



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 36 – 30th June 2017
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The next few days

- Monday 3rd July - Craft Club 3.30 - 4.30pm (NO swimming today)
- Tuesday 4th July - Quad Kid's Athletics Final @ Kings (4-6pm)
- Wednesday 5th July - Willow/Ash Class Swimming pm
- Thursday 6th July - Beehive Performance from 1pm
- Friday 7th July - King's Drama Group visiting year 6 re. transition 11-12pm
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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Every class is busy learning their songs and their lines ready for the production next Thursday. It is a historical musical with each class across the federation taking one period of history to sing about. Some teachers have asked the children to wear or bring something specific to their scene but don't worry if you haven't heard anything from your teachers as they are all doing something completely different. I am listening to them as I type and they sound incredible; I hope you are coming along. The second round of tickets will be coming out today. We have spares so please let us know if you need more. A separate letter explaining the itinerary of the day will be coming home today and it will list what the children need on the day and for the performances.

Can I ask that you check your child's head this weekend as we have had a number of cases of head lice. They can spread very quickly if not checked. A comb with conditioner is all that is required to give the head a thorough inspection.

On Wednesday year 6 went to life skills at the donkey Sanctuary and as usual the lighting of the chip pan was the best part.

Year 1 and 2 went to Kings for a multi skills event on Monday afternoon. It wasn't a tournament but a mixture of different sporting skills were practiced.

Next week we are hosting the Year 6 Church School Transition Conference. Rev. Cate leads a great afternoon of activities for children to consider moving into their new secondary school and how our Christian values will help them in school.

On Tuesday children from Awliscombe will be coming to spend the day with us. We will practice for the musical.

On Friday The Kings drama group will be performing to Oak class, thinking about transition for the Year 6. This was due to happen this week but unfortunately it had to be re-scheduled.

Finally teachers are busy finishing the children's reports. We aim to send them home next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Willow</u>	Reception	- Erin Archer	Year 1	- Alice Brauer
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 2	- Harry Bentley	Year 3	- William Brainch
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 4	- Tabitha Boland-Davies	Year 5	- Marcia Jarrett
			Year 6	- Ellie Mullin

Notices to Parents

Clubs - There will be no Glee Club, Wild Area Club or paid after school club next Thursday 6th July due to the Beehive Performance.

The Key Master Tickets - Thank you for all your ticket requests. Extra tickets for those requested and paid for have gone home tonight. If you have requested extra tickets but haven't paid for them please pay for them and then we will send them home. If you would like any more tickets but haven't requested any please ask in the office.

Lost Property -

A ladies pink and grey Fat Face waterproof coat (size 14) has been found and is currently in the school office.

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.

Swimming - Unfortunately Oak Class will be unable to swim on Monday but Ash/Willow will be swimming on Wednesday afternoon.

Your Local Team Needs You!!

Awliscombe Village Football team are looking for new players. We will be working with the team to try to develop some after school activities for the children but, meanwhile, if any of you parents are interested in joining up please let Vanessa Jarrett know and she will be happy to give you all of the details.

Registered Childminder

For anyone looking for childcare over the Summer Holidays, I will be offering holiday care at my house in Weston. I will also do lots of days out to local places like Bicton, Escot and local beaches etc. I'm flexible on days/hours and whether it's once over the whole holidays or twice a week. I can also accommodate siblings. I'm a fully registered childminder with all the relevant qualifications.

Feel free to either speak to me on 07500 044515 - Mel Fordham (Awliscombe Parent)

Letters sent home this week

- KS2 School Meals Order Forms
- Beehive Performance Information Letter
- Costume information for Oak Class
- Quad Kids Athletics Final Letter (selected year 3/4 children)

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

- 4th July - Quad Kid's Athletics Final @ Kings 4-6pm
- 5th July - Year 6 Transition afternoon Village Hall 1-30pm
Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 6th July - Payhembury & Awliscombe Schools Performance at The Beehive, Honiton from 1pm
- 7th July - King's Drama Group visiting Year 6 children at 11am
- 10th - 14th July - Year 6 Transition week at The King's School
- 12th July - Parent's Evening 3.30 - 5pm
- 13th July - Transition of classes am
- 13th July - Year 6 leaver's evening
- 20th July - Leaver's Service in Church 9.15am
- 21st July - **Last day of Term - School Closing at 12pm**

2017/18 Academic Year

- 4/5/6th September - Non-Pupil Days
- 7th September - **First day of Term for pupils**
- 23rd-27th October - Half Term
- 21st December - Last day of Term
- 8th January - First day of Term
- 12th - 16th Feb - Half Term
- 29th March - Last day of Term
- 16th April - First day of Term
- 28th May - 1st June - Half Term
- 2nd June - Non-Pupil Day
- 24th July - End of Term

Pre-School

The Pre-school school meals order forms for July are available from Mrs George.

