



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 4 – 30th September 2016

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The next few days

Monday 3 rd October	-	Table Top Games Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 4 th October	-	
Wednesday 5 th October	-	Swimming - Willow Class 1.30 - 3.30pm Scratch/Paper, Glue & Scissors Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 6 th October	-	Outdoor/Dodge Ball Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 7 th October	-	Head Teachers from OSM LLC visiting school Year 5 & 6 - Netball at King's School 12.15 - 3.15pm

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ash class went to Seaton yesterday to kick off the next round of 'Wildlife Champions'. They had a fabulous time and I did explain to Miss Stoneman that she had to keep up the high standards as we won the trophy last year. This year it is all about Marine conservation.

Thank you to all who made it to the Harvest Festival. Ash class did a really great job of leading the service and I particularly enjoyed their interpretation of The Little Red Hen. Our next service will be Christmas and I know the dates have been agreed for the Carol Service on Thursday 15th December 5.30pm. This year we aren't having a barn nativity. I know that may disappoint some of you but it is so special that I want to keep it special by not making it just the normal practice. Instead we are combining the nativity with the carol service so there will be one service before Christmas.

Unfortunately the netball tournament had to be cancelled this week due to the weather but we are pleased to see that it has been re-arranged for next Friday afternoon. Mr Bladon will be taking year 5 and 6 to the kings and I will be teaching Year 4's.

It was great to see swimming has started again. Due to the difficulties we had in securing a lifeguard we are only going to the pool once a week this half term. Willow class are swimming until half term.

I just wanted to remind you all about the important notice sent home yesterday. We now have a child in school with a nut allergy, this can be very serious to the health and wellbeing of the child if we aren't extra vigilant about nuts in school. **Please do not include any nutty snack bars or use Nutella in sandwiches.** Thank you for your co-operation with this particular change in practice.

A very important day for school finance occurs on 6th October. The number on roll on Thursday will dictate the amount of funds received in the next school budget. Our lunch funding will also be generated on that day, so the more children entitled to a free meal that opt for a school dinner, the more funding will be allocated to the school. Please can I encourage all children in reception,

Year 1 and Year 2 to have school meals on that day? It has a significant effect on the money received by the school over the year, which in turn benefits everyone in school.

Next Friday we have the head teachers from the local learning community visiting our school in the morning. Recently I have become the Chair of the Ottery Learning Community taking over from Sue Nield from West Hill. I am hosting the first meeting of the year and the Head teachers will have the opportunity to take a learning walk through the school. They will be able to see just how wonderful the children are and how hard they work.

The new classrooms are slowly moving forward, some ground exploration took place today so fingers crossed we get the green light from the application team.

Finally a school meals questionnaire has been sent home tonight. I would be very grateful if you could take the time to fill it in and send it back to school as it is very important to get feedback.

With kind regards,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow</u>	Reception	- Oscar Power	Year 1	- Jack Hammett		
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 2	- Grace Lusby	Year 3	- William Branch		
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 4	- Silvester McFadden	Year 5	- Isla Bryson	Year 6	- Rosie Morris

Notices to Parents

Netball Festival - Year 5 & 6 - The netball festival has now been re-arranged to **Friday 7th October 2016**. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch, school P.E. kit, trainers, a drinks bottle and a rain jacket in case of rain.

Swimming - We have managed to secure a life guard for swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. This will mean that Willow Class will be able to swim on a Wednesday up until October half term. Please can everyone in Willow Class bring in a swimming costume/trunks, towel and goggles if required in a named bag on Wednesday mornings.

School Meals - A school meal order form has been sent home today. This will take account of meals up to October half term. There will then be a new menu after half term. Please note there will be a change of menu **on Thursday 6th October 2016** - the new menu will be West Country Sausages, Vegetarian sausages, waffles, baked beans, sweet corn followed by jelly and ice-cream.

Reminder: Parents - if you need to come into the school for any reason please come to reception in the first instance.

Letters sent home this week

- Nut Allergy Letter
- School Meals Questionnaire

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

6th October - Census Day - Change of menu

7 th October	- Netball Festival - Years 5 & 6 @ King's School 11.40 - 3.15pm
10 th October	- Multi Skills Years 3 & 4 @ King's School 12pm - 3.15pm
14 th October	- PCC Quiz Night Payhembury Village Hall @ 7.30pm
17 th October	- Parent's Evening
19 th October	- Parent's Evening
19 th October	- Governor's Teaching & Learning Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
20 th October	- Kids Café
21 st October	- Non-Pupil Day
24 th -28 th October	- Half Term
1 st November	- Year 6 - Heights & Weights
2 nd November	- Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
11 th November	- Remembrance Service
16 th November	- School Photos from 8.30am
16 th November	- Governor's Teaching & Learning meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
30 th November	- Full Governor's Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury / Governor's Pay & Performance Meeting 8pm @ Payhembury
14 th December	- Exeter Phoenix Trip am followed by Christmas Lunch
15 th December	- Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm start
16 th December	- Last day of Term
3 rd January	- First day of Term
13 th -17 th February	- Half Term
31 st March	- Last day of Term

Governors

My name is Pat Fowler and I am a Foundation Governor for your Federation of schools. I would like to introduce myself and tell you a little about my background and my role as a governor.

