



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 28 – 28th April 2017

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The next few days

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| Monday 1 st May | - | Bank Holiday Monday / May Day from 10.45 am |
| Tuesday 2 nd May | - | Rounder's Club Yrs 4/5/6 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Wednesday 3 rd May | - | Willow/Ash Classes Swimming pm
Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Thursday 4 th May | - | No Village Hall - Polling Day / Breakfast Club in main school building
Glee/Wild Area Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Friday 5 th May | - | Visit from Brad Murray, our Primary Advisor |

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

We are only 1 more week away from the SATs for Year 2 and 6. While testing children at this young age has been a contentious subject we cannot avoid the inevitable each year. I am very proud of the efforts being demonstrated by the children to ensure they are fully prepared for what lies ahead for them. Year 6 SATs take place on the 8th -11th May and only happen in the mornings. Monday and Tuesday are English papers and Wednesday and Thursday are the Maths papers. The tests are carried out under strict exam conditions and we have to remove every possible learning aid from the display boards and the classrooms. We can be inspected at any point from 8am on Monday morning till Thursday afternoon to see if we are storing the papers properly; carrying out the tests correctly and checking there are no prompts around to support the children. Once the tests are complete they are put into sealed envelopes and are picked up by courier every afternoon. The results won't be available until 4th July. After the tests have been sent off we then have to make teacher assessments of the children's attainment and these are also sent to the testing agency working on behalf of the Department of Education to be scrutinised and compared to the test results. Both sets of results are then published in October as the school data for achievement and progress.

Year 2 SATS are different in a number of ways. All marking of test papers are done on site and by our own teachers. All workbooks are moderated by an external inspector who will come to school and look through every book to see whether they agree with our teacher assessments. They regularly require further evidence within a two week period after the visit to confirm agreed attainment levels for children if we can't agree on the day. KS1 SATS can take place throughout the whole of this half of term. They are not subjected to a fixed timetable, unlike KS2 who have no flexibility in the administration of the tests.

This week I accompanied the year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team to The Kings, to the East Devon Finals. They worked incredibly hard as a team but unfortunately we didn't finish in the top three.

Don't forget May Day on Monday, please come along and support the event. It's always a lovely day and the children's dancing is such a joy. The more children we have dancing the better it gets. It starts at 11am for the crowning of the May King and Queen.

We had hoped to appoint a new meal time assistant last week but unfortunately it wasn't possible. So we still need an MTA at lunchtimes. Please come and see me if you might be interested or perhaps you know someone in the village who might like an hour a day.

Just a reminder that Thursday 4th May is polling day and we aren't able to use the village Hall. The children will still be able to have a hot meal but they will have a bag meal instead. Breakfast club will be over in the main school building on this day.

Also on Thursday 4th May we are having a visit and an assembly from Sophie Whitlock. She will be promoting a new National ECB initiative called "All Stars Cricket". All Stars Cricket is for 5-8 year olds and introduces them to cricket in a fun, safe and friendly environment. They will be running the sessions at Kentisbeare CC which start on Tuesday 2nd June from 6-7pm and this will run for 8 weeks.

On Friday we will be having a visit from Brad Murray, our primary Advisor. He will be observing the teachers and working alongside Mr Bladon and myself on school improvement.

Finally just to point out that a few changes in the school menu have been made. Copies of the new menu will be sent home next week so please have a read and see what you think.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and hopefully see you on Monday.

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - John Buxton Year 1 - Jodie Wright

Ash Class Year 2 - Grace Lusby Year 3 - Lily Paterson

Oak Class Year 4 - Rose Kilbride Year 5 - Rafa Beadman Year 6 - Connor Williams

Notices to Parents

Change of Menu - Thursday 4th May 2017 & Thursday 8th June - Due to Polling Day next Thursday and on Thursday 8th June we won't have the use of the village hall for those 2 lunchtimes. The menu for both days will be sausage rolls or vegetarian sausage rolls, chips, cucumber rings followed by a biscuit and carton of drink.

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 - Due to Bank Holiday Monday only Willow and Ash Class will be swimming next week on Wednesday. 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.

