



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May -

Wednesday 8th May - Church, 9.15 am

Thursday 9th May - Year 1 phonics screening meeting 3.40pm

Friday 10th May -

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents

At the end of last week you will remember I was invited to meet with Neil Parish, our MP, to discuss the issues around the lack of school finance. 35 Headteachers turned up for the meeting, which clearly indicated the strong feeling generated by this topic. Unfortunately and quite honestly unbelievably, Neil did not make it to the meeting. After we waited 50 minutes he called to say he was stuck in traffic on the A38. Clearly this was not planned and I believe his intentions were good, but it was very frustrating and if nothing else very costly. The Headteachers were very disappointed and this was fed back through his personal assistant.

He has since sent me a letter inviting me to another meeting in an attempt to have another go. The date is in late June so I will go along and see what happens.

This week has seen three events taking place at Kings. Our first and second visits were to participate in Quad Kids. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children competed in a variety of athletic events alongside children from the other primary schools in the Ottery learning community. I have been listening to the children tell me all about their successes, particularly the running events. Our third visit was for the East Devon Tag rugby final for Years 3 and 4. We successfully got through with our Hurricanes team. Thank you to all the parents who supported the children, the afternoon started with drizzling rain but nothing could dampen the children's enthusiasm. Mrs Moran sent an email after the competition and summarised the team's achievements.

"They were superb beyond words in terms of their team work, ensuring everyone was involved and succeeded. They also displayed amazing sportsmanship (Hugo in particular - he was the epitome of what a captain should be 😊) Both Max and Jack displayed some excellent skill level, games awareness and tactical play. Maya, Jess and Grace grew in skill level and confidence beyond recognition. Their contribution in the final games was fabulous and they all came sooooo close to scoring tries."

I love reading emails like this. Well Done Hurricanes you were a real credit to yourselves and to Payhembury School.

Next week is very quiet in regards to events involving the children. In fact there is nothing in the diary. It seems to be a normal uninterrupted week. This is due to the fact that the following week is Key Stage 2 SATs and schools are in their last preparations for them.

ParentPay is going well and an additional letter coming home today will explain more. We will be fully implementing it on the first day back after half term. Exciting time!

Obviously this weekend is a bank holiday and it is the first May day I can remember that hasn't been in school. Don't worry we haven't forgotten the Maypole dancing - This year we are doing something different. I'm sure you are aware we haven't fully celebrated the opening of our new classrooms. At first it was because I wanted to ensure Rev. Cate could come along as she had been such an important part of our school community but she had been taken poorly. Then, as she got better, I have been dealing with a few ongoing snagging issues that occur with any new build.

I regularly chat with people in the village who would love to see what the school looks like so we have finally secured a date to celebrate our school, offer some tours and watch some dancing.

On Friday 24th May we will have an open morning where the children will offer guided tours so that everyone can get to see the school in action. Then in the afternoon at 2pm we will have a formal opening of the new classrooms by Rev. Cate, followed by Maypole dancing for the whole school. We plan to have refreshments available too so please come along and join us for the day.

Have a super weekend and I'll see you on Tuesday.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

Willow Class Pre-school - Reuben Reception - Teddy

Ash Class Year 1 - Heidi Year 2 - Oscar

Beech Class Year 3 - Tommy Year 4 - Emma

Oak Class Year 5 - Hattie Year 6 - Lilly K

Notices to Parents

Choir & Orchestra event - A little while ago there was a section in the newsletter inviting children to sing alongside a full choir and orchestra at Exeter Cathedral. In total 23 children attended the event and 4 of these were from Payhembury - Alice B, Daisy T, Arwen S and Isla B. It took place on the 13 April and they sang 3 parts (in Latin!!!!) of Carmina Burana and coped very well with the Latin and having to stand in the front row of a packed Cathedral! It was an amazing evening and hopefully one the girls will remember for many years to come. The invitation was organised by Becky Springall - who also played violin in the orchestra - so a big thank you Becky.



Exmoor Challenge - Good luck to all the year 6 children participating in the Exmoor Challenge on Saturday. Children have all been given maps and information sheets (including equipment lists) to bring with them on Saturday. Thank you for all your parental support.

SAT'S Breakfast - Children in year 6 are invited to come in at 8.15 am for breakfast during SAT's week (13th-16th May) We will be enjoying a selection of cereals, toast, brioche & fruit. Please let Mrs Hulbert know if you can join us.

Swimming - Beech class will start swimming on Monday 13th May. Please ensure children bring their swimming bags to school every Monday until further notice.

Year 1 Phonics Screening - Parents of year 1 children are invited to attend an informal meeting next Thursday 9th May at 3.40 regarding the statutory phonics screening test for year 1 children. Children are welcome to come along. The meeting should be for around 20 minutes and will take place in Ash class.

Jam Jars & Blankets! - Oak class would like clean jam jars and picnic blankets/rugs please. If you are able to donate any please bring them into the office.

Letters sent this week

- Parentpay

F.O.P.S

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

- 4th May 2019 - Exmoor Challenge Year 6
- 12th May 2019 - Wild area prune and clear up
- 27th - 31st May 2019 - Half term
- 3rd June 2019 - Non pupil day
- 15th June 2019 - Summer Fair
- 19th July 2019 - Last day of term
- 22nd & 23rd July 2019 - Non pupil days

2019/20 Academic Year

- 2nd-3rd September 2019 - Non pupil days

4th September 2019 - First day of term
21st - 28th October 2019 - Half term
29th October 2019 - Non pupil day
30th October 2019 - First day back after half term for pupils
20th December 2019 - Last day of term
6th January 2020 - First day of term
17th-21st February 2020 - Half term
27th March 2020 - Last day of term
13th April 2020 - Bank Holiday
14th April 2020 - First day of term
4th May 2020 - Bank Holiday
25th-29th May 2020 - Half term
1st - 2nd June 2020 - Non pupil days
22nd July 2020 - Last day of term

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



Growing in Love, Hope and Faith.

On Sunday there will be the Patronal Festival Communion at Escot Church at 11:00 and at Feniton there will be Story time starting at 9:45.

Just a reminder that it will be C.A.F.E Service at 10:30, next Sunday.

A thought

The most tender plants can push their way through the hardest rocks, and it is the same with kindness. Nothing can stop a truly kind and sincere person.

Henry David Thoreau