



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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## The next few days ....

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| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October    | - | Harvest Festival Service 2.30pm in the Church<br>Rev. Cate's Celebration Tea in the village hall from 3.30pm<br>Arts & Craft/Netball Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October   | - | Yrs 5/6 Football League @ West Hill Primary School 4-5.15pm  |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October | - | Swimming - <b>Beech Class</b> 1.30pm<br>Scratch/KS1 Sports Club 3.30 - 4.30pm  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October  | - | Football Club 3.30 - 4.30pm  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October    | - |  |
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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Our week started with a wonderful result at the Netball tournament. Our team got through to the final but we unfortunately beaten by Tipton in the last game. Congratulations to all those who took part. Never underestimate the small schools!

Beech class had a great day at Seaton Jurassic on Tuesday; it was their Wildlife Champions conference and they are getting ready to start their project. They spend the day with year 4 children from within the Ottery learning community. Unfortunately, it meant they missed out on the European Language Day at school. What a fantastic day we had in school. The costumes were super- thank you for supporting the children to come dressed in so many different outfits. Well done to Madame Shackleton for organising it.

I am delighted to see the older children have managed to get through the week so enthusiastically after their long day to London on Wednesday. I have been listening to the different tales of the day. I know it was a long day but clearly it was all worth it. Thank you to our volunteers for giving up a day to be with the children and to the staff for organising such an ambitious trip for the children.

I am looking forward to our Harvest Festival service on Monday afternoon. I know the children have been practicing daily for the special service. It's special in two ways, first as it is our Harvest celebration but secondly it is our last service with Rev. Cate Edmonds. The loss of Cate within our school and Parish will be enormous. She has played a very pivotal role within our school for many years. We simply just love Cate for who she is and for what she has given to all of us over the years. Church will seem very quiet without her. After Harvest festival (don't forget to bring your harvest goods to share with others) we are making our way to the village hall to have a high tea with cakes, sandwiches and a drink to celebrate Cate. It's a bit like a 'drop in', we will be in the hall from 3.45 till about 5.30 pm for parents, previous parents, pupils, governors to come and have a goodbye chat with Cate. We have a small presentation for Cate at about 4.30pm. So please come

along and show her the amount we value her and to wish her the very best for the future. I can't imagine for a moment that she will slow down.

The day finally came on Thursday when Beech Class moved into their new classroom. It was such a joy to see the children make their way into the classroom to find their new seats. I am very pleased with the final outcome. We still have a few snagging issues to sort but on the whole both Willow and Beech class have turned out amazingly. The tarmac around the school will be laid this Saturday so on Monday it should look very different. The undercover area outside Ash and Willow is the last thing to be completed next week. The final hand over will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Yippee! The builders have been great but it will be a real joy to see the school back to some normal shape. I know FOPS have offered to help but anyone willing to help reconstruct the library over the coming weeks I would be very grateful for the help. It's our last area to put back together again - our new library.

We still need to recruit 2 mealtime assistants. We are really getting desperate. Currently all lunches and breaks are being covered by teachers and teaching assistants but this isn't sustainable as they are basically not getting any break times themselves or preparation time for next lessons. Our awesome FOPS committee have put together a rota of willing volunteers to support during lunchtimes but I really need to secure a permanent solution. The job could be split so that a couple of you could commit to a full week. If you know of anyone in the village who may want a small part time job, please pass my contact details on.

Newt week we have a year 5 and 6 football league starting up. Our first game will take place at West Hill next Tuesday. We will be playing against other schools in the Ottery learning community.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October it is census day, a very important day for the school's finances. Our future budget will be drawn up from the number of children on roll. Our funding for school dinners for the next year will be worked out on the number of children in Willow and Ash ordering school dinners on that Thursday. Please can I ask any child entitled to a free school meal to order one on the day so that we will be paid for the meals in the future. There will be a change in menu. It will be sausages/vegetarian sausages, waffles, beans/sweetcorn and flapjack and a drink. A jacket potato with cheese and beans and yoghurt or fruit will still be available.

Finally a big thank you to FOPS who have been so supportive in many areas of school this term. Our school is very lucky to have such an active and effective committee. If you are new to the school please try and come to a FOPS (Friends of Payhembury School) meeting. The work carried out by FOPS clearly impacts positively on the children and the whole school community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	<b>Pre-School</b> - Henry Buxton	<b>Reception</b> - William Soutar
<u>Ash Class</u>	<b>Year 1</b> - Harvey Rand	<b>Year 2</b> - Ben Wadsworth
<u>Beech Class</u>	<b>Year 3</b> - Samuel Rogers	<b>Year 4</b> - Sammy Hart
<u>Oak Class</u>	<b>Year 5</b> - Charlie Vincent	<b>Year 6</b> - Isla Bryson

## Notices to Parents

**Swimming** - Beech class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons up until half term. Unfortunately Ash Class will not be able to swim on a Monday afternoon this term. Please remember to bring in a suitable swimming costume, a towel, and goggles if required in a named bag.

**Clubs** - All clubs will be running as normal next week.

**Applying for Secondary School Places** - Letters have been sent home to year 6 children inviting parents to apply for their secondary school place for 2018. The timescale for completing this is between 1<sup>st</sup> September until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

**Contact Information Packs** - Reminder: we still have a few packs outstanding. It is very important we have all current, up-to-date contact details. The collection of children forms are very important for safeguarding purposes so please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

**Uniform Order** - The uniform order has arrived. If you have ordered a coat or require a sweatshirt please come and see Mrs Lush in the office.

**Parish Hall Committee** - The Parish Hall committee are looking for new members to come on board. If you are interested please come and speak to Mrs Hammett.

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

- Dunster Castle Trip Letter (Ash Class)
- Football Tournament Letter (Oak Class)

## Dates for the Diary

### **2017/18 Academic Year**

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	- Harvest Festival Service 2.30pm Church - Celebration for Rev. Cate in the Village Hall (from 3.30pm)
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	- Yrs 5/6 Football League match @ West Hill 4-5.15pm
5 <sup>th</sup> October	- Census Day - change of menu
9 <sup>th</sup> October	- Ash Class Trip to Dunster Castle (8.30am - 3.30pm) - Beech Class Multi Skills Event @ Kings 12.15-3.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> October	- Yrs 5/6 Football League match @ Otter St Mary Primary School 4-5.15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> October	- Residential Talk Yrs 5/6: Awliscombe 5-6pm / Payhembury 6.30-7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> October	- Yrs 5/6 Football League match venue tbc 4-5.15pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	- Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> November	- This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
14 <sup>th</sup> November	- This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
15 <sup>th</sup> November	- School Photos
20 <sup>th</sup> November	- Flu vaccinations for R,1,2,3 & 4 children who requested it
21 <sup>st</sup> November	- This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	- Exeter Phoenix Theatre Trip 10am
15 <sup>th</sup> December	- Christmas Jumper Day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	- Christmas Lunch
21 <sup>st</sup> December	- Last day of Term
8 <sup>th</sup> January	- First day of Term
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	- Half Term
29 <sup>th</sup> March	- Last day of Term

16 <sup>th</sup> April	- First day of Term
28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	- Half Term
4 <sup>th</sup> June	- Non-Pupil Day
24 <sup>th</sup> July	- End of Term

### Pre-School

- We hope you are enjoying receiving the photos of your child's week in Willow through our 2buildaprofile e-mails. Please let us know if they are not getting through to you.
- Your child will be coming home with a purple book in their book bags along with a class picture book for you to share together. Please enjoy!
- Merits - your child will be awarded merits for super behaviour, showing PARCH, making interesting models etc in class. When they gain 10 merits they get to choose something from the prize tin!

### News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a Harvest Festival Service at 11:00 followed by a Harvest Lunch in the parish hall, tickets available from the shop.

A warm welcome to all as we say our very fond farewells to Rev'd Cate.

A thought:

If you learn to trust God with a child-like dependence on Him as your loving heavenly Father, no trouble can destroy you.

Billy Graham

### Community News

KS Musical Plays presents MUMMY MIA! @ The Beehive, Honiton on Monday 23 October & Tuesday 24 October 2017, 10 – 4 (Performance 3.30 on Tuesday)

No, it's not ABBA with a spelling mistake...! It's a specially created musical play for 7-11 year olds set on the banks of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt 5000 years ago.. Pyramids and pharaohs.. boats that sail through the sky and the underworld... and lots of mummies (dead and alive..!) – they're all here in a show full of great songs, dramatic drama & cool choreography.. - and there's a chance to take part in a 2-day workshop and performance THIS HALF TERM at The Beehive, Honiton!

MUMMY MIA! is brought to you by KS Musical Plays, which has been creating exciting new original musical shows for young people in schools, theatres and arts centres across the south west for the past 7 years – including lots of schools in and around Honiton & Exeter

Ages: 7 – 11 Cost: £40

Contact Peter Kyrke-Smith to find out more or book a place e: [music@kyrke-smith.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:music@kyrke-smith.eclipse.co.uk)