



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 6th December 2019
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The next few days ...

Monday 9 th December	Christmas Production 2pm & 5pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 11 th December	
Thursday 12 th December	Polling Day : Breakfast Club in Ash Class. Packed Lunches.
Friday 13 th December	Theatre Trip (am). Christmas Jumper Day No celebration assembly

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Just a brief update this week. Everyone is working flat out for the Christmas Fayre for tomorrow I hope you will be able to come along and support it. The amazing Choir will be singing for us and you will experience the song they will be performing at the BBC Devon Radio finals the following week. Thinking about that please vote for our choir, the voting opens on Tuesday 10th December and will be via the Radio Devon website but I send you the link when it opens.

Next week is the Nativity play, I can't wait as I haven't seen any of it yet so I am very excited about watching alongside you all.

Have a great weekend,

With regards,
Mrs Hammett

P.S. There is a poster in the back of the newsletter for Dunkeswell's Christmas panto 'Treasure Island', Mrs Prettejohn is in it so hope you can come along!



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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School -	Georgina	Reception -	Daisy
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 -	Henry	Year 2 -	William G
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 -	Ella	Year 4 -	Tristan
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 -	Jack	Year 6 -	Matthew

Notices to Parents

Christmas Performances

After the performance on Monday afternoon, children will be sent home in their costumes. You will need to drop your children back to their classroom at 4.30pm, already dressed in their costumes for the evening performance. Children will then change back into their school uniforms after the evening performance and leave their costumes at school for Tuesday. All children are to be collected from their classrooms, not the Village Hall.

Theatre Trip

Please note that the Theatre Trip is taking place in the **morning** on Friday 13th December. We will be leaving at 9am so school lunches will be as normal; either a packed lunch from home or school dinner in the Village Hall.

School Menu Changes

We will be having our school Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17th December so on Wednesday 18th December, the menu choice will be fish & chips instead of roast dinner.

Please be advised of the following permanent school menu changes with effect from 9th December 2019. These changes will not be visible on ParentPay until after the Christmas Holidays, so we will make any changes during registration this term.

Week 1: 9/12/2019

Monday – change of dessert to Apple Shortcake served with custard

Tuesday – Pizza Muffin instead of Pizza Baguette

Thursday – change of dessert to Fruit Muffin

Week 2: 16/12/2019

Tuesday – change of Main Meal to Pasta Bolognese Bake instead of Meatloaf

Activities Clubs

Just a reminder that there are no more activities clubs this term.

Application for Primary School Places

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you can now apply for your child's Primary school place. The deadline for applying is the 15th January 2020. If you require more information please contact Devon County Council's Admissions Team on 0345 1551019.

Sports Reports

East Devon School Games - Ability Counts Festival

Last Friday a group of 12 children from across the Federation attended the Ability Counts festival at East Devon. The children were able to challenge themselves in activities such as Archery and Indoor Rowing as well as competing in teams of 4 at Seated Volleyball, New Age Kurling and Boccia.

All these events allowed children with differing abilities to engage and compete in an environment that supported their confidence to improve and work with each other. It was led by Sports Leaders from The Kings School, Ottery St. Mary who did an amazing job of encouraging everyone.

We had a fantastic set of results with our team from seated volleyball and New Age Curling winning their events!!

This means some of the children from each school will now represent the Fort Federation at the Devon Ability Counts Games an early next year (more details to follow nearer the time.



Children in the winning teams include:
Ellie, Archie, Harry, James and Stanley

In addition to these fabulous results we also had specific children rewarded for their Sports Values of: determination, sportsmanship, respect and enthusiasm.
Well done to Harry, Matthew and Theo.

And finally - each school was awarded 2 medals to present to their Most Valued Person of the Day
It was a difficult decision but these are presented to:
Ellie and Archie for their quiet determination and accuracy in New Age Kurling.

News from St Marys Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a café service in the Village Hall at 10.30am. Please come earlier for croissant and a chat from 10.15am. There will be activities for children and a service for the adults. All are welcome.

Letters and Emails

Christmas Fair email from FOPS

FOPS News

Tea towels

As you may already know our tea towels have been a big success and have now sold out. If you would still like to purchase one or more, then that is still possible. There will be a sample tea towel to view at the fair if you have not had the opportunity to see it yet. We can then take orders at the fair, or you can email me at robin.elsom@btinternet.com, to place an order. I will send off for a reprint at the end of next week. The cost may be slightly more depending on the amount we order but no more than £4.50 per tea towel or £8 for 2. Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee that they will be back for Christmas (although I will ask) but definitely by the New Year! For those of you who have already placed your order and requested to pick up at the fair then these will be available to collect at the same table, most likely by the raffle in the main hall.

Christmas Performance

FOPS will be serving refreshments (mulled wine/hot drinks and mince pies) at each of the Christmas performances so don't forget to bring some money!

Dates for the Diary

2019/20 Academic Year

7th December 2019 - Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 6.00pm
9th December - Christmas Production (**afternoon & evening**)
10th December - Christmas Production (**afternoon**)
13th December - School theatre trip AM & Christmas Jumper Day
16th December - KS2 end of term party
17th December - Christmas Lunch
17th December - KS1 end of term party
19th December - 3pm KS1 mini Carol Concert in Village Hall
19th December - 5pm KS2 Carol Concert in St Mary's Church
20th December 2019 - Last day of term
6th January 2020 - First day of term
15th January 2020 - Deadline for Primary school admissions
17th-21st February 2020 - Half term
27th March 2020 - Last day of term
13th April 2020 - Bank Holiday
14th April 2020 - First day of term
8th May 2020 - May Bank Holiday
25th-29th May 2020 - Half term
1st - 2nd June 2020 - Non-pupil days
22nd July 2020 - Last day of term

Don't miss the deadline for free childcare!

If you want 30 hours free childcare for your three or four year old in January 2020, you need to [apply for your code](#) before the Christmas holidays or it could be too late. Don't miss out!



Want 30 hours childcare next term?
Apply for your code ahead of Christmas.
childcarechoices.gov.uk



FRIENDS OF PAYHEMBURY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

VISIT FROM SANTA!!

7TH DECEMBER
SATURDAY

3.30PM
TO
6.00PM



BRING YOUR FLOCK TO
THE VILLAGE HALL

CAROL SINGING * SANTA'S GROTTTO
STALLS & GIFTS * FUN & GAMES * RAFFLE
FOOD & DRINK



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School Admission Arrangements and Education Transport Policy

2021-22

**Opens on
1 November
2019**



**Closes on
3 January
2020**

You are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2021-22**

**To view the policies, visit
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy**

****and the following Plymouth academies : Old Priory Junior Academy, Oreston Community Academy, Plympton St Mary's CofE Infant School, St Edward's CofE Primary, St George's CofE Primary, St Matthew's CofE Primary & Nursery and in Torbay : All Saints, Babbacombe, CofE Primary, Collaton St Mary CofE Primary, Ellacombe Academy, Galmpton CofE Primary, Ilsham CofE Academy, Oldway Primary, Roselands Primary, Shiphay Learning Academy, St Marychurch CofE Primary, St Michael's CofE Academy, Upton St James CofE Primary, Warberry CofE Academy**

Was your child born
between 1st September
2015 and 31st August 2016?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2019 to 15th January 2020

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

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TREASURE ISLAND

BY PHOENIX WRITER'S GROUP



THROGMORTON HALL

DUNKESWELL

FRIDAY 13TH DEC 7.00PM

SAT 14TH DEC 3.00PM

TICKETS

SHOP AND GARAGE

DUNKESWELL

OR 01404 549107

£6.00 ADULT, CHILD £3.00