



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days

Monday 17 th April	-	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 18 th April	-	Start of the Summer Term / Year 4 Wild Area pm
Wednesday 19 th April	-	Year 4 Wild Area pm / Tag Rugby @ OSM Primary School 4pm Full Governors Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
Thursday 20 th April	-	Year 4 Wild Area pm
Friday 21 st April	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The Easter service yesterday was a real joy. Thank you to everyone who came and shared the service with us; thank you to year 4 and 5 children for doing such a professional job. The speaking was so clear and loud that we didn't need microphones this time and as usual the singing was beautiful.



On Wednesday Willow and Pre-school went on a trip to the national Aquarium in Plymouth. I was very fortunate to be able to go with the children. I was so impressed with them all. Their behaviour was exemplary but the best thing was their pure excitement of seeing the wonders of the sea world. Thank you to all our volunteers that helped make our day so successful and well done to Mrs Palmer and the team for organising a really special learning experience for the children. Thank you too for

the photos you have sent in.

Our after school club has taken a long time to get really established. However we are getting particularly busy on certain days. Until September (until we have our new classrooms) we are going to have to limit the number of children able to attend after school club. We are going to put a maximum number of 12. Mrs Foulds is struggling to manage snack time in our current staff room. Hopefully in September we will be able to accommodate more children. Please can I stress the importance of booking the after school sessions with Mrs Lush or Ms Jarrett in the office, not through the class teachers. If you have booked a session and wish to cancel we require 24 hours' notice otherwise charges for that session will still be applied. We do not run either breakfast or after school club as a profit making enterprise but we do need to ensure we break even.

The New building Update - It will be a regular feature on the news letter from now on. The tender documents have gone out and I am meeting with different contractors to show them the site. We are hoping the build will start the week beginning 22nd May. Next term I will put the drawings up for you all to see. I have been in talks with our ICT technicians to plan for the infrastructure in

the new classes. It is really beginning to get exciting. I am currently trying to work out what furniture we have or might need and to ensure we have enough resources for the children.

This term has sped by but we have continued to achieve a lot. I hope you found the parent interviews helpful and informative. I know from my regular visits in class that the children are making excellent progress and it is in part to their super attitudes to learning. The school feels in a really secure place now and as we are due Ofsted any time I truly believe we are ready for it.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA, who work endlessly on supporting the school in so many different ways. You really make a difference to all the children in the school. I look forward to our next set of events. We will be dusting off our May Pole on our return!!

The summer term is a long one but is full with exciting curriculum topics, outdoor learning, sporting opportunities and summer fun.

One event that I would like you to put in the diary is our Musical bonanza. We are planning to celebrate this school year with a big bash. We have booked the Beehive in Honiton to hold a joint singing/dancing celebration with Awliscombe Primary School. It will be on the 6th July and I will share more details in the new term. We wanted to bring our two school communities together and we needed a much larger venue. We are all very excited and hope you will be able to join us.

Finally I would like to say a thank you to you all for your continued support of the school and wish you all a peaceful Easter holiday. Fingers crossed for the spring sunshine.

P.S Don't forget we return on Tuesday 18th April

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Sophia Tetley Year 1 - Ashton Gibbs

Ash Class Year 2 - Hugo Doyle Year 3 - Sam Elsom

Oak Class Year 4 - Charlie Vincent Year 5 - Laura Campbell Year 6 - Abbey Stonex

Stars of the Term - Harvey Rand, Isla Burton, Freddy Brauer, Oliver Burton, Silvester McFadden, Ellie Vincent and Ellie Mullin.

PARCH Award - Anwen Doyle, Joshua Offer, Grace Lusby, Hattie Mullin, Roxy Spiller, Alice Millett and Ethan Goodland.

100% Attendance Spring Term - Rafa, Harry B, Matilda, Phoebe, Tabitha, Alice Brauer, Freddy Brauer, Isla Burton, Oliver, John, Isobel, Robert, Harlan, Charlie Elsom, Sam Gammon, Sammy Hart, Grace Lusby, Lawrence, Max, Archie, Jessica, Samuel Rogers, Sophie Tetley, Ellie Vincent, Amelia, Connor, Emma, Oliver Wilson, Maddie and Jodie.

Well done to everyone.

