



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 8 –3rd November 2017
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The next few days

Monday 6 th November	-	Ability Counts Festival (selected children) 12.45 - 3.30pm Craft/Netball Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm / FOPS Meeting 3.30pm hall
Tuesday 7 th November	-	
Wednesday 8 th November	-	Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm CAP UK Parent's Workshop 6-7.30pm @ Awliscombe
Thursday 9 th November	-	
Friday 10 th November	-	Friendship Friday (wear something yellow)

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

I am delighted to say that we are all complete with the building work. Obviously we will be snagging for a while but 99.9% of the work is completed. I am very pleased with the end result and I hope you would agree that the short term interruption to school life has been worth it. I am planning a formal opening but I wanted the grass to grow around the new classroom a little before everyone has a look around.

I hope you like the new fence. I appreciate it is taller and more formal looking but due to safeguarding and Ofsted requirements we are obligated to ensure the school perimeter is secure.

This week we have had a cricket coach starting to give weekly lessons for Beech and Oak. Sophie Whitlock is the Exeter and East Devon Community Coach and will be delivering specialist sessions this term.

I want to bring your attention to a parents meeting arranged for Wednesday 8th November at Awliscombe Primary at 6pm (7.30pm anticipated finish). It will be delivered by CAP UK, Child Assault Prevention. CAP's school based assault prevention programmes offer education, guidance and support by giving children positive messages on how they can protect themselves. They work with the whole school community - children, parents/carers and staff, to build on children's strengths and empower them with the aim to build safer communities for children. We believe this is a vital learning opportunity and it has taken us 13 months to secure CAP UK to visit our schools. The children's workshops will take place the following week. I would strongly encourage you to come along and listen to the presentation.

Thank you for all the shoeboxes donated this year. There was a service at Awliscombe School today to bless them before they travel around the world and make some little children's Christmas a little brighter.

Just a reminder, FOPS are having a meeting on Monday at 3.30pm in the village Hall. The Christmas fayre will be high on the agenda and I am sure any offers of help would be greatly appreciated. This year our Christmas fayre takes place on a Saturday. I have been asked to make a Christmas cake to raffle off so I am busy trying to find a design to decorate it with. The cake is made and being laced with a touch of brandy at the moment. Please keep your diaries free for the 2nd December, 4pm start, in the village hall.

Next Friday 10th November we will be celebrating Friendship Friday to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying week. Friendship Friday celebrates the importance of friendship while raising vital funds for the Kidscape Charity. Please bring in £1 and wear yellow, the colour of friendship.

Finally the individual photos that normally take place at this time of year have been moved to Monday 27th November in the morning. They will be carried out in the small hall and obviously it includes family group photos too.

Have a wonderful bonfire night - please keep safe and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards, Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School	- Noah Clarke	Reception	- Sebastian Eaton
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Sophia Tetley	Year 2	- Jack Hammett
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Archie Morris	Year 4	- William Brainch
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Lilly Knight	Year 6	- Grace Blackman

Notices to Parents

Admission to Primary School 2018 for children born between 01/09/2013 & 31/09/2014 - The application facility opens on 15th November 2017 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2018. Parents should receive a letter from the Admissions team shortly, providing a Unique Identifying Number which will facilitate that application. If you have any queries please contact The Education Helpline Advisers on 0345 155 1019.

Oak Class - Oak Class will be doing PE on Mondays and Tuesdays for this half term. On Mondays they will be doing cricket with a specialist teacher from Exeter University. Miss Matchett will continue to teach on a Tuesday. This half term our focus will be basketball. We will practise skills and positioning as well as develop attacking and defending play through a range of drills and competitive games.

Oak Class Reading Books - Several parents have asked for advice about reading book choices for their child. Here are a some tips to help:

1. Many of you already use the library service and this would be my first port of call when seeking help with book choices. Librarians will share their knowledge and expertise to guide you towards a range of books suited to your child. A special trip to Exeter Library is a great way to get your child exposed to books that they might not usually discover.

2. Is your child a reluctant reader? I can heartily recommend the Barrington Stoke range of story books. Dyslexia friendly but suitable for all readers these quality books by top authors are very accessible while delivering high rewards to the reader. I have seen children's reading habits transformed by these books in the past!