Letters sent home this week

- SATS timetable and breakfast club form (Year 6)

- Trip letter to The Eden Project (Willow & Ash Class)
- May Day Flyer

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

1 st May	- May Day from 10.45 am
4 th May	- Polling Day - No Village Hall
8 th May	- KS2 SATS Week
10 th May	- Governors Resources meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
15 th May	- KS1 SATS Week / Quad Kids Yrs 5/6 @ Kings 11.50 - 3.30pm
16 th May	- School Photos
22 nd May	- Eco Champions Conference for Yrs 2/3 @ Payhembury Village Hall pm
24 th May	- Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
25 th May	- Willow/Ash Classes to The Eden Project 8am - 5pm / Year 5 OSM Church
29 th -2 nd June	- Half Term
5 th June	- Non-Pupil Day
8 th June	- General Election - No Village Hall
14 th June	- Governor's Teaching & Learning Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
28 th June	- Year 6 Lifeskills - Donkey Sanctuary leaving 8.30am return by 1pm Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
5 th July	- Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
6 th July	- Payhembury & Awliscombe Schools Performance at The Beehive, Honiton
10 th - 14 th July	- Year 6 Transition week at The King's School
21 st July	- Last day of Term

2017/18 Academic Year

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

Pre-School

The new school meals form for May will be sent home next week along with the new menus.

Governors

It seems to be a particularly busy time for the governors at the moment with plenty of meetings to keep us on our toes. Following the Full Governing Body meeting which met last week, this week was the turn of the Teaching & Learning committee. We alternate our meetings between the two school sites, which gives us the added benefit of being able to see some of the children's work on display as we settle into our meeting - a real pleasure for us all to see the hard work of pupils and staff.

At the T&L committee this week we reviewed a number of policies as part of our annual cycle of business - you can access all policies on the federation website. One of these policies will capture the update of the website itself to make sure it's always up to date, relevant and contains all the information current and prospective parents want to access - do let the office staff know if you think there's anything key missing and they'll pass the message on. We also discussed a number of other technology related items - including internet safety, training for staff in delivering the computer related curriculum, and the struggles with broadband - an issue we all no doubt appreciate!

As governors we volunteer our time to contribute to the strategic workings of the federation, and I see it as a privilege for us to work with the staff and to witness staff and pupils at work as we undertake governors' visits across the sites. We have two fantastic schools where we can see the staff and pupils supporting each other to enable learning and development. At our meetings in the past couple of weeks we have witnessed the extraordinary commitment of Mrs Hammett, the heads and the staffing teams; alongside the school day business-as-usual activity of educating our children, the team commit their time to manage high pressure items and significant change (budgets, building work, recruitment...) – we are proud to have such a team who clearly care deeply about our children's education and the environment in which they learn.

Lucy Williams

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



On Sunday there will be a Joint Holy Communion Service at Escot, all are welcome and the welcome will be warm.

A thought:

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

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MAY DAY

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our May Day fun this Monday. Here's all the information you need:

- 10.45am:** Arrival on School playing field. School children participating in the Maypole to wear white tops. Neckerchiefs provided.
- 11.00am:** Crowning of May King & Queen by Rev. Cate on Village Green (to coincide with the celebration of the new Village tree)
- 11.30am:** Maypole dancing.
All stalls open after the Maypole Dancing, along with the Welly wanging.
- 1.00pm:** Morris Dancers
- 2.00pm:** Egg Throwing competition.

Lots of fun & games for all the family throughout the morning. BBQ & Bar available

Cake donations gratefully received for the cake stall – please bring along on Monday morning.



Community News

Activ8 Theatre

Music . Drama . Dance - New youth theatre group for the Culm Valley. Weekly workshops - term time. Sundays 3pm - 6pm for 8-18 year olds.

Join us for an ACTiv8 taster session on April 30th, 3pm - 5pm, just £10 (refundable on registration). E-mail team@activ8theatre.net www.activ8theatre.net

Beer Blazer

Race starts at 10.30am on Sunday 7th May 2017

Venue: A traffic-free course run over A.V.R. 'Grizzly' territory.

Start Point: Pecorama's Top Car Park., Underleys, Beer, Devon EX12 3NA

Website: <http://beer-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk/files/BEER-BLAZER-ENTRY-FORM-2017.pdf>

Three different levels of ability; 10K, 5K (Minimum age 12 years) or a children's one mile (11 years and under) multi-terrain fun run with all proceeds being donated to Beer Primary C of E School. The courses are mainly over private land covering fields, tracks, challenging pebble beach, 'The Stairway to Heaven' undercliffs, cliff tops and open common with breath-taking views of the Jurassic Coast. This fundraising event is part of the East Devon Community Race Series. P.T.F.A. barbeque and refreshments available. Polly Lopit Circus Skills and a bouncy castle (weather permitting) for entertainment. Updated details on Facebook at [Beer Blazer 2017](#). We look forward to seeing you!