Notices to Parents

Clubs - There are no clubs during the first week back. Confirmation of clubs will be sent home the first week back.

Clubs & School Meals Forms - Forms and copies of the new menu have been sent home today. If you do require any forms they are available on the website or from the school office.

Lifeguard - We are looking for a lifeguard to help out with swimming lessons after Easter. If you can help or know anyone that can help please contact the office.

Readathon - Reminder: there are still some children who haven't paid on-line yet. Please can this be done ASAP. Thank you to everyone who has raised money for this.

Oak Class - Year 4 will need their wildlife clothes/wellies on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th April 2017.

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.

Letters sent home this week

- School meal order forms (years 3/4/5/6)
- New school menu
- OSM School Sports Partnership Spring Term Newsletter
- Tag Rugby 19th April letter (Yr 5/6 - selected children)

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

18 th April	- First day of Term
8 th May	- KS2 SATS Week
10 th May	- Governors Resources meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
15 th May	- KS1 SATS Week
16 th May	- School Photos
22 nd May	- Eco Champions Conference for Yrs 2/3 @ Payhembury Village Hall pm
24 th May	- Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
25 th May	- Year 5 OSM Church
29 th -2 nd June	- Half Term
5 th June	- Non-Pupil Day
14 th June	- Governor's Teaching & Learning Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
28 th June	- Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
5 th July	- Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
21 st July	- Last day of Term

2017/18 Academic Year

4 th September	- Non-Pupil Day
5 th September	- First day of Term for pupils
23 rd -27 th October	- Half Term
21 st December	- Last day of Term
8 th January	- First day of Term
12 th - 16 th Feb	- Half Term
29 th March	- Last day of Term

Pre-School

The children had a great day out at the Aquarium on Wednesday. They were really well behaved and they all had lots of fun. Thank you to all the helpers.

School meals forms and the new menu are available from either Mrs George or the school office. They are also available from the school website. Please return your forms on your first day back after Easter.



On Sunday, there will be Morning Prayer at 11:00, all are welcome.
Happy Holidays- hope for a peaceful and restful break.
On Sunday 9th there will be a CAFÉ Service at 10:30
On Sunday 16th there will be an All Ages Communion Service at 11:00

A thought
One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true.
One life can make the difference,
And may that one be you, and me, too!
Unknown

FOPS

FOPs News

FOPs have decided to install the help of the internet to communicate and link parents and children together through a piece of software called class link. There are some details below to get you started, feel free to look it up and find out more. We aim to have everyone connected by the end of term, making everyone's life much easier I'm sure.

www.schoolclasslist.com.png Classlist is a simple to use, totally free and secure digital platform that helps parents connect with each other. The system has been created to allow parents to **register, share and update** only the details they feel comfortable with. Already successfully in use in hundreds of schools; Classlist acts as a 'virtual school gate' from which parents can make friends, arrange play-dates and even organise fundraising events.

The platform also includes a number of other useful tools such as a School Lift Share Map, allowing parents to ease the burden of the school run as well as a Listings feature that allows parents to buy and sell personal items or even find a potential babysitter. All of these features are completely free, situated in a secure environment that is fully Data Protection Registered.

Come and join in by going to classlist.com and search for [Payhembury CofE Primary School](#)

Community News

The defibrillator is now commissioned and ready to use. It is situated on the pillar of the Payhembury Provisions porch. Please note the emergency phone is a small box just above the defib. All you do is press the button to be connected to the 999 operator and they will give you the code for the box. The purpose of this is to make sure the ambulance is called.

Nearly forty people attended the Defibrillator Awareness evening in the hall given by Tina from Community Heartbeat. Everybody found it stimulating, non threatening and entertaining, being pitched at just the right level. The main messages were, if in doubt call 999, do chest compressions and get the defibrillator. **YOU CAN DO NO HARM.**

A further Awareness session will be held Monday 24th April 7pm in the Hall.

The Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) was also described. One third of 999 calls are from a lone rescuer. VETS is a community system by which the rescuer can ring a simple number unique to the village to call up to 10 volunteers who can fetch the Defib and assist with the resuscitation. Further training will be offered to the volunteers.

If you have any queries please contact me timcox999@gmail.com or 01404 850005 Tim Cox