



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 3 – 22nd September 2017
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The next few days

- Monday 25th September - Arts & Craft/Netball Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Oak Class High Five Netball Tournament @ Kings 12-3.30pm
- Tuesday 26th September - European Language Day
Beech Class Wildlife Champions Conference (8.35am)
Cross Country Challenge @ Kings 4-5.30pm
- Wednesday 27th September - Oak Class Trip to London (5am start)
Swimming - **Beech Class** 1.30pm
Scratch/KS1 Sports Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Thursday 28th September - Football Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Friday 29th September - FOPS get together in the village hall from 3pm

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

The building work has taken longer than anticipated and I am sorry for any inconvenience. I really hope we would receive the keys this Friday but I think it will be more likely Tuesday. The tarmac is ordered and that will be one of the last jobs to complete. As you may be aware we have the steps filled in at the front of the main site. I know it was sad to see such a lovely old traditional entrance go but for health and safety reasons we cannot have a gate that leads directly onto the road. We have salvaged the old granite steps and had them made into benches around the building. We are having the new fence erected in a couple of weeks and I am hoping by half term we won't have any signs of the builders on site.

Our Harvest Festival is booked for Monday 2nd October at 2.30pm. Please come along to the church and join us to celebrate this lovely time of year. It is an extra special service as it will be Reverend Cate's last one with us before she retires and leaves our school. Cate is an incredible person who has dedicated herself to our parish and school over the past ten years with such passion and commitment; it will seem very strange without her. She is so loved by the Children; we can't imagine church without Cate's bird puppets. After church we are having a high tea in the village hall to celebrate Cate and all she has done for us. We will begin at 3.30 and continue till we've eaten all the cake. It will be like a drop in to say goodbye. We will have a formal presentation at 4.30pm I really hope you can join us. We have a donation pot in the office, if you would like to donate something towards a gift from the school community to Cate please come and see Anne in the office.

Our breakfast and afterschool clubs are a real success and we are very busy. Fortunately we used to be able to be more flexible when accessing the clubs but now I am going to have to introduce some clear guidance for accessing the provision. If you require a place for breakfast club all children must be registered by 3.30pm the day before. I am afraid we cannot accept children if you haven't booked. All children who require a breakfast must be at the club by 8.15am. After such time the door will be locked and we will have a doorbell for entry. Any letters or returned

slips need to be left with the office or in the children's book bag, not given to the breakfast club staff. The same applies for after school club. A child's place needs to be book before 3.30pm the day before. If you need to cancel a booked club for any reason you must inform the office by at least 3.30pm the previous day or you will be charged for that session.

Please can I remind parents the village hall toilets aren't available to use before school and the door will be locked for safeguarding reasons. If you need the toilet we have one on the main site by the office.

Oak class are off to London on Wednesday and they will be going to visit the imperial War Museum. It is a wonderful opportunity, I think the museum is one of the best in the country and the children will get so much learning from it. I would like to reiterate for all parents the huge amount of detail the teachers have put into organising this trip. With the current security level across the country and specifically London we have sought the advice of many different agencies and have been given clear guidance on going up into the city.

Next week Awliscombe children will be using our playground to take their bike ability course. The roads around Awliscombe Primary are not suitable to learn on.

Unfortunately we aren't able to have swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon so Beech class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons up until half term.

On Monday Oak class is going to Kings for a high five netball tournament. It is an intra sport event competing against other schools in our learning community.

It will also be European language day on Tuesday and Madame Shackleton would love to see the children dressed in an outfit from another country's traditional costume. On the same day Beech class are going to Seaton Jurassic for the wildlife Champions conference, with other schools from the learning community.

Also on Tuesday afterschool we have a record number of children taking part in the cross country event at Kings, which is fantastic news. Results to follow next week.

Finally can I please, please, please ask parents to name their children's school uniform. We have had several children losing their sweatshirts this week but they haven't been named. It is very difficult to re-home lost property if the items aren't named.

With kind regards,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Reception	- Harvey Hammond	
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Oscar Power	Year 2 - Jodie Wright
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Hugo Doyle	Year 4 - Hattie Mullin
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Roxy Spiller	Year 6 - Aidan Rogers

Notices to Parents

Swimming - Beech class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons up until half term. Please remember to bring in a suitable swimming costume, a towel, and goggles if required in a named bag.

