



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 8 – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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## The next few days ....

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Booster Club/Construction Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Glee Club 12.30 - 1pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Christmas Craft Club 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Melanesian Activity Day with Rev. Cate Remembrance Service 10.50am / Film Night 5-7pm Main School

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Into November and the temperature seems to have dropped. Children have returned buzzing from the half term break and are keen to get on with the next school term.

Today we have year 5 and 6 attending a Hindu workshop at Sidmouth College. They are travelling to the workshop in a shared bus with Awliscombe School. They will have the opportunity to work with other primary schools too. The workshop has been put on as part of Interfaith and Belief week. Also as part of this week there is a conference at The Mint Church in Exeter tomorrow. It starts at 9 and finishes by 1pm. Last year I was a guest speaker at the conference, I didn't know what to expect but it was such an interesting event. If you are interested in going please feel free to just turn up. Booking isn't required. I would love to hear what you thought about it afterwards.

Last night I went to a fantastic light party in the village hall. There were over 60 children taking part. There were craft tables, storytelling, a light show and sparklers, followed by delicious food and a film. I would like to thank all the volunteers that took so much time in organising and running the evening, just by the sound of the children's noise levels you could tell everyone was having a really good time. Let's hope there is another one next year.

Clubs start again next week. I hope everyone was able to get the club they wanted. Anne in the office tries very hard to meet everyone's needs.

Good news greeted me this morning as I entered breakfast club. The children informed me that Mrs Foulds had finally achieved 10 out of 10 for her cooking skills. Every morning Mrs Foulds gets a grade on her ability to toast bread and muffins. Clearly in the past there have been a few burnt offerings but this week it looks like the children have finally awarded her the coveted 10 out of 10. It is such a fantastic atmosphere in the club in the mornings and it is a great way to start the day. Please can I remind you to return your booking forms for both breakfast and after school club. It is very important for us to know how many children we are catering for. Our breakfast club has become so popular that we are almost at capacity. So booking a place is going to be essential.

Just to update you on the building project progress. We are currently stuck on a particular issue within the planning stage and it looks more than likely that the building works are going to be at least three months behind schedule. I am keeping my fingers crossed for completion in the summer holidays for both classrooms but as usual there are no guarantees.

Leaflets have been sent out regarding the Samaritan's Purse shoebox gifts. The drop off for these are between 1-18 November. We will be doing a collection at school next week on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. You are very welcome to bring yours in and leave it in the office and we will ensure they are collected. Don't forget to include the £3 shipping donation for each shoebox.

As the weather has changed please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in school. Everyone should be bringing a coat every day and gloves and a hat are also good advice. The playground can get very cold and it is hard to warm up when you get a chill.

Next week seems to be quite quiet but things change all the time. Do come along to our Remembrance Service at the Memorial in the Square on Friday at 10.50am if you can. Please also take care if you go to a fireworks display and I hope you have a good weekend,

With best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Sarah Baker Year 1 - Oliver Holding

Ash Class Year 2 - Hugo Doyle Year 3 - Sammy Hart

Oak Class Year 4 Marcus Wilkinson Year 5 - Isla Bryson Year 6 - Ellie Mullin

### Notices to Parents

**Admission to Primary & Junior Schools for 2017/2018** - the application facility for places in Primary & Junior Schools for the 2017/2018 academic year will open on **15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and close at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the on-line application facility at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) Applications **cannot** be made online after the closing date. Hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

**School Meals** - I hope you all got a copy of the new menu which was sent out just before half term. If you didn't get a copy please ask in the office. Unfortunately the jacket potato options weren't included in the menu. Please see below the options for each week.

**Week One:** Monday - Cheese and Coleslaw, Tuesday - Cheese & Beans, Wednesday - Cheese & Tuna, Thursday - Cheese & Beans and Friday - Cheese & Tuna.

**Week Two:** Monday - Cheese & Beans, Tuesday - Cheese & Coleslaw, Wednesday - Cheese & Tuna, Thursday - Cheese & Beans and Friday - Cheese & Tuna.

**Week Three:** Monday - Cheese & Beans, Tuesday - Cheese & Tuna, Wednesday - Cheese & Coleslaw, Thursday - Cheese & Beans and Friday - Cheese & Tuna.

**Shoe Box Appeal** - leaflets have now been sent out. If you would like to drop them off to school by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** we will make sure they are collected. Please don't forget to include your £3 shipping donation for each shoebox that you fill.

**Clubs** - Clubs will start back next week. Apologies to those children who didn't get their choice of club. We do try our best to accommodate everyone but when there are a maximum number of places it isn't always possible. Please note scratch club won't be running on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**A Very Big Thank you!** - Charlie Vincent would like to thank everyone who supported his cake sale on Wednesday in aid of Nystagmus. They raised £80. Thank you very much for all your support.

**Letters sent home this week**

- Clubs Letter Form & Reply Forms
- Shoe box Appeal Flyer

**Dates for the Diary**

**2016/17 Academic Year**

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> November                   | - Melanesian Activity Day in the Church<br>Remembrance Service 10.50am / Film Night 5-7pm             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November                   | - School Photos from 8.30am<br>- Governor's Teaching & Learning meeting 6pm @ Payhembury              |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November                   | - Flu Vaccinations for Years 1, 2 & 3 10.30am   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> November                   | - Children In Need - More details to follow   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November                   | - Yrs 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Festival @ Kings School 12-3.30pm                                      |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November                   | - Full Governor's Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury /<br>Governor's Pay & Performance Meeting 8pm @ Payhembury |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December                    | - Year 6 Heights & Weights @ 6 11.30am  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                    | - Non-Uniform Day - chocolate donations for Christmas Fayre   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December                    | - NSPCC Safeguarding Assembly and workshop throughout the day   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> December   | - Bikeability Yrs 3 & 4 - Level 1 on the playground   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December                    | - Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall 3.30 - 5pm  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December                   | - Exeter Phoenix Trip am followed by Christmas Lunch  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December                   | - Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm start  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                   | - Last day of Term / Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children)   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> January                     | - First day of Term   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> February | - Half Term   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March                      | - Last day of Term  |

**Governors**

I have had the pleasure of being a Governor at Payhembury School since February 2007 becoming Chair in 2011 and was elected Chair again when the schools federated in 2015. Since September of this year I have relinquished the position and become Vice Chair. I have been involved with governance of school for over 30 years (more than I like to think about) having been a staff governor, a parent governor, a community governor and a church nominated governor. I have been a governor in both church and community settings and in all age groups from Infant School to University. I was a teacher for 25 years and I suppose you could say I've never been able to get education out of my blood.

I believe that it is important that we provide for our children and young people the best education possible and that as governors we ensure that they are educated in a safe environment with the highest quality of teaching and support. We are extremely fortunate in the Fort Federation to have a very dedicated team of staff and that our children are encouraged to develop all aspects of their lives, spiritual as well as educational and physical.

As a governor it is important to be closely involved in the life of the schools and I am on the Resources Committee but also have the responsibility of ensuring that the values and ethos of the schools are understood and developed.

It has been a great privilege to help lead our schools into such a successful Federation and can see that the future looks secure and exciting.

Rev. Preb. Cate Edmonds

### News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Morning Worship, Church, 11am

### Community News

