



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 26 – 26th April 2019

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The next few days

Monday 29th April - Oak Class Quad Kids, 12-3 pm @ Kings

Tuesday 30th April - Beech Class Quad Kids, 12-3pm @ Kings

Wednesday 1st May - Beech Tag Rugby Finals, 4pm @ Kings

Thursday 2nd May -

Friday 3rd May -

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone; I hope you had a good Easter break. With the weather being so bright at the beginning of the week the children returned full of energy and excitement.

This week we have welcomed four new children to our school. Tom and Jack in Year 4, Rueben in Preschool and Nico in Year 5. It's great to have you join our lovely school.

We have received our pupil's numbers for September and this year we are slightly down. We will be welcoming 10 new pupils so we still have space for 5 more. Please let your friends know that we still have spaces in reception for September.

Today I am having lunch with Neil Parish our MP. He has invited all the head teachers in his constituency to meet to discuss the dire situation of school finance. I will let you know how I get on. He is collecting our views to take back to central government. Thank you to those parents who wrote directly to him, I know they have made a difference as he makes reference to the letters in his one to me. Having worked for many hours trying to set a balanced budget for this year I am convinced we have never been in a more difficult financial time. There just isn't enough to go around. One of the positive factors for both our schools is that we are still growing and more pupils mean access to increased funding.

Next week we have a couple of events taking place. On Monday Oak class are going to Kings for a Quad Kids event during the afternoon. Then the following day Beech will go to Kings for a Quad Kids event. On Wednesday afternoon we have a team from Beech class called the Payhembury Hurricanes taking part in the East Devon tag rugby finals at Kings. We wish them all the best, it is very exciting for them.

Finally just to remind you that we will soon be introducing a new payment scheme for school. It will be an online system that will definitely make everyone's life easier. You will be able to pay for everything through your own account. It will be similar to the one used at Kings so hopefully many of you will already be familiar with how they work. I will be sending out more details at the beginning of next week.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Hammett

Coming soon: Online payments to school with ParentPay!

Starting on the 1st May we will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay.

ParentPay will be live at school on 1st May; from this date we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores.

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

Willow Class Pre-school - India Reception - Hayden

Ash Class Year 1 Gabriel Year 2 - Sarah

Beech Class Year 3 - Ashton Year 4 - Samuel

Oak Class Year 5 - Nicolas Year 6 - Noah

Notices to Parents

Jam Jars & Blankets! - Oak class would like clean jam jars and picnic blankets/rugs please. If you are able to donate any please bring them into the office.

Letters sent this week

- Quad Kids Athletics Festival, Beech & Oak
- Exmoor Challenge letter, participants from Oak class

F.O.P.S

Great news - our Easter Bingo held at the end of March (which seems such a long time ago now!) made an incredible profit of **£595.93**. Thank you again to everyone that came along and supported it on the night, and for all the donations provided beforehand.

It was brilliant to see so many people from the Payhembury community there - we are very lucky and grateful for the support they give to our events. The funds raised will be put into the big 'Grand Appeal for Laptops' pot!

Beech Class had their Kid's Cafe just before the Easter holidays and raised a super £77.65. This will be spent within Beech Class - we are sure Mr Bladon already has plans for it!

Keep an eye out for future FOPS news - this plans to be another busy term of fundraising activity

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

- 28th April 2019 - Exmoor Challenge training walk (year 6) Exmoor - details TBC
- 29th April 2019 - Quad Kids Athletics festival (Oak) @ Kings
- 30th April 2019 - Quad Kids Athletics Festival (Beech) @ Kings
- 1st May 2019 - East Devon Tag Rugby Finals. Beech class hurricane team 4pm @ Kings
- 12th May 2019 - Wild area prune and clear up
- 4th May 2019 - Exmoor Challenge Year 6
- 27th - 31st May 2019 - Half term
- 3rd June 2019 - Non pupil day
- 15th June 2019 - Summer Fair
- 19th July 2019 - Last day of term
- 22nd & 23rd July 2019 - Non pupil days

2019/20 Academic Year

- 2nd-3rd September 2019 - Non pupil days
- 4th September 2019 - First day of term
- 21st - 28th October 2019 - Half term
- 29th October 2019 - Non pupil day
- 30th October 2019 - First day back after half term for pupils
- 20th December 2019 - Last day of term
- 6th January 2020 - First day of term
- 17th-21st February 2020 - Half term
- 27th March 2020 - Last day of term
- 13th April 2020 - Bank Holiday
- 14th April 2020 - First day of term
- 4th May 2020 - Bank Holiday
- 25th-29th May 2020 - Half term
- 1st - 2nd June 2020 - Non pupil days
- 22nd July 2020 - Last day of term

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



Growing in Love, Hope and Faith.

Happy Start of the Summer Term.

On Sunday there will be an All Ages Service at 9:30, do join us for an informal Service for all, from the youngest to the oldest in our community.

Also, there will be Bacon Butties so arrive a little earlier for a chat and breakfast.

See you on Sunday x

A thought

Jesus is happy to come with us, as truth is happy to be spoken, as life to be lived, as light to be lit, as love is to be loved, as joy to be given, as peace to be spread.

Francis of Assisi

