



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days

Monday 5 th June	-	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 6 th June	-	Quad Kids Final @ Kings leaving at 3pm
Wednesday 7 th June	-	Willow/Ash Classes Swimming pm
Thursday 8 th June	-	General Election - No Village Hall - breakfast club in main school
Friday 9 th June	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe we have come to the end of another half term. Working with Oak class recently I suddenly realised that we have a short time left with our lovely Year 6 group.

We started the week with the Eco Champions Conference in the village hall on Monday. Ash represented our school with real enthusiasm and confidence. I think we set the bar very high last year and all the schools had really worked on their projects. This year's winners were Feniton. Thanks to Miss Stoneman for leading such a great project for the school.

Yesterday Willow and Ash Class went to the Eden Project. What a hot day. It was reportedly 50 degrees at the top of the rainforest biome. We were definitely on board a very sweaty bus on the way home. It was still an amazing experience for the children and definitely worth the journey. The children behaved impeccably and I had hoped for a very sleepy bus on our return but they all seemed full of the day's events.

Year 5 went to Ottery Church to experience a day called Prayer spaces. It is a wonderful event arranged by Rev. Cate Edmonds. The children experience about 10 different workshops through the day working with members of the ministry team and other teachers on a given theme. This Year it was called "Thy Kingdom Come". The children get the opportunity to mix with other Year 5 children from Church primaries. They also got to work with their friends from Awliscombe too.

On the first Tuesday back, 6th June, our children will be taking part in the Quad kids' finals at Kings from 4-6pm. Please come down and support if you would like too.

Just a quick reminder that Thursday 8th June is the general election and we won't be able to access the hall on that day. We will still be providing hot meals but they will be served in a bag. Breakfast club will also be held over in the main school building on that day so please drop your child off there.

Hopefully this change in weather will stay with us now so please can I remind you to send your child with a sun hat, some sunglasses (optional but useful) and sun cream. If you can remember to apply the cream every morning it would be a great help.

Finally, just a reminder that there is no school on the first Monday back as it is a non- pupil day and all that's left for me to say is to have an absolutely wonderful half term.... Keep on shining sun!

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Robert Disney Year 1 - Joshua Offer

Ash Class Year 2 - Samuel Rogers Year 3 - Hattie Mullin

Oak Class Year 4 - Amelia Wadsworth Year 5 - Marcia Jarrett Year 6 - Alice Bosson

Notices to Parents

Year 6 - The Year 6 children are being provided with a fantastic opportunity of a Moorland experience day. A letter with more details will follow shortly after half term.

Clubs - Penny Wilkinson has very kindly offered to run a craft club for KS2 children on a Monday after school, 3.30 - 4.30 pm starting on Monday 19th June and running until the end of term. Forms will be sent home after half term for those interested.

Trophies - Please can all trophies/shields awarded to the children at the end of last summer term be returned to the school office after half term?

Lost Property - Several children have lost their named school jumpers. Please can you all check your jumpers to see whether you have taken someone else's by mistake. This seems to have been quite a problem in Willow Class.

Also missing from Oak Class is a girl's swimming costume, aged 8 or 9, white/red with blue hearts. If you have taken this home by mistake please return to the office.

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.

Swimming - After half term Oak will be swimming on Monday afternoons as usual (not 5th June) and Ash/Willow Class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons. Please bring in a suitable swimming costume, a towel and goggles if required in a named bag. If your child has long hair please make sure they bring a swimming hat. Swimming hats are available to buy from the office at a cost of 35p.

Letters sent home this week

- Breakfast Club forms
- After school Club forms
- School Meals Forms
- Clubs Forms

New Build Project Update

It has been a great week for the weather and this in turn has allowed the initial stages of the build to get off the ground and get going. So by the end of this first week we have complete demolition of the old building. Standing next to the work really identifies how big the space is we have to build on. Basically the better the weather, the more that gets done, so please keep praying for sunshine.

After half term Willow children will not be able to access the front area of Willow or the undercover area to play in. All play will take place in the peace garden and on the fields and playground. **Please can I ask that parents keep their little children off the peace garden before and after school.** A new path will be instated behind Willow to give access to the playground for the school community.

Work on the Early Years' classroom will begin after half term and therefore we will be managing both builds at the same time. If you have any problems please come and see me or Mr Bladon and we will sort things for you.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

- 29th-2nd June - Half Term
- 5th June - Non-Pupil Day
- 6th June - Quad Kids Final @ Kings 4-6pm
- 8th June - General Election - No Village Hall - Breakfast Club in main school building
- 12th June - Years 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics 12-3pm
- 14th June - Year 6 Moorland Trip (letter to follow after half term)
- 14th June - School's Celebration Service @ St. Pauls in Honiton am
Governor's Teaching & Learning Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 20th June - Yrs 5/6 Go Ride Cycling Event @ Kings 4.15 - 5.30pm
- 21st June - Sports Day - packed lunches required
- 22nd June - Oak Class Trip, leave 8am, return 5pm approx.
- 23rd June - Reserve Day for Sports Day if cancelled on 21st June
- 28th June - Year 6 Lifeskills - Donkey Sanctuary leaving 8.30am return by 1pm
- 28th June - Yr 5 OSM Cricket Club 10 - 2.30pm
- 28th June - Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 30th June - Yr 6 - Visit from King's Drama Group re. transition 9.30am
- 5th July - Year 6 Transition afternoon Village Hall 1-30pm
Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 6th July - Payhembury & Awliscombe Schools Performance at The Beehive, Honiton
- 10th - 14th July - Year 6 Transition week at The King's School
- 21st July - Last day of Term

2017/18 Academic Year

- 4/5/6th September - Non-Pupil Days
- 7th September - **First day of Term for pupils**
- 23rd-27th October - Half Term
- 21st December - Last day of Term
- 8th January - First day of Term
- 12th - 16th Feb - Half Term
- 29th March - Last day of Term

16 th April	- First day of Term
28 th May - 1 st June	- Half Term
2 nd June	- Non-Pupil Day
24 th July	- End of Term

Pre-School

Reminder: Please don't send in any snacks/packed lunches containing nuts as there is a child with a nut allergy.

Please return all school meals forms when you return after half term.

And finally, well done to everyone for working so hard this half term and being so good.

Mrs George

Governors

As I write, it is lovely to watch the children dancing around the Maypole in the sunshine! Similarly I know lunchtime play up on the field is particularly special. They come into church on a Thursday red-faced and out of breath with all that freedom to run in.

Being a governor is certainly multifaceted and child centred. Watching them from afar, playing and dancing together; having them sitting right in front of me in church, listening and eager to take part. I am a member of the teaching and learning Committee. Meetings are always full of information and wide ranging. They begin with a prayer which is important as we, a Federation of two Church of England Primary schools act out our Christian faith and bring our meeting before God, as we endeavour to listen to him and one another in our conversations.

It is an exciting time with a new build, new staff appointed, songs and dances to learn for the production and new learning continuing.

Rev'd Jane

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday at 9:30 there will be an All Ages Service but please arrive earlier for a chat and bacon butties.



A thought:

Faith teaches a new math, which subtracts old ways and adds new thoughts, for sharing with God divides troubles and multiplies possibilities.

Christine A. Dallman

Community News

See attached sheet for activities available in this area during Half Term.