Early Years Funding

We have received an update with regards to Early Years funding and the roll out of the 30 hour entitlement. To receive the extended entitlement funding in September parents will have needed to apply directly to HMRC and be in receipt of the 11 digit code as soon as possible to allow the school to have registered all codes by 31st August 2017.

In order to do this you will need to carry out the following;

- Visit www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk
- Follow on-line instructions to register as a Gateway user – for this you will need proof of identity for which you can use passport details, payslip information or tax credit information.
- Once in receipt of your username for Gateway you will then be able to register your interest in the extended entitlement.

- You will then need to wait to receive an e-mail notification as to whether your request has been successful and a code will be issued
- This code will need to be given to the school office as soon as possible to allow for validation through Devon County Council by the date of 31st August 2017

Any codes not validated by 31st August 2017 will not be funded until January 2018.

With this in mind, please can I ask all parents to register at your earliest convenience and ensure that you have submitted the relevant codes to the school office by no later than Friday 14th July 2017. Should you have any problems or require any assistance please do not hesitate to speak to Vanessa Jarrett as she will be more than happy to help having completed the process already.

Mrs George

Governors

In my role as Teaching and Learning Governor, I was extremely privileged to be invited to sit on the interviewing panel at Payhembury School last half term. I was also involved with the pupil interviews of all four candidates and was so very impressed with the children – the questions they asked and the mature manner in which they conducted the interviews. It was a real pleasure to sit in and support them.

In May I was involved in the Y5 Prayer Spaces Day at Ottery St Mary Church with Rev Cate and her team, and was so very impressed with the high standard of behaviour and level of engagement in the activities of all the children involved in the day. Again it was an absolute privilege to be part of such a wonderful activity.

During our Teaching and Learning meetings this term we have been kept abreast of all the statutory assessments that have been carried out in both schools, with monitoring visits carried out to see how the assessments are undertaken, how the children are supported through the process and seeing that all statutory requirements are met. We are currently involved in monitoring the outcomes of the assessments against targets and evaluating standards. All good fun!

Pat Fowler
Teaching & Learning Governor

Clerk to Governors

FORT Federation is looking to recruit a highly organised individual with a professional manner and effective interpersonal and communication skills to support the work of the dedicated governing body. Further details and an application form can be obtained by e-mailing: senioradmin@fort.devon.sch.uk or details can be found on the federation website: www.fort.devon.sch.uk

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

Morning Worship at 11:00 while in St Andrews Church Feniton, there will be Story time at 11:00.



A thought
When I pray you answer me, and encourage me by giving me the strength I need
Psalm 138



Ottery Library Children's Summer Events and Activities

July



“Animal Agents” – Children’s Summer Reading Challenge, launch date Saturday 15th July, running throughout the school holidays. This summer there’s something peculiar happening at the local library – and that’s where the Animal Agents come in! It’s free to join, so come along and take part in the investigations. More details coming soon, or ask at the library.

Songs and Stories – Friday 21st July from 9.30 to 9.55, for babies, toddlers and their “grown-ups”– 9.30 till 9.55.

August

Cops and Robbers – Monday 14th August 11am. A fun event for children ages 4 plus. Come along and be fingerprinted and have your “mug shot” taken, (subject to parental approval) by Maria Clapp, popular local PCSO. Try on a police uniform and take away some freebies too. Also, make a “cat burglar” mask to take home. Limited number of FREE tickets available from 15th July.

“About a Bee” – Saturday 19th August at 11am. Local author and illustrator, Carolyn King reads from her own story about a little bee who wants an adventure.
Story Time and Colouring Session for Children ages 4 plus.

Evan’s Sensational Science Club – 3 sessions all starting at 11am.

Fun, science based sessions, aimed at children ages 9 plus, or younger children accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 17th August “Vivid Vision” – How we see colours, including odd facts about light and some cool optical illusions for you to take home with you.

Thursday 24th August “Splendid Sound” – About how musical instruments change pitch, will include making a few musical instruments of your own.

Thursday 31st August “Fantastic Forces” – Learn about buoyancy, thrust and weight, including what makes a plane fly. Make lots of fun physics toys to take home. (Probably **not** a full-sized plane!)

Each sessions runs for about 1 hour 15 minutes. A sign-up sheet will be at the Library from 6th July. You can sign up for all 3 or just the 1 session that appeals to you.

Cops and Robbers – Friday 1st September 10.30am. See above (14th August event) for more details. Limited number of FREE tickets available from 5th August.

Watch out for some fun children’s competitions, including a “treasure trail” as well. There will be prizes!
For more information visit the library or phone 01404 813838 or email
ottery.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

