



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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## The next few days ....

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Beech Class Multi Skills

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - KS2 Cross Country

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October -

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October -

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October -

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## Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents

We have moved into October and I am sad to see the end of September. It has been a smooth start to the new school year.

Unfortunately I do have some bad news but hopefully I can balance it with some good news. Over the summer holidays Mrs Gunningham has done a lot of soul searching and has decided to change direction in regards to her career to obtain a better work life balance. Sadly she will be giving up her role as class teacher in Oak class; however she is passionate about working with children and also about staying at Payhembury so I am delighted to announce that she will be transferring across into another position in school. After Christmas she will be a learning support assistant in key stage 2 and a meal time assistant each day.

I have an advert out currently for a new Oak class teacher and interviews will be during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> October. I will share more information when I can.

Congratulations to the sports teams that took part in High five at Kings this week, both the Premiership and Championship children were a real credit. They were very organised, supportive and competitive! The premiership team listened and applied the ideas given to them and showed rapid improvement - they came equal 1<sup>st</sup> and I am so delighted to tell you we have made the East Devon finals. The championship team worked so well together, a real team effort and an impressive 1<sup>st</sup> place! Fantastic results all round for all teams.

Also Mrs Moran wanted me to let you know about how impressed she was with the Invasion club children this week. She was delighted in how they worked with each other. There is a wide age range and a clear ability range too, yet every single one of the children helped others. They listened so well. They worked hard on skills and then also applied the rules without question (even though they were different rules to what they might normally play).

Just to keep you up to date we have employed Mrs Moran as our specialist PE teacher across the federation. She is providing professional development and support to all our teachers, organising our sporting events throughout the year and managing the subject for both schools.

This week Beech class went to Seaton for a wildlife champion's conference with the Devon Wildlife trust. I know they had a great time. They took part in a series of four workshops that focussed on different things in nature. I am looking forward to hearing what our school has chosen as their new

project this year.

Our super amazing FOPS (PTFA) committee are holding a 'new parents welcome' gathering next Wednesday (10th Oct). It will take place in the Village Hall from 2.45 - 3.30pm. So come along and meet some other lovely parents.

Next week we have two sporting events taking place. On Monday Beech class are going to Kings to take part in a multi skills competition. I know it is a particularly energetic afternoon so I am sure they will love it. On Tuesday Beech and Oak class will be taking part in a cross country competition at Kings.

On Thursday and Friday Mr Bladon and I will be away for a few days as we have leadership training to attend. If you have any problems please see your class teacher or Mrs Palmer who will be in regular telephone contact with us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-school - Jackson Knight	Reception - Henrietta Young
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 - Jayden Rand	Year 2 - Oliver Wilson
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 - Theo Hammond	Year 4 - Jessica Mellor
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 - Sammy Hart	Year 6 - Joshua Stewart

### Notices to Parents

**School Nurse** - Michelle Perryman will be in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 3.45p.m., in line with Parents Evening. She will be stationed in the library and will be happy to see parents, no appointments necessary, to discuss any concerns they might have. Please feel free to pop along to see her as she will be only too happy to help if she can.

**Breakfast Club & After School Club** - Although we still have availability in the clubs, places are booking up fast. Please be sure to contact the office at your earliest convenience to make any enquiries. **Tuesday after school club is now full for the new half term.**

**Swimming Oak Class** - Swimming will return to Wednesday afternoon this week. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit.

**Newsletter** - the newsletter will be sent out in hard copy form until all communication forms are updated on the system.

### **Letters sent home this week**

- Headlice
- Weights & Heights
- Oak Class update letter
- Questionnaires

## Dates for the Diary

### 2018/19 Academic Year

8 <sup>th</sup> October	- Beech Class Multi Skills at The Kings School
9 <sup>th</sup> October	- KS2 Cross Country event at The Kings School
15 <sup>th</sup> October	- Inter Federation Netball
15 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Parents Evenings
18 <sup>th</sup> October	- Resources Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> October	- Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> November	- Flu vaccinations
13 <sup>th</sup> November	- School Photos
14 <sup>th</sup> December	- Christmas Jumper Day / Phoenix theatre visit
19 <sup>th</sup> December	- Christmas Dinner
21 <sup>st</sup> December	- Last Day of Term
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	- First Day of the Spring Term
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	- Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> April	- Last Day of Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	- First Day of Term
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	- Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	- Non-Pupil Day
19 <sup>th</sup> July	- Last Day of Term
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	- Non-Pupil Days

## News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



## F.O.P.S



**New Parents Welcome** - FOPS is holding it's annual 'new parents welcome' to any parents new to the school, whatever year group your children are in. Come and join us in the Village Hall for a tea or coffee next Wednesday, 10th October before pick up. The kettle will be on from 2.45pm through until pick up time at 3.30pm.

Come along and meet some of the FOPS committee and other parents at the school - all are very welcome.

**Annual General Meeting** - We said a huge Thank You to Kirsten Brauer who stepped down as Co-Chair of FOPS at our AGM last week. Her efforts over the past year have been integral in helping to raise an enormous amount of money for the school, for which we are very grateful.

George Searle and Anita Elsom were elected as Co-Chairs for the forthcoming year. The Committee look forward to another successful year of fundraising and support for our superb village school, and welcome any help parents are able to give.

**And finally** - We also wanted to let you know we are organising charity Christmas cards this year as a school fundraiser. You may be familiar with them - your child's picture is made into a Christmas card and you can then buy them in packs of 12. All being well the cards will be available to order straight after half term ... further details to follow.

## Community News

**KIDS MATTER** - Join us to chat about how to build strong families and help kids do their best in life. A friendly meet-up for anyone with children aged 0 - 10 years. For more information please talk to Nicola Hart or Penny Hammett

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### **McMillian Coffee Morning**

The Six Bells would like to say a huge thank you to all that attended the coffee morning hosted last weekend. The final total raised for this amazing charity was £232.90