Trips next week - don't forget **Beech Class** need to be in school at 8.35am next Tuesday and **Oak Class** need to be in school at **5am** next Wednesday.

Clubs - **KS1 Sports Club** with Heather Little will start next Wednesday 27th September and it will run for 4 weeks which includes Wednesday 18th October. **Scratch Club** will not be running during the last week (w/c 9th October).

Applying for Secondary School Places - Letters have been sent home to year 6 children inviting parents to apply for their secondary school place for 2018. The timescale for completing this is between 1st September until 31st October 2017.

Contact Information Packs - Reminder: please make sure you return all your contact/information packs to the office as soon as possible. It is very important we have all current, up-to-date contact details. The collection of children forms are very important for safeguarding purposes so please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

Uniform Order - Unfortunately we have run out of 7-8 sweatshirts. An order has been put in along with coats for various pupils. As soon as they have been delivered I will let you know. They should be with us by the beginning of October.

Parish Hall Committee - The Parish Hall committee are looking for new members to come on board. If you are interested please come and speak to Mrs Hammett.

Letters sent home this week

- Yrs 3 & 4 Wildlife Champions Letter (Beech Class)
- Summer Residential Letter (Yrs 4/5/6)



European Day of Languages Tuesday 26th September

On **Tuesday 26th September** we would like to invite the children help to celebrate European Day of Languages by coming to school dressed in another country's traditional costume. This may be European or non-European. We shall enjoy a French breakfast in the playground and activities during the day to raise awareness of our wonderful world's rich and diverse linguistic culture.

Dates for the Diary

2017/18 Academic Year

- 23rd September - Games Evening @ Feniton Sports & Social Club 5pm onwards
25th September - High Five Netball Tournament Yrs 5&6 @ Kings 12-3.30pm
26th September - European Day of Languages
- Wildlife Champions Conference @ Seaton Jurassic Beech Class
- Cross Country Challenge @ Kings 4-5.30pm Yrs 3/4/5/6
27th September - Oak Class Trip to The Imperial War Museum, London
2nd October - Harvest Festival Service 2.30pm Church
- Celebration for Rev. Cate from 3.30pm in the Village Hall (from 3.30pm)
11th October - Residential Talk Yrs 4/5/6: Awliscombe 5-6pm / Payhembury 6.30-7.30pm
23rd-27th October - Half Term
7th November - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
14th November - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
15th November - School Photos
21st November - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
13th December - Theatre Trip
20th December - Christmas Lunch
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
28th May - 1st June - Half Term
4th June - Non-Pupil Day
24th July - End of Term

Pre-School

- We hope you are enjoying receiving the photos of your child's week in Willow through our 2buildaprofile e-mails. Please let us know if they are not getting through to you.
- Your child will be coming home with a purple book in their book bags along with a class picture book for you to share together. Please enjoy!
- Merits - your child will be awarded merits for super behaviour, showing PARCH, making interesting models etc in class. When they gain 10 merits they get to choose something from the prize tin!

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a Harvest Festival Service 11:00 at Feniton Church, the following Sunday there will be a Harvest Festival Service at 11:00 in Payhembury Church, you are welcome to both Services.

A thought:

God commands you to pray but forbids you to worry.

John Vianney



Meet up for all parents / carers -

FOPS would like to invite all parents / carers to come along to the village hall for a cuppa before pick up at 3pm on Friday 29th September. It's an opportunity to get to know each other, welcome new families to the school and catch up after the summer holidays. No need to bring anything apart from yourselves!

Classlist –

FOPS will be using Classlist to help stay in touch with parents / carers this year.

It is an online tool that can be downloaded as an app and has been designed for parents, by parents to make it an easy way for us to provide information about fundraising events as well as including the sign up sheet for the dinner rota etc. We're hoping it will also help with reminders for us to remember swimming kit, class trips etc! For more information and how to join up please see the attached flyer.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Friends of Payhembury School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofpay/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Payhembury School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

FOPS

Dinner Rota - Help Needed!

The school has asked us to set up a dinner rota as they are currently one member of staff short. Ideally they need daily cover from 11.45 - 1.30 and we would like to set up a rolling weekly or fortnightly rota to share this work out. You will be supervised but will need a current DBS (the school will do this).

If you can help please let Kirsten Brauer or George (Georgina) Burton know. If you don't know who we are yet, please speak to Anne in the office and she'll forward a message to us.