I have a professional background in education – I was a primary school teacher for more years than I care to remember, firstly in Leicestershire and latterly in Devon where, for 14 years, I was head teacher of a Church of England primary school very similar in size and ethos to Payhembury and Awliscombe. I therefore feel I have some insight into the challenges and excitement of managing a school.

I was appointed as a Foundation Governor to Payhembury primary School in September 2011, where I have been a regular volunteer in Oak Class working with groups of children and hearing readers. In 2015 I was appointed as a Foundation Governor for the newly created Fort Federation and am really excited to be involved with two such amazing schools.

I have recently taken on the role of Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee and lead governor for Inclusion, SEND and School Improvement.

My role as Inclusion and SEND Governor is to support the SENCO to ensure the requirements of children with SEN and Disabilities are being met within the schools, and policies, practices and procedures are in place and being implemented effectively for all groups of children.

I believe that I can bring some of my past experience to my role as governor and enjoy the challenge of keeping abreast with the many changes that are occurring in primary education at this time. I am passionate about ensuring all children have the very best start in their school life, are encouraged and challenged and able to thrive in a happy, secure and caring environment.

Pre-School

We would like to give a warm welcome to Teddy Lane who joined Pre-school today. Everyone is settling in nicely and they are all integrating very well into Willow Class.

We are now looking at sessions for Spring and Summer term. If you could like your child to have any more sessions please speak to Mrs George. The sessions are filling up and it will be on a first come first basis.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

Payhembury PCC Quiz Night

Friday October 14th, 7.30pm at Payhembury Village Hall. Light supper provided, BYO (& glasses) Maximum of 6 per table. To reserve a table contact Lesley Elford on 01404850356 or alternatively just come along on the night. Cost £7.50 per person All proceeds to Payhembury Church

Community News

SIDMOUTH AND OTTERY HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR ACADEMY The new hockey season has begun and Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club junior academy would love to see anyone inspired to give the sport a try after the amazing success of the national ladies side in the Olympics.

Age groups: 8 -16 years

Venue: Sidmouth Sports Centre AstroTurf, Primley Road, Sidmouth. (switches every half term- After half term, Late October onwards Ottery Sports Centre.)

Time: 10-11 AM boys, 11-12 NOON girls

For parents: tea and coffee is available, and a "Rusty Hockey" coached session 10-11AM for any parents wishing to have a go themselves!

For more information: www.Sidmouthandotteryhc.co.uk or call Lucy Miller 01395 597474
Qualified coaches, experienced helpers, enthusiastic young leaders

Sidmouth Science Festival

7 - 16 October 2016

Fun for all the Family!

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As well as contributing to activities taking place in schools, the Science Festival is running events in Sidmouth and at the Norman Lockyer Observatory, including a free inter-active science trail along the Sea Front on Sunday 9 October. Just turn up between 11am - 3pm. During the week there will be 4 film showings of 3D The Penguin King in 3D. This is £2 for adults but children are free.

On Saturday 15 October Iggy, The Iguanodon will be making an appearance at Kennaway House. There will be hands-on experiments and activities such as making a volcano, popping candy, thermal imaging, jelly baby wave machine etc, at All Saints' Hall, Kennaway House, the Methodist Church Hall, the Masonic Hall, the St Teresa's Hall, the Parish Church and Sidmouth Museum. These events run from 11am until 5pm (approx) and are FREE! Please look for the Science Festival flags and dinosaur footprints outside the venues.

On 16 October the Science Festival moves to the Norman Lockyer Observatory for a Sunday Funday on "Speed", from 11am to 4pm. This costs £8 for adults but children are free.

There will be storytelling, planetarium shows, Space Detectives, Space Boffins, robots, the now famous jet car races and lots of pre-school science fun.

Don't forget to go to Kennaway House on Thursday, Friday or Saturday to see the science art work! See which class has won a prize.

During the week there are events for Mums and Dads too, and Grans and Grandads: a Fungus Foray, Sunday church services, talks and an evening about Taste to challenge your taste buds.

Full details can be found at www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org @SidmouthScience