary, St Michael's CofE Academy, Upton St James CofE Primary, Warberry CofE Academy**

Was your child born
between 1st September
2015 and 31st August 2016?

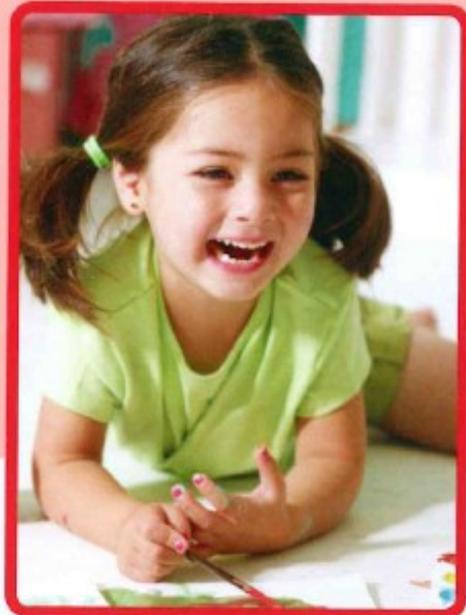
How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2019 to 15th January 2020

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

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The King's School Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December 2019
6.00pm to 8.00pm



**See Santa in
his Grotto!**

***Look forward to seeing
you there!***

Refreshments,
including Mince Pies
and Mulled Wine

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Tombolas and Games

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Chocolate Gifts,
Toiletries and even
presents for your pet!

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Fantastic Raffle Prizes
- First Prize £100

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Come along and
buy your unique
Christmas gifts from
our fabulous outside
traders!

We'd love you to join us for our...

Christingle Service

At St Mary's
Church,
Payhembury

Sunday 1st
December at
4pm

Everybody is welcome

Followed by tea
and cake

