



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 25 – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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## The next few days ....

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| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March    | - | Parent's Evening for Willow/Ash/Oak Classes from 3.45pm<br>Year 4 Wild Area pm                                       |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March   | - | Parent's Evening for Willow Class from 4.30pm<br>Years 4 & 5 Wild Area pm  |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March | - | Pre-School/Willow Class Trip to Plymouth Aquarium 8.15am<br>Years 4 & 5 Wild Area pm<br>Parent's Evening for Ash/Oak |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March  | - | Easter Service 9.15am in the Church  |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March    | - | Last Day of Term / Star of the Term Assembly 2.30pm<br>Kid's Café from 3.30pm (Ash Class to host)                    |
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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This week we have seen a lot of absence from school due to a sickness bug making the rounds. Jack got sick on Tuesday night and then spent 48 hours bouncing around as he had no further symptoms! I know how frustrating it seems to have the rule of staying home for 48 hours but it really is the only way we can limit the spread of these horrible sickness bugs.

Unfortunately Tag rugby had to be cancelled on Monday due to the weather however we are still waiting for it to be rescheduled. I'll let you know the new date. However, I am delighted to announce that two of the teams that took part in the Year 3 and 4 learning community orienteering challenge came first and second! A huge well done to those children.

Thank you for supporting Red nose day today. Unfortunately due to the weather conditions the field wasn't suitable for the various sporting events that were planned but we hope they will take place next week. Please can Oak Class make sure they have their shin pads and football boots if they have them in school every day next week.

Next week is quite busy. We have parent consultation meetings happening throughout the beginning of the week after school. For Oak and Ash the meetings will be carried out as normal on a Monday and Wednesday, but as Willow will be on their school trip on Wednesday the parent meetings will start at 4pm on Tuesday afternoon. If you haven't booked an appointment yet please see Mrs Lush for some help.

So Willow and Pre-school will be going to the Aquarium with Awliscombe children on Wednesday and the children need to be at school at 8.15am as we are aiming to leave at 8.30am. We will leave Plymouth at 3pm and hopefully home by 4.30pm. It will be a great way to celebrate their topic work this term.

The last two days have 3 events and we hope you will be able to come and join with us. Our Easter service will be on Thursday morning at 9.15am in Church. Then on Friday afternoon we have our Achievement assembly in the village hall at 2.30pm which is followed by Kids Café at 3.30pm. This café is hosted by Ash Class. It is a super way to end the term and start our Easter holiday.

Finally I hope all our Mums have a lovely day on Sunday and are spoilt the whole day through.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Sarah Baker Year 1 - Angus Forsythe

Ash Class Year 2 - Isobel Cann Year 3 - Amaya Duggan-Jones

Oak Class Year 4 - Marcus Wilkinson Year 5 - Rafa Beadman Year 6 - Harlan Doble

### Notices to Parents

**Readathon** - Many thanks to all the children who returned their sponsorship forms and money. We have so far raised over £650 which is amazing. If you haven't returned your forms/money please do so next week. Monies raised go to buying books for Bramble Ward at the RD&E Hospital and our school will receive 20% worth in book tokens to buy new books for our school library.

**Willow Class Aquarium Trip** - We still have a couple of forms/payment outstanding. Please return by Monday at the latest.

**Oak Class** - Year 5 children will need their spare clothes/wellies on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March next week. Year 4 children will be needing their spare clothes/wellies on Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March in the afternoon.

**Ash Class** - Please bring in your cake/biscuit donations for the kids café next Friday.

**Tag Rugby Years 5/6** - Unfortunately the tag rugby was cancelled this week. This won't happen before Easter and we will let you know once it has been re-arranged.

**Mealtime Assistant** - We are looking for a meal time assistant to join our friendly and supportive team. This role is vital in ensuring our children enjoy positive lunchtimes. **Days:** Monday to Friday inclusive. **Hours:** 11.45am - 1pm. If you think you may be interested in the post and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 841291.