<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/>

3. Parents may like to join the Mighty Girl Facebook group. The stories of inspirational women from history and those working today are told with links to books connected to their lives - both fiction and non-fiction.

<https://www.amightygirl.com/>

4. For more able readers, try this list of regularly updated book suggestions:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for->

5. For children who really struggle to get into good reading habits then you may want to start with graphic novels. You can find lots at the library or online.

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/CategoryDisplay?categoryId=150718&catalogId=10051>

I hope that this is helpful and please do come in to see me if you need any further information on reading with upper KS2 children. Mrs Claire Gunningham

Clubs - Clubs start again next week. Unfortunately Craft Club was oversubscribed so children who hadn't attended during the first half of the term were chosen first.

School Photos - Please note there has been a change of date for the school photos. They will now take place on Monday 27th November 2017 from 8.30am in the small hall. Letters will be sent home nearer the time regarding photos with siblings.

Letters sent home this week

- This Girl Can Letter (those who attended last half term)
- Primary Active Autumn Club letter @ Kings (Yrs 4/5/6)
- Information about Oak Class homework Letter
- Ability Counts Festival Letter (selected children)
- Volunteer Letter (Ash Class)

Dates for the Diary

2017/18 Academic Year

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| 6 th November | - Ability Counts Festival @ Kings 12.45 - 3.15pm
- FOPS Meeting in the village hall @ 3.30pm |
| 7 th November | - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm |
| 8 th November | - CAP (Child Assault Prevention Project) Parent's Workshop 6pm - 7.30pm @ Awliscombe |
| 13/14/15 th Nov | - CAP workshops during the day |
| 14 th November | - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm |
| 20 th November | - Flu vaccinations for R,1,2,3 & 4 children who requested it
- Sportshall Athletics Festival Yrs 5/6 12pm - 3.30pm |
| 21 st November | - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm |
| 27 th November | - School Photos |
| 29 th November | - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe |
| 2 nd December | - Christmas Fayre 4-7pm |
| 13 th December | - Exeter Phoenix Theatre Trip 10am |
| 15 th December | - Christmas Jumper Day |
| 20 th December | - Christmas Lunch |
| 21 st December | - Last day of Term |
| 8 th January | - First day of Term |
| 24 th January | - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |
| 7 th February | - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe |
| 12 th - 16 th Feb | - Half Term |
| 21 st February | - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |
| 7 th March | - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe |
| 28 th March | - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |

29 th March	- Last day of Term
16 th April	- First day of Term
18 th April	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
2 nd May	- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
16 th May	- Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
28 th May - 1 st June	- Half Term
4 th June	- Non-Pupil Day
6 th June	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
20 th June	- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
4 th July	- Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
18 th July	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
24 th July	- End of Term

Pre-School

Reminder: don't forget to return the feedback forms from parent's evening.

Please can we ask for parents to give either Mrs George or the school office the following details; Parent Date of Birth, Parent National Insurance number. The school requires this information for the Early Years Funding Portal to check Pupil Premium eligibility.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a Morning Worship Service at 11:00 in Payhembury, in St Andrew's Feniton there will be Storytime at 10:00 followed by Parish Communion at 11:00. All are welcome.



A thought:

The Bible is a letter from God with our personal address on it.

Soren Kierkegaard

F.O.P.S

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who come along to the Kids Cafe on the last day before half term. Oak class parents provided a lovely range of cakes which sold brilliantly.

The game created by Alice and Gemma Millett seemed to go down well and William Brainch was the lucky winner of a jar of Smarties. Well done William and thank you to the Millets for creating the game.

FOPS have a meeting on Monday 6th November at 3.30pm in the Village Hall to plan for the rest of this term. Please come along, children welcome.

Community News

Do you want to help make Payhembury better? - Payhembury Parish Council has a vacancy for a new councillor. Parish Councils are the lowest tier of government and our primary role is to serve the population of Payhembury Parish in order to make it a better place in which to live and work. Our recent projects have included a new pavement between the school and shop, regeneration of the area around the phone box including a new bus shelter, new gates for the playing fields, successfully lobbying for the re-opening of the lane at Uggaton Cross and many more. If you are interested or for more information, please contact payhemburypc@googlemail.com or come along to the next Parish Council meeting (Nov 8th, 19:30 in the parish hall). To help improve diversity on the parish council, we particularly encourage women to consider becoming a councillor.

Payhembury Parish Council