



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018  
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## The next few days ....

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Wild Area Clear Up 11am
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Parent's Evening 3.45 - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Beech Class Trip to Cadbury World (6.45am - 6.30pm) Parent's Evening Willow/Ash/Oak 3.45 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Parent's Evening 5 - 7pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	-	World Book Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	-	Mufti Day for Easter Bingo

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Unfortunately Mrs Hammett has been unwell this week with the flu but hopefully she is on the mend.

Year 5 children have taken part in bikeability this week which they have really enjoyed. On Monday we had our first Open the Book Church service. This is organised and led by our Church community and helps to bring stories from the Bible alive. This week the children helped to act out the story of creation and they all really enjoyed it.

Yesterday Ash Class went to Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park in North Devon and it sounds like they had a fantastic time. They were joined by Robins Class from Awliscombe and met their pen pals who they will be writing to over the next few weeks. It's great to see the children building new friendships across the two schools. The children had a dinosaur workshop and then met some of the dinosaurs up close and personal as they walked through the jungle. They watched the sea lions, met meerkats and got drenched in dinosaur snot on the train - which was of course the best bit!

Swans and Cygnets joined Willow class for a fun day in the Wildlife area where, amongst other things, they hunted for wild animals on safari, made African necklaces and binoculars and then toasted marshmallows on the fire. They had a great time and a big thank you to all the parent helpers.

This afternoon parents were able to come in and look at the projects which Beech Class have made during their topic "scrumdiddlyumptious". There were some amazing cakes made by the children! Don't forget Beech Class have an early start on Tuesday morning. Please make sure the children are in school by 6.45am as the coach will be leaving at 7am.

Parent's evening takes place next week on Monday, Tuesday (not Beech) and Wednesday. If you haven't returned your slip and you would like a slot please speak to Mrs Lush in the office.

Don't forget that it's World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, but we will be celebrating it all week! A letter has gone home tonight from Miss Stoneman explaining all the activities that will be taking place next week. Don't forget that the children's potato characters need to be brought in for the competition on Thursday, I can't wait to see them all! Also, children can bring in one or two books to swap at the book swapping fayre on Friday but please make sure you are happy with the books they choose to swap. All children will need wellies in school on Monday for the treasure hunt. It's going to be a great week.

Next Friday we are having a mufti day next Friday for the Easter Bingo which is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please donate either food or drink items which will be used for prizes. Full details have been sent home today with the children.

Finally Payhembury Village Hall needs your help! To celebrate 10 years of the current Parish Hall, we would like the children to re-name the main hall and the small hall. Suggestions slips have been sent home today. Please fill in and return to the office.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Bladon

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School	- Ella Mayne	Reception	- Gabriel John
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Harvey Rand	Year 2	- Oliver Holding
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Freddy Brauer	Year 4	- Oliver Burton
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Marcus Wilkinson	Year 6	- Isla Bryson

### Notices to Parents

Oak Class - There was an error on the Oak Class Curriculum map. The Sport's Relief sponsored mile will take place during the day (not after school as stated) on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February please can all Oak Class children bring in their wellington boots and old clothes as they will be in the wild area. Please make sure the spare clothes are waterproof/warm weather dependent.

Clubs - Clubs start back next week. Booster club will not be running next Monday due to parent's evening.

Residential Trip - The next instalment of £35 is due by the end of February. Please can you send any monies in to school in a named, sealed envelope? Many thanks.

### Letters sent home this week

- Parent Interview appointment slips
- Clubs forms
- Hand washing letter (Beech Class)
- FOPS Flyer
- World Book Day Letter
- Village Hall flyer

## Dates for the Diary

### 2017/18 Academic Year

- 25<sup>th</sup> February - Wild Area clear up 11am
- 26<sup>th</sup> February - Parent's Evening
- 27<sup>th</sup> February - Parent's Evening / Beech Class Trip (6.45am - 6.30pm)
- 28<sup>th</sup> February - Parent's Evening
- 1<sup>st</sup> March - World Book Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Mufti Day (prizes for Easter Bingo) / Beech hand washing 9am
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Cross Country for Yrs 3-6 on King's Field 4-5.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> March - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 10<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Bingo from 5pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> March - Yrs 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Kings 12pm - 3pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> March - Young Photographer of the Year Competition - deadline for photos
- 17<sup>th</sup> March - Bulb Show 2.30 - 4pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> March - Sport's Relief Mile Run during school hours
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Yrs 3/4 Orienteering @ Kilterton House 10am - 2.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> March - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 29<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of Term
- 16<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Term
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Whole School Photo (approx. 11am)
- 16<sup>th</sup> May - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half Term
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Non-Pupil Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> June - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> June - Oak Class Residential Trip
- 20<sup>th</sup> June - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 4<sup>th</sup> July - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 18<sup>th</sup> July - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

### 2018/19 Academic Year

- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September - Non-Pupil Days
- 5<sup>th</sup> September - First Day of Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last Day of Term
- 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - First Day of the Spring Term

### Pre-School

The children had a great day yesterday in the Wild Area with the children from Awliscombe. We hunted for wild animals on safari, made African necklaces and binoculars then toasted marshmallows on the fire. Thank you to all the parent helpers.

### News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be an All Ages Service at 9:30. It would be wonderful to see you there. This Service really is for all ages, so if you are 9 (or less) or 99 you will be welcome.

A thought

Fault is one of the easiest things to find, and yet many people keep on looking for it.

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### Bingo

A date for the diary - our next fundraiser is a family bingo on Saturday 10th March. This is the first bingo FOPS has organised in a while and we hope it will be a fun family and village event, whilst at the same time raising money for school. There will be a mufti day next Friday (2nd March) and we would be grateful if you could donate food or drink for prizes at the bingo. Look out for the leaflet which will be sent home in book bags shortly for full details.

### Ground force Day

Our next ground force day is Sunday (25th February) from 11am. If you can spare a couple of hours to help get the school grounds ready for the summer we would be really grateful. Come armed with your best gardening tools, ready for action!

### Kidz Cafe

Finally ... we raised an impressive £80 at our recent kidz cafe. To all those who donated cakes, thank you. To those who bought cakes thank you and to those who did both (and there are a lot of you) a double thank you!

## Community News

PAYHEMBURY SPRING BULB AND FLOWER SHOW 2018

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Date entry forms must be handed in **before or by Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March** to Di Somers, Pear Tree Cottage, Tale or take them to the shop on a Monday between 12 and 2 pm and Wednesday afternoon 2-5.30 pm

Louise Granger, 18 Markers Park, Payhembury

Jane Wood, 9 Hillside, Payhembury

Any queries please feel free to phone me 01404 841843.

Jane Wood

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## ***YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2018***

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Age groups: 8-11 or 12-16

**SUBJECT: WILDLIFE or PETS**

Up to three entries per person, size 7 x 5 in. as either colour or black and white prints. Each photograph must have a title and the name, age and contact number of the entrant. Please send your entries to Mrs. J. Stephens, Sidbury Mill, Sidbury, Sidmouth EX10 0RE before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Free entry. Must be your own work unaided. No late entries can be accepted.

All entries (subject to the discretion of the judges) will be exhibited at the Prize Giving at The Gallery, Sidbury Mill, Sidbury, on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2 p.m.** All exhibitors, with a parent/guardian are invited. No unaccompanied children please.

**PRIZES of £60, £40, £20 for the 3 winners in each group**

**Our very grateful thanks to all our local sponsors.**

The school are happy to collect the photos but please make sure you hand them in to your class teacher by **FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018** at the very latest.