



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 12 – 2nd December 2016

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The next few days

Monday 5 th December	-	NSPCC Safeguarding Assembly & Workshop (yrs 1-6) Booster Club/Construction Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 6 th December	-	Glee Club 12.30 - 1pm
Wednesday 7 th December	-	Scratch club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	-	Christmas Craft Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 9 th December	-	Christmas Fayre 3.30 - 5pm

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow, it's been cold this week. I am struggling to believe we only have two weeks left. Rehearsals are in full swing and the children are making their items for the Christmas fayre. I hope you will be able to join us next Friday at 3.30pm in the hall. We are starting with the children singing to open the event and then we will eagerly wait to see if we have a visit from Father Christmas.

Yesterday Ash class spent a day at Buckland Abbey, it started very cold but turned out to be a great day. They all looked pretty exhausted when they returned.

Monday is our NSPCC safeguarding assembly. We will carry out Workshops throughout the day for classes too. It's an important topic as our children need to be able to keep themselves safe.

Bikeability for years 3 and 4 will take place on the school playground on Wednesday and Thursday next week. It really is good news that funding has now been found to teach younger children than just years 5 and 6. It is a vital learning opportunity for the children to become more road aware.

Rehearsals for our Carol service are going well. Please join us at 5.30pm on Thursday 15th December in the church for our Carol service. It's definitely one of my favourites.

We are pleased to confirm the rescheduled date for the flu vaccinations; they will take place on Monday 12th December in the morning.

I am also pleased to confirm we raised £42.55 for the Poppy appeal this year. Thank you to everyone who supported such a worthwhile cause. Across our district £14,000 was raised collectively.

Just for information and awareness we have had a case of shingles in school. If you have any concerns please see the doctor.

Finally can I please remind all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises? Please do not tie your dogs on or near school gates. It is an important health and safety rule and I have been informed that dogs have been brought to the office and near to the classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - John Buxton Year 1 - Tristan John

Ash Class Year 2 - Imogen Blackman Year 3 - Hattie Mullin

Oak Class Year 4 - Jessica Morris Year 5 - Alice Millett Year 6 - Sam Gammon

Notices to Parents

Admission to Primary & Junior Schools for 2017/2018 - the application facility for places in Primary & Junior Schools for the 2017/2018 academic year will open on **15th November 2016** and close at midnight on **15th January 2017**. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the on-line application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline Applications **cannot** be made online after the closing date. Hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Clubs - Please note next week will be the last week of clubs before the end of term.

Bikeability - Years 3/4 - Please return all consent forms to school by **Monday 5th December**.

Theatre Trip - Wednesday 14th December - Letters have gone home this week. Please complete the forms and return with payment in a named, sealed envelope by **Friday 9th December**.

Flu Vaccinations - The flu vaccinations for years 1/2/3 have now been re-arranged to Monday 12th December in the morning.

End of Term Party - The school will be having End of Term Class parties on Monday 12th December 2016. The children will be able to wear their party clothes after lunch on that day so please bring in a change of clothes.

Letters sent home this week

- Bikeability Letter (Years 3 & 4)
- NSPCC Safeguarding Assembly Letter
- Theatre Trip Letter
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Payhembury Church of England Primary School

Devon County Council is formally consulting on increasing places at Payhembury Church of England Primary School from 70 places to 105 places with effect from Spring 2017.

The Full Proposal is available to view on-line via: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/> - please select the 'Education and Schools' category.

The web page also details how responses can be sent to Devon County Council, as the decision-maker.

The deadline date for representations to be made is 5pm on Wednesday, 14 December 2016. If you do not have access to the web, please call the School Organisation Team on 01392 382057.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

- 5th December - NSPCC Safeguarding Assembly and workshop throughout the day
- 7th/8th December - Bikeability Yrs 3 & 4 - Level 1 on the playground
- 9th December - Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall 3.30 - 5pm
- 12th December - Flu vaccinations for years 1/2/3 at 10.30am
End of Term Class Parties 1.30pm
King's School Carol Service 7pm in Ottery St Mary Parish Church
- 14th December - Exeter Phoenix Trip am followed by Christmas Lunch
- 15th December - Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm start in the Church
- 16th December - Last day of Term / Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children)
- 3rd January - First day of Term
- 15th January - Closing date for applications for Primary School Places
- 13th-17th February - Half Term
- 31st March - Last day of Term
- 18th April - First day of Term
- 29th-2nd June - Half Term
- 5th June - Non-Pupil Day
- 21st July - Last day of Term

Pre-School

A letter will be coming out next week explaining the Christmas Festivities for Pre-school children.

Don't forget your children's Wow cards which were given out at the parent's information evening. Please fill them in and return them to Mrs George. If you need some more please ask.

Governors

It's my turn this week! I have been a teacher since 1995 and I began my career in Feltham Middlesex. I completed my degree in Geography and Education at Strawberry Hill, Twickenham but I never set out to be a teacher. From an early age I loved sport but struggled with my academic learning. Leaving school at 16 without any GCSE's! I went to further Education college and took an outdoor education course. It was the start of my journey in becoming a teacher and one that still holds very fond memories. I took my GCSE's during evening classes and passed so stayed a bit longer at college to do my A level's. Surprising everyone including myself I passed those too... the rest went according to plan and I started at Uni. The secret to my success lies in the discovery that I could learn and that I had to just believe in myself. I met three amazing lecturers at college who believed I could achieve whatever I wanted.

I love my job but never forget the three teachers who gave me confidence. I want all our children to be confident and to believe in themselves and not give up.

Working within the FORT Federation is a privilege, the children are amazing and the team is so dedicated to making the children's experiences the very best.

I would like to thank the governors of the FORT Federation because they are all volunteers and give so much of their time and skills to making our schools so success.

Penny Hammett – Executive Headteacher

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

This week there will be Story time at Feniton at 10:00 a warm welcome to all.



A thought

The Reason for the Season.

F.O.P.S

Thank you for all of the chocolate donations today, the chocolate tomboys is always a popular stall at the Christmas Fair.

There will be Christmas jumpers galore on Friday morning as the hall is decorated for the fair. It's always good fun and there are mince pies and hot drinks for everyone. Do come along and join in the Christmas spirit. We are still looking for a few more helpers for the fair so please let me know if you're able to help. Any cake donations for refreshments will be gratefully received.

Kirsty 🎄

Raffle Prizes required for Christmas Fair.

FOPS are looking for raffle prizes for our Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December. It is always an effective way to raise money, so if you have any prizes you could donate, we would be extremely grateful. Please hand them into the office, or give to Sue Morris by Thursday 8th December.

Many thanks

Jo Vincent and Leah Stonex could do with a few more good quality, clean soft toys for the Christmas Fair next Friday. Let them know if you can provide a few. Thank you.

Community News

**WEST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
are urgently seeking....**

**Meal Time Assistant
to join our friendly and supportive team.**

This role is vital in ensuring our children enjoy positive lunchtimes.

Role to include:- Assisting children with meals
Supervising play activities
Liaising with teaching staff
Packing away equipment

Hours:- 12-1.15pm

Days:- Monday to Friday inclusive

(However flexibility on the number of days per week will be considered)

If you think you may be interested in the post (even on a part-time basis) and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 812599.