



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days

Sunday 29 th January	-	Christingle Service in the Church at 4pm
Monday 30 th January	-	Booster Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 31 st January	-	
Wednesday 1 st February	-	Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 2 nd February	-	Glee & Construction Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 3 rd February	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce that the new websites are up and running. If you search the old site it should redirect you to the new one. We are still making alterations and we are slowly updating all the photographs but it would be useful to have any feedback regarding the sites. We have organised the front page to be the FORT Federation and then you are able to drop into either school from that page. Again if you google Payhembury Primary School you get directed to the FORT site first. I would like to thank two governors in particular for their work and support in the redesigning of the sites. It is actually a very time consuming area of school organisation and Lucy Williams and Sam Pollard have been a tremendous help in achieving the new design and update. I am sure there are lots of little things we need to put right but we aim to keep working on them.

I have heard there are rumours that our catchment is changing. I think we have this reoccurring rumour every 6 months! There will be no changes to our primary school catchment for a definite 12 months. So children expecting to start in 2017/18 academic year will be within the current designated catchment area. After that any changes to a catchment area would go through a process of consultation and we would inform parents if we were thinking of making any changes. So please don't think that something will happen overnight and parents wouldn't be aware. There is a potential moving of the Tipton School to Ottery St. Mary in the future and that would require an in depth look at primary catchments. This is in no way related to The Kings Community School catchment; please do not mix the two up. If you hear anyone suggesting anything different please ask them to come and see me.

I would also point out that as we are having the two new classrooms completed by September and we will have additional capacity to take more children I am not expecting any mass increase in numbers. We will slowly grow and take more pupils throughout the year. It will take a long time to reach our new capacity and therefore please don't feel there will be big changes from September.

We are sending all water bottles home this weekend; please could you give them a good wash and bring them back to school on Monday. We were putting them through the dishwasher but the lids have caused some issues as some children bite them and obviously children want to keep using their

own bottle. Each Friday we will send them home for a good wash but we really need them back for the Monday morning.

Julie Jarman had a visit this week; Julie is our education welfare officer (EWO) and she looks in detail at pupil's attendance and absence. Our percentages at Payhembury are excellent and currently our school is 98%. That is the best it has ever been so well done everyone.

Finally Rev. Cate has asked me to remind you all to come along to the Christingle Service this Sunday at 4pm. The children have been making their Christingles today and it would be lovely to see as many faces as possible.

Next week seems a quiet one so I hope you have a good weekend and I will see you all on Monday.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Willow</u>	Reception	- Oscar Power	Year 1	- Ashton Gibbs
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 2	- Harry Bentley	Year 3	- Oliver Burton
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 4	- Silvester McFadden	Year 5	- Ellie Vincent
			Year 6	- Laurence McFadden

Notices to Parents

Bikeability - Bikeability forms have gone home today for Year 5 children plus any year 6 children who haven't done the course before. Please return forms as soon as possible so we can get an idea of numbers.

Ash Class - Ash class are in need of any recyclable, clean containers e.g. empty plastic milk containers, yoghurt pots, cleaned out tins, take-a-way containers etc for their Puppet project. If you do have anything please send in to Ash Class.

Readathon - There has been a slight delay with regard to the information on the Readathon for Reception children but hopefully this should arrive shortly. Please note the deadline for sending in your sponsorship money is Friday 24th March 2017. Alternatively you can pay on line at www.readathon.org/sponsor.

Letters sent home this week

- Bikeability Letter and forms (Year 5 and any year 6 children who haven't completed the course)

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

6 th February	- Yrs 5/6 Hockey @ Kings 12-3pm
10 th February	- School Disco with Awliscombe Primary School @ Payhembury Village Hall 6 - 8pm
13 th -17 th February	- Half Term
20 - 23 rd February	- Bikeability
6 th March	- Paul Martin - Wildlife Champions to visit Ash Class am
11 th March	- Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30 - 4pm Parish Hall
16 th March	- Heights & Weights for Reception children

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

Pre-School

We are currently looking at admissions for children in Pre-school to start in September. If you would like your child to start or would like to increase your number of days please speak to Mrs George.

Governors

The Teaching and Learning Committee meets every half term and alongside the meetings the members of the committee have carried out monitoring visits both in the classroom and in staff meetings. As a committee we have had the pleasure of carrying out Learning Walks around both Payhembury and Awliscombe Schools.

Learning Walks give us an amazing opportunity to spend time in each classroom with specific questions to focus on as we walk around. This time we focussed on the standard and variety of work on display, looking for evidence of:

- * high quality teaching and learning
- * engaging/exciting learning taking place
- * consistency in teacher marking and in the standard of display
- * how the Core Values and Christian ethos are reflected in each classroom

The observations made were collated and summarised into a brief report which was fed back to the rest of the Governors and copies given to the Heads of School to be shared with their staff. As a committee we were extremely impressed with what we saw in every classroom and we felt privileged to see such stunning displays of high quality children's work.

I was also extremely lucky to be able to share a delicious Christmas lunch with the children of Awliscombe School and to watch the wonderful Christmas Nativity at Payhembury – a real Christmas treat.

Pat Fowler

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



On Sunday at 4:00pm there will be a Christingle Service, a final goodbye to the Christmas Season.

A thought

We are all travellers in the wilderness of this world and the best that we find in our travels is an honest friend.
Robert Louis Stevenson