



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
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## The next few days ....

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Ash Class Trip to Dunster Castle (8.30am-3.30pm) Beech Class Multi Skills @ Kings from 12.15-3.30pm Arts & Craft/Netball Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Yrs 5/6 Football League @ Ottery St Mary Primary School 4-5.15pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Swimming - <b>Beech Class</b> 1.30pm/KS1 Sports Club 3.30 - 4.30pm Yr 5/6 Summer Residential Talk 5-6pm @ Awliscombe and 6.30-7.30 @ Payhembury
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	-	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	-	

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Our Harvest Festival was extra special this year as it was our last service with Rev. Cate. I managed not to cry too much!! The children read and performed in church with confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you for all your generous donations, I know the produce is well received after the service.

An extra thank you for all the cakes and sandwiches provided for our special afternoon tea for Cate. The meeting in the village hall was so lovely. I am very grateful to FOPS for giving so much time and effort in making the afternoon so special. I couldn't have done it without them.

Our buildings work will be completed on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Our site will return to normal - phew! I hope to offer you a good look around in the near future.

Our football team took part in a league on Tuesday and our first matches were played at West Hill. Next week the football will take place at Ottery St. Mary Primary. I'll let you know the results when I receive them.

Next week Beech class are going to multi skills at Kings on Monday and we have Ash class on a school trip to Dunster Castle.

We are planning to take our Oak class on a Residential trip in June. We will be offering an information session at Payhembury for parents on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

And finally I would like to say an extra big thank you to all the parent helpers who have supported the school at lunchtimes. It has helped the staff out so much and we are very grateful.

Next week I am away on a residential conference for a couple of days and I am afraid I won't be writing in the newsletter. So I will have more to say the following week.

Have a good weekend, Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School	- Henrietta Young	Reception	- Heidi Burden
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Erin Archer	Year 2	- Jack Hammett
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Max Millett	Year 4	- Sam Elsom
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Sophie Pitts	Year 6	- William Morris

## Notices to Parents

**Projects:** Reminder! The deadline for Beech class projects is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October and for Oak Class it is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring all your projects in on those days.

**Were you an evacuee? Do you remember WW2?** - Oak class are learning about WW2 from a child's perspective. If you have memories of the war and you are able to come into school to answer questions from the children about your memories and experiences then please let Mrs Gunningham know.

**Swimming** - Beech class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons up until half term. Please remember to bring in a suitable swimming costume, a towel, and goggles if required in a named bag.

**Clubs** - There will be no scratch club next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. There will also be no KS2 football club next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October however this will run on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October instead.

**Applying for Secondary School Places** - Letters have been sent home to year 6 children inviting parents to apply for their secondary school place for 2018. The timescale for completing this is between 1<sup>st</sup> September until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

**Uniform Order** - The uniform order has arrived. If you have ordered a coat or require a sweatshirt please come and see Mrs Lush in the office.

**Parish Hall Committee** - The Parish Hall committee are looking for new members to come on board. If you are interested please come and speak to Mrs Hammett.

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

- Dunster Castle Trip Letter (Ash Class)
- Football Tournament Letter (Oak Class)
- Shoe Box Appeal Leaflets (per family)
- Parent Interview letters



### **EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2017**

We celebrated European Day of Languages last Tuesday and what fun was had by all! We feel strongly about the importance of learning new languages from an early age. Our everyday focus is French but EDL gives us a great opportunity to explore other world languages and cultures.

Children began to trickle into the playground early on Thursday morning having made great efforts to dress in costumes representing many different countries from around the world. They

were enticed by the smell of croissants and pains au chocolat! I lead the morning assembly which focused on the relevance of language learning, included our favourite Languages Day tune 'Hello to all the children of the world' and a multi-lingual version of 'How Far I'll go' from the Disney film Moana. During the day, we did origin of words and flag themed treasure hunts, Euro disco and took a closer look at all our European neighbours with our Passport to the European Union booklets. Oak class focused on Italy in the afternoon as Mrs Gunningham has close connections with this beautiful country.

Best wishes to you all and 'à bientôt'

Madame Shackleton



### Dates for the Diary

#### 2017/18 Academic Year

- 9<sup>th</sup> October - Ash Class Trip to Dunster Castle (8.30am - 3.30pm)
- Beech Class Multi Skills Event @ Kings 12.15-3.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - Yrs 5/6 Football League match @ Otter St Mary Primary School 4-5.15pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> October - Residential Talk Yrs 5/6: Awliscombe 5-6pm / Payhembury 6.30-7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> October - Yrs 5/6 Football League match venue tbc 4-5.15pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term
- 1<sup>st</sup> November - Deadline for the Shoe Box Appeal
- 7<sup>th</sup> November - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> November - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> November - School Photos
- 20<sup>th</sup> November - Flu vaccinations for R,1,2,3 & 4 children who requested it
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Fayre 4-7pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Exeter Phoenix Theatre Trip 10am
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last day of Term
- 8<sