



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 19 – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

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## The next few days ....

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Year 5/6 Hockey Festival @ Kings 12-3pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	-	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Netball Hi 5s Final @ Kings 1.45-5.15pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Melanesian Bishops attending Church Worship/Visiting School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Kids Café from 3pm School Disco 6-7.30pm @ Payhembury Village Hall

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Looking back on this week it has been very quiet but the children have continued to work hard.

Next week it seems fairly busy. On Monday we have Years 5 and 6 taking part in a Hockey tournament at Kings, let's hope the rain has gone away by then.

On Tuesday Sam Pollard, a school governor and lecturer at Exeter university, is giving Oak class a practical lesson on the structure of the heart. It is a real opportunity for our children to see the internal workings of a heart and to be able to ask questions around their current science theme of circulation.

On Wednesday we have a team in the High Five Netball final also at Kings. If you would like to watch the finals they start at 2.15pm

On Thursday we have two Melanesian Bishops attending our Church service followed by a tour of the school. We will then take the family group leaders to the dedication of the renewal of the monument at Patterson's Cross. I expect you notice the work taking place last year.

We will finish with a Kids Café in the village hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> from 3.30pm. Please come along and enjoy the cakes and a drink. This time it is the turn of Willow class to make the cakes. Please can you bring your donations in on Friday morning? After that it is a quick trip home for tea and to change into your party clothes for the school disco in the evening. Just to confirm the times, it is now 6pm till 7.30pm not 8pm as indicated last week.

Have a lovely weekend.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Harvey Rand Year 1 - Elliot Brainch

Ash Class Year 2 - Archie Morris Year 3 - Amaya Duggan-Jones

Oak Class Year 4 - Maddie Wooff Year 5 - Alice Millett Year 6 - Ellie Mullin

## Notices to Parents

**Kids Café - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** - The next Kid's Café is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 3pm. All parents/carers are welcome. It is the turn of Willow Class to host so if any parents are able to provide cakes/biscuits for the refreshments, please hand into the school office on Friday morning.

**Ash Class** - Many thanks for all your recycling items that you have sent in. Miss Stoneman now has enough items for the children's project.

**After School & Breakfast Club forms** - forms have been sent home this week for those children currently attending after school and breakfast clubs. If you would like your child to attend either of these clubs forms are available from the office.

**Clubs** - Clubs forms have been sent home this week. Please sign and return with your child to your child's class teacher by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**Readathon** - Everyone should have now received their readathon sponsorship cards and bookmarks. If you require another one please ask in the office. Please note the deadline for sending in your sponsorship money is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Alternatively you can pay on line at [www.readathon.org/sponsor](http://www.readathon.org/sponsor).

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

- Primary Times Magazine
- Netball Hi 5 letter
- After school/breakfast club forms (current attendees)
- Clubs letters

## Dates for the Diary

### **2016/17 Academic Year**

- 6<sup>th</sup> February - Yrs 5/6 Hockey @ Kings 12-3pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> February - Netball Hi 5s Final @ Kings 1.45-5.15pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> February - Melanesian Bishops to attend Church Worship am
- 10<sup>th</sup> February - Kids Café from 3pm (school children from 3.30pm)  
School Disco with Awliscombe Primary School @ Payhembury Village Hall  
6 - 7.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term
- 20 - 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Bikeability
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Heights & Weights for Reception Children
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Paul Martin - Wildlife Champions to visit Ash Class am
- 11<sup>th</sup> March - Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30 - 4pm Parish Hall
- 24<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day of Term
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Term
- 29<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term
- 5<sup>th</sup> June - Non-Pupil Day

21 <sup>st</sup> July	- Last day of Term
4 <sup>th</sup> September	- Non-Pupil Day
5 <sup>th</sup> September	- First day of Term for pupils
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	- Half Term
21 <sup>st</sup> 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

In order to keep up to date with developments in the field of education, a huge amount of reading is needed as part of the role of being a governor. The governing body is kept extremely well informed by the clerk who receives regular updates from the likes of Babcock which highlights key news and reports from the Department for Education, Ofsted and Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMCI). Amongst recent articles was one highlighting some of the challenges facing the governance system in the UK which is made up of 300,000 volunteers who come from a range of backgrounds, not purely educational, and hence have mixed experience and understanding of the education system when they join governing bodies. The article pointed out that the education system has become increasingly complex in recent years and the demands on and expectations of governors in holding school leaders to account places ever greater demands on them. This really highlights the importance of educational experience within the governing body so as to be able to understand the practical challenges facing teachers and school leaders and hence to effectively challenge them on the ways in which they continually seek to improve the educational outcomes for pupils in the nation's schools. As someone with a professional background outside the sphere of education, I am very comforted by the clear capabilities in education of many of the members of the governing body of the FORT Federation, however such is the diversity of the skills required to run any school, those of us with skills outside education are also important. In order to ensure that, as a body, we have all the necessary skills a periodic skills audit is carried out to check and highlight any potential gaps so that any training needs can be identified and where relevant, new appointments to the governing body can target those whose skills would fill those gaps. In the meantime many hours of reading helps to fill some of the gaps and if you, like me, are interested to further your knowledge in this area then the publications pages of the [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) website provides access to many interesting papers on the whole sphere of education.

Paul Cann

## News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



On Sunday there will be a Morning Worship Service at 11:00 while at 10:00 at St Andrew's Feniton there will be Storytime followed by Parish Communion at 11:00, so lots to choose from.  
Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

A thought  
Have you counted the things that went right today?  
*Unknown*

## Community News

### Honiton Golf Club

Honiton Golf Club are holding an informal junior open morning on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017** starting at 10am. Come along and try the game of golf. No experience or equipment required. All will be provided. Open to all, 5 - 18 years of age.

If you could give Adrian or James a call in the pro shop on 01404 42943 to register so we have a guide to numbers.

The Club House, Honiton Golf Club, Honiton, Devon, EX14 9TR



## *Fort Federation School Disco*

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February: 6pm – 7.30pm in Payhembury Village Hall

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All children from both Payhembury and Awliscombe Primary Schools are invited to attend

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Entrance fee: £2 per child/£4 per family

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Sweets, tattoos, balloons and glow sticks will be available to buy on the night (free squash available)

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Please ensure your child is signed in when you drop them off and let us know at that point if you have arranged for someone else to pick them up.