



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 3 – 23rd September 2016

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The next few days

Monday 26 th September	-	Netball @ Kings - Years 5 & 6 (leaving 11.30am, return by 3.30pm) Table Top Games Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 27 th September	-	School Sports Crew Training 4-5.30pm
Wednesday 28 th September	-	Ash Class visit to Seaton Jurassic Centre - 9am - 3.30pm Swimming - Willow Class 1.30 - 3.30pm Scratch/Paper, Glue & Scissors Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm Resources Meeting @ Payhembury 6pm
Thursday 29 th September	-	Harvest Festival 9.15am in Church Outdoor/Dodge Ball Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 30 th September	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The trip to the zoo on Monday was a real success. The weather was fine and warm; the animals were all out and about enjoying the September sun. I think the only person to lose anything was me, a zoo warden had to chase us down as I managed to leave my hoodie somewhere in the park! All children had a workshop during the day and, as the only school in the zoo that day, we had full use of the educational centre.

I have just finished a meeting with the planning group for our building programme. As predicted, they are slightly behind and as a result, are looking to Easter before having the new classrooms ready. There will be more news after the planning application result, which is due at the end of October.

What incredible news about the Skydive. I am so in awe of all the parents who took part. Kate Wooff did try to persuade me but I honestly couldn't have done it. So huge congratulations and an enormous thank you to all those who sponsored them. A once in a lifetime experience.

Moving to a quieter event, our Harvest Festival is next week. I hope you will be able to join us in the church on Thursday 29th September at 9.15am. Ash class will be leading the service.

Thank you for returning the pack of consent forms, there may have seemed a lot but they really help us throughout the year. One question asked by Mrs Lush in regards to the newsletter was if you wanted to receive it by email or hard copy. Unfortunately we have had requests asking for both. For the sake of Mrs Lush's sanity on a Friday afternoon if you did indicate you wanted it by both email and hardcopy, we will only be sending by email. It has become a very time consuming task and it saves considerable paper too.

Next week Ash class will begin their wildlife champion's work. As the reigning champions we have a

lot to play for. They will be going to Seaton for the day.

All that's left is to wish you a lovely weekend.

With kind regards,

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Matilda Boland-Davies Year 1 - Elliot Brainch

Ash Class Year 2 - Emma Williams Year 3 - Amaya Duggan-Jones

Oak Class Year 4 - Rose Kilbride Year 5 - Grace Blackman Year 6 - Charlie Elsom

Notices to Parents

European Day of Languages - Tuesday 27th September 2016 - Each year in September there is a celebration of the world languages. At Payhembury, we shall enjoy a French breakfast in the morning and Madame Shackleton will have some activities for the children to raise awareness of the world's rich and diverse linguistic culture. We look forward to seeing the children there.

Swimming - We have managed to secure a life guard for swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. This will mean that Willow Class will be able to swim on a Wednesday up until October half term. Please can everyone in Willow Class bring in a swimming costume/trunks, towel and goggles if required in a named bag on Wednesday mornings.

School Meals - A school meal order form has been sent home today. This will take account of meals up to October half term. There will then be a new menu after half term. Please note there will be a change of menu on **Thursday 6th October 2016** - the new menu will be West Country Sausages, Vegetarian sausages, waffles, baked beans, sweet corn followed by jelly and ice-cream.

Lost Property - There are several children who have lost their school sweatshirts. Please can everyone check to see that they have their correct school uniform. Please make sure you label all school uniform.

Letters sent home this week

- E-Safety Play (Years 4 & 5)
- KS2 school meals order forms
- Change of menu flyers for Thursday 6th October 2016

Update on Skydive Fundraiser

We did it! After a couple of cancellations due to bad weather, Rick Jones and Sue Holmes jumped on 2 September and Kate and Kevin Wooff on 7 September. Nicola Hart jumped on 23 June. What an amazing experience had by all 5 parents. I definitely recommend it for any dare-devils out there - the views are just breath-taking and we're all still buzzing from the experience!

A HUGE THANKYOU to all of you who supported us and donated to this fundraising effort, including villagers, our friends and families, and many anonymous contributors. Thank you! The final tally was £1010.76 which is fantastic! The funds have been handed over to FOPS now and I understand they will be ring-fenced for the Tentipi purchase. Big thank you again... Kate Wooff

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 26 th September | - Netball @ Kings Years 5 & 6 (leave 11.30, return 3.15) |
| 28 th September | - Ash Class visit to Seaton re. Wildlife Champions (leave 9am, return for 3.30) |
| 28 th September | - Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |
| 29 th September | - Harvest Festival Service in the Church 9.15am |
| 17 th October | - Parent's Evening |
| 19 th October | - Parent's Evening |
| 19 th October | - Governor's Teaching & Learning Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe |
| 20 th October | - Kids Café |
| 21 st October | - Non-Pupil Day |
| 24 th -28 th October | - Half Term |
| 1 st November | - Year 6 - Heights & Weights |
| 2 nd November | - Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe |
| 11 th November | - Remembrance Service |
| 16 th November | - School Photos from 8.30am |
| 16 th November | - Governor's Teaching & Learning meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |
| 30 th November | - Full Governor's Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury /
Governor's Pay & Performance Meeting 8pm @ Payhembury |
| 14 th December | - School Christmas Lunch |
| 16 th December | - Last day of Term |
| 3 rd January | - First day of Term |
| 13 th -17 th February | - Half Term |
| 31 st March | - Last day of Term |

Governors

Nick Bladon - The role of a staff governor can be both challenging and rewarding and presents an excellent opportunity for staff to contribute to the decisions that are made by the governing body as well as to build strong links between the governing body and the staff of the school. I have been the nominated staff governor for the past four years and in that time it has helped me to prepare for senior leadership, specifically my new role of Head of school; it has helped me to understand the strategic direction of the school/federation. I am now the representative for both schools on the governing body.

I have a responsibility to represent the broad views and opinions of the staff at meetings and I report back to staff the key points from full governors.

I currently teach Oak class (year 4, 5, and 6) and if I can be of any help regarding governance please come and see me.

Pre-School

School Meal order forms have gone home today. Please see the change of menu for Thursday 6th October. There will be a new menu which starts after October half term.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

The Church youth groups, BBC, are collecting toys and gifts for this year's shoe box appeal and will be spending next Thursday evening sorting all the toys that have been donated and packing up the boxes which will eventually be sent abroad for children's Christmas gifts. If you would like to join us in supporting this great cause and would like to donate any gifts, please pass them on to me on the playground or just leave it on my doorstep (Cherrybrook). To find out exactly what toys are appropriate, take a look at the Operation Christmas Child - shoe box appeal website.

At 9:30 this Sunday there will be an All Ages Service with a Baptism so do join us.

A thought

Love means loving the unlovable—or it is no virtue at all.

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Community News

FUNDRAISING FOR THE RESTORATION OF PATTESON'S CROSS



**Friday 23rd September 7pm
St Andrew's Church, Feniton**

Talk by Blue Peter Producer Alex Leger on his travels and films of the Solomon Islands.

£8.00 per person, tickets on the door, bar, snacks, raffle

Evening Event 28th September 2016

Talk by Alex Leger - Blue Peter director,

producer and author of 'Behind the Badge'

+Live Music

@The Kings School OSM 7p.m start



Tickets £7

16 and under or +65 £5

Family ticket £20 (2 adults + up to 3 children)

Available from Chris Calderwood 07531 744047, Katie Drew 01404 851656, or at the door.

Doors open 6.30p.m for 7p.m start.

Refreshments on sale throughout the evening.



All proceeds in aid of 'Project Article 1', teaching human rights in the Solomon Islands.