**Parent's Evening** - Appointment times for next week have been sent home. If you are unable to attend on your allocated time please speak to the office. If you haven't returned your form but you would still like an appointment please speak to the office.

### **Letters sent home this week**

- Parent Evening appointment slips
- Yellingham Farm Letter (Ash Class)
- Primary Times
- After School Childcare Letter

## Dates for the Diary

### 2016/17 Academic Year

27 <sup>th</sup> March	- Parent's Evening 3.45 - 5pm (Willow, Ash & Oak) Parent's interview for Pre-School 1-3pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	- Parent's Evening 4.30-7pm (Willow Class)
29 <sup>th</sup> March	- Pre-school & Willow Class Trip / Parent's Evening 4.30 -7pm (Oak) and 5-7pm (Ash)
30 <sup>th</sup> March	- Easter Service in the Church 9.15am/Parent's Interview for Pre-School 1-3
31 <sup>st</sup> March	- Last day of Term / Star of the Term Assembly 2.30pm Kids Café from 3.30pm (Ash Class hosting)
18 <sup>th</sup> April	- First day of Term
29 <sup>th</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> June	- Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	- Non-Pupil Day
21 <sup>st</sup> July	- Last day of Term
4 <sup>th</sup> September	- Non-Pupil Day
5 <sup>th</sup> September	- First day of Term for pupils
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	- Half Term
21 <sup>st</sup> December	- Last day of Term

## Pre-School

Parent interviews will be taking place next Monday and Thursday. If you haven't requested a slot to see Mrs George please either speak to her or contact the school office.

Letters have been sent home regarding the new Pre-school hours from September 2017. Please speak to Mrs George regarding your session preferences in September.

## Governors

"We are rapidly approaching the date to submit our school budgets. This represents the final stage of a large amount of administrative work done behind the scenes, as well as demanding decisions made by the school leaders. It's become ever more difficult with the school budget cuts, which have a great impact on small, rural schools like ours.

I sit on the resources committee as one of the lead governors for Finance and we will be meeting next Wednesday, predominantly to agree the final budgets to be put forward for final approval at the next Full Governing Board meeting. Although the difficulties in funding are incredibly frustrating I am enormously impressed by the ability of all those involved in the budget setting to keep us stable, and even in a position to keep growing our 2 schools.

We are in a strong position following our federation which has greatly benefitted both schools. The levels of collaboration seen are fantastic for pupils and it is always our priority to put the children first in all decision making.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself, or any other governor, or contact the school office who will pass on your query."

**Elaine Anning**



On Sunday at 9:30 there will be a Mothering Sunday Service. All are welcome. At 11:00 there will be another Mothering Day Service at Feniton Church. So two services to choose from and a chance to say a thank you to God for our lovely Mums.

A thought

The love of a Mother is the veil of a softer light between the heart and the heavenly Father.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

## FOPS

### FOPs News

FOPs have decided to install the help of the internet to communicate and link parents and children together through a piece of software called class link. There are some details below to get you started, feel free to look it up and find out more. We aim to have everyone connected by the end of term, making everyone's life much easier I'm sure.

[www.schoolclasslist.com.png](http://www.schoolclasslist.com.png) Classlist is a simple to use, totally free and secure digital platform that helps parents connect with each other. The system has been created to allow parents to **register, share and update** only the details they feel comfortable with. Already successfully in use in hundreds of schools; Classlist acts as a 'virtual school gate' from which parents can make friends, arrange play-dates and even organise fundraising events.

The platform also includes a number of other useful tools such as a School Lift Share Map, allowing parents to ease the burden of the school run as well as a Listings feature that allows parents to buy and sell personal items or even find a potential babysitter. All of these features are completely free, situated in a secure environment that is fully Data Protection Registered.

Come and join in by going to [classlist.com](http://classlist.com) and search for **Payhembury CofE Primary School**

## Community News

### **Pop Up Café in aid of the Melanesian Mission**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Feniton Village Hall, in the old village**