



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 21 – 24th February 2017

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The next few days

Monday 27 th February	-	Booster Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 28 th February	-	
Wednesday 1 st March	-	Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 2 nd March	-	World Book Day - Theme "Bedtime Stories" Glee & Construction Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 3 rd March	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This week we welcomed Miss Stapleforth who has joined us for the next 8 weeks for teaching practice. She is currently under-taking a Schools Direct programme to qualify as a Teacher in July. She is working alongside Mr Bladon in Oak class.

Monday began with bikeability for Year 5's. Luckily it was good weather; the children all passed and achieved the expected grade by the end of the course. The instructor was extremely complimentary about the children's attitude and maturity and he was very impressed with them all.

On Wednesday Ash class welcomed a visitor from South West Water; they all learnt how to filter dirty water into clean water. I hope the children have come home, tried out and demonstrated the process for you.

The children are all very excited about the incubator in Ash class. They currently have 12 quail eggs slowly turning and it should take about 17 days before they hatch. Miss Stoneman has worked hard to ensure they hatch mid-week instead of over the weekend like the last set of chicks. We are all looking forward to seeing them very soon. Did you know when the chicks first hatch they are the size of a bumble bee?

This afternoon year 5 and 6 are participating in a rescheduled Hockey tournament at Kings. I'll let you know the results in next week's newsletter.

It has been confirmed that from September 2018 the catchment for Payhembury Primary School will be extended to include Talaton. If you are interested in seeing the new catchment area a map will be available shortly from the school office. With the financial pressures on every school nationally it is vital that we keep our pupil numbers as high as possible. With the new expansion it provides the possibility to increase our pupils and a wider catchment will also support this too.

Can I please ask that you label all items of clothing including shoes? We have had an issue with two identical pairs of shoes without labels and it has made it very complicated.

We have also had another reported case of head lice so please check your child's hair this weekend.

Next week is quite quiet except for Thursday which is world book day. We have lots planned for the day including coming to school dressed in pyjamas and onesies - its focus is bedtime stories. The children will all receive their book token too.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Willow</u>	Reception	- Arwen Springall	Year 1	- Joshua Offer
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 2	- Samuel Rogers	Year 3	- Lily Paterson
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 4	- Tabitha Boland-Davies	Year 5	- Thomas Fenwick
			Year 6	- Rosie Morris

Notices to Parents

Clubs - Clubs start back next week.

Lost Property - A single key attached to an orange key ring has been handed into the office which was found by the new BT box

Ash Class - Ash class has had a case of head lice this week. Please make sure you check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

Oak Class - Please can everyone bring in some old clothes (which may get muddy) and wellington boots for the wild area next week.

Letters sent home this week

- Notification of changes to Kings School uniform letter (year 6)
- Cheerleading Club @ Kings letter and consent form (Years 4/5/6)
- Lambing Sunday 19th March at Bickton College flyer
- School Meals Forms for March 2017

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

2 nd March	- World Book Day - "Bedtime Stories" theme
6 th March	- Paul Martin - Wildlife Champions to visit Ash Class am
7 th March	- Cross Country Race & Fun Run Yrs 3/4/5/6 @ Kings 4/4.15-5.30pm
11 th March	- Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30 - 4pm Parish Hall
14 th March	- Yrs 3/4 Orienteering @ Killerton 10.30-2pm
20 th March	- Yrs 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Kings 12-3pm
24 th March	- Red Nose Day
31 st March	- Last day of Term
18 th April	- First day of Term
29 th -2 nd June	- Half Term
5 th June	- Non-Pupil Day
21 st July	- Last day of Term
4 th September	- Non-Pupil Day
5 th September	- First day of Term for pupils

23rd-27th October - Half Term
21st December - Last day of Term

Pre-School

From next week the inner door into the Parish Hall will be locked in the morning until 12.30pm. The door will be open to Pre-school parents collecting their children at 12.30pm where upon you will be able to wait in the entrance hall/porch.

School meals forms will be going out next week. Please complete and return with payment in a sealed, named envelope.

Governors

In my Governors update last October, the annual Health and Safety Audit was due at Awliscombe at the end of the month. Audits are always a little worrying – are we ready for them, what have we missed, how good (or bad) will be the result? In the event, we scored 95%, with no red items, and seven amber all of which are easily resolved. So, thanks to all the staff and to Vanessa Jarret, the Health and Safety Coordinator, for all their attention to H&S, not only for the audit, but throughout the year.

To digress slightly from H&S... As well as attending Full Governor Meetings, all governors belong to either the Teaching and Learning or to the Resource Committee (I am Resource Committee). In some respects, governors on one committee are not always aware of how the members of the other committee fulfil their responsibilities. It was suggested at the last Full Governors Meeting in November that whenever a governor makes a school visit for a specific purpose they invite a member of the other committee to join them.

In January we did the annual H&S and Risk Assessment walk-round at Payhembury, and Nick Thwaites from the Teaching and Learning Committee joined Vanessa Jarrett and myself. The walk-round is what it says, we walk round the school and inspect every room in the school buildings, and all of the school grounds, for potential hazards. These are noted down, and then included in the relevant Risk Assessment for action, with who is responsible and completion date (there is a specific section in the RA for this). Examples of those we noted were some coats dropped on to the floor in a corridor instead of being hung up, and so causing a trip hazard, particularly in an emergency (also noted that more coat hooks will be required with the planned increase in pupil numbers); repair needed to the drain cover on the path to Willow Class; and some of the upright support posts for the Willow playground fence needed replacing. These are all easily resolved. The next step is to ensure that the RAs are updated, and to monitor the progress on the required actions.

These H&S visits are purely for that, I do not assess any other aspects. However, I have to say that while we were in classrooms during the walk-round the children continued to pay attention to the teacher, rather than concentrating on us, and remained attentive, engaged, and responsive to the lesson topic. Obviously, the lesson was more interesting than us!!

Tony Treen

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a Parish Communion Service at 9:30.



A thought:

There are only two people who can tell you the truth about yourself—an enemy who has lost his temper and a friend who loves you dearly.

Antisthenes

New Ottery Library Opening Day and Beyond

We open in our new premises, (at the old Nat West bank, Silver Street) on Saturday 25th February at 10am.

Graham Hurley, popular local writer, will be there as we open and will be signing copies of his books.



Refreshments will be provided by the “Friends of Ottery Library – FOOL”.

At 11am Ian Pearce will be reading “Winnie the Pooh” in the children’s area, a story suitable for the young and the young at heart. Drop-in and listen to an enchanting story wonderfully told.



Saturday 4th March from 10.30 to 11.20 - Professor Bumble’s Clowning and Slapstick Show returns to Ottery Library. Fun, laughter and balloon animals! Limited number of free tickets available from the library, or by phone 01404 813838 or email ottery.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk. Suitable for ages 5 plus.

FabLab from Exeter Library is bringing its roadshow to Ottery Library, sometime in March, date still to be confirmed.
Will let you know the details ASAP.

A date for your diary, Wednesday 5th April at 10.30 – Paddleboat Theatre Company will be running a children’s storytelling workshop called “According to Arthur” for ages 4 plus. Limited number of free tickets will be available nearer the time.

There’ll be new fixtures, fittings, furniture and some new stock. Do come along and join us in celebrating your new library.

Cranbrook Community Fun Day - Saturday 11th March 2017

Here’s some info on some cycling activities going on at Cranbrook in a couple of weeks

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/travel/cycle/cranbrook-community-fun-day/attachment/cranbrook-community-fun-day-flyer-back/>