



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 22 – 3rd March 2017

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The next few days

Monday 6 th March	-	Paul Martin Wildlife Champions in Ash am /Booster Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 7 th March	-	Year 6 Wild Area pm /Cross County Race & Fun Run @ Kings 4-5.30pm
Wednesday 8 th March	-	Year 5 Wild Area pm / Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 9 th March	-	Year 6 Wild Area pm / Glee & Construction Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 10 th March	-	Year 5 Wild Area pm
Saturday 11 th March	-	Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30-4pm Parish Hall

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I spent a lovely lunchtime outside with the children yesterday. The sun was shining and the children were able to put their wellies on and play on the field. It just looked strange to see them all in pyjamas!! I know they enjoyed their world book day and the hot chocolate with marshmallows was the toast of the day.

Also year 6 children began their adventures learning about Forest school. Twice a week for three weeks the children will spend their time in the wildlife area. On returning to class they had all made bows and swords. I know they felled a tree and made various items for the camp from it and next week they are making charcoal from their tree too. Following the same pattern year 5 will have lessons starting on Wednesdays and Fridays. Year 4 will have their lessons after Easter. The lessons are being delivered by staff from Escot.

Next week Paul Martin returns to work with Ash class, last year's Wildlife Champions, on a new project. We continue working with the learning community and have had a conference to bring the schools together.

On Wednesday we have Janet Potter coming into school to do some staff training on child anxiety. Janet is from the Virgincare strand of Early Help for Mental Health Services across Devon.

The children are slowly working on the Bulb Show entries, which is taking place next Saturday (11th March). I hope you will be able to come down and see the amazing entries in the huge range of categories. I have been the headteacher for nine years and this year is the first time I am entering the jam competition. I only grow blackcurrants so I have had to wait for that fruit to come around!

On Tuesday 7th March there is a cross country event at Kings, including a fun run too. It starts at 4pm. Places have been confirmed with your child. Do let me know how you get on if you take part.

Have a lovely weekend, Penny

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

Willow Reception - Lucas Duggan-Jones **Year 1** - Benjamin Wadsworth

Ash Class Year 2 - Emma Williams **Year 3** - Sam Elsom

Oak Class Year 4 - George Holding **Year 5** - Aidan Rogers **Year 6** - Alice Bosson

Notices to Parents

Lost Property - We have 2 sets of keys which have been handed in to the office. One set with a green key ring was found in the village hall car park, the other one with an orange key ring was found by the BT cabinet on the path.

Oak Class - The wild area sessions have now been confirmed for yr 5 and 6 children. Year 6 children will need their spare clothes/wellies on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon up to and including Thursday 16th March. Year 5 children will start their sessions next week on Wednesday and Friday afternoons up until Friday 24th March 2017. We are awaiting confirmation of sessions for year 4 children.

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.

Parent's Evening - Details of parent's evening will be confirmed next week.

Letters sent home this week

- Book vouchers

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

- 6th March - Paul Martin - Wildlife Champions to visit Ash Class am
- 7th March - Cross Country Race & Fun Run Yrs 3/4/5/6 @ Kings 4/4.15-5.30pm
- 11th March - Payhembury Spring Bulb & Flower Show 2.30 - 4pm Parish Hall
- 13th March - Science afternoon @ Kings 1.30 - 3pm (selected children)
- 14th March - Year 3/4 Orienteering @ Killerton 9.15 - 3pm
- 15th March - Year 5 children Science afternoon @ Kings 1-3pm
- 20th March - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Kings 11.45 - 3pm
- 24th March - Red Nose Day
- 29th March - Willow Class Trip (TBC)
- 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
- 4th September - Non-Pupil Day
- 5th September - First day of Term for pupils
- 23rd-27th October - Half Term
- 21st December - Last day of Term

Pre-School

All the children enjoyed listening to bed time stories yesterday in their pyjamas/onesies.



On Sunday at 11:00 there will be Morning Worship, while in Feniton at 10:00 there will be Story time followed by Parish Communion. A date for your diary, next Sunday it will be the CAFÉ Service.

A thought:

Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention...A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words.

Rachel Naomi Remen

Community News

New Ottery Library Opening Day and Beyond

Saturday 4th March from 10.30 to 11.20 - Professor Bumble's Clowning and Slapstick Show returns to Ottery Library. Fun, laughter and balloon animals! Limited number of free tickets available from the library, or by phone 01404 813838 or email ottery.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk. Suitable for ages 5 plus.

FabLab from Exeter Library is bringing its roadshow to Ottery Library, sometime in March, date still to be confirmed.
Will let you know the details ASAP.

A date for your diary, Wednesday 5th April at 10.30 – Paddleboat Theatre Company will be running a children's storytelling workshop called "According to Arthur" for ages 4 plus. Limited number of free tickets will be available nearer the time.

There'll be new fixtures, fittings, furniture and some new stock. Do come along and join us in celebrating your new library.

Cranbrook Community Fun Day - Saturday 11th March 2017

Here's some info on some cycling activities going on at Cranbrook in a couple of weeks

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/travel/cycle/cranbrook-community-fun-day/attachment/cranbrook-community-fun-day-flyer-back/>

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Community Theatre 4All

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

Community Theatre 4All was formed in September 2015 and draws its membership primarily from the villages of Whimple, Talaton and the surrounding area. Membership is however open to all, from the age of 14 years upward, irrespective of where they may live.

Following Community Theatre 4All’s first two highly successful productions, the musical “Godspell” in March 2016 and a locally written, locally based historical drama set during the period of The First World War, called “In Remembrance of a Lost Generation” in November 2016, the group is now preparing for its next production “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”, which will perform in June 2017.

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” will be launched at an Open Drama Workshop, which will take place in the **Talaton Parish Hall on Saturday 11th March between 10.00am to 3.30pm**. The day will be lead by Tom Samson the play’s Director. Practical drama activities will explore some of the themes of the play. This workshop is an opportunity for interested participants to participate in a day of fun drama activities and to find out further details about the production, without, in any way, committing themselves to becoming involved.

New, experienced and inexperienced members are always welcome. We are not only looking for performers but also all the other areas that are so vital to the creation of a piece of theatre, Stage Management, Technicians, Costume Designers and creators. Props Makers, Publicity and Marketing and Front of House Staff. For further details contact Tom Samson on 01404 822234 or email communitytheatre4all@yahoo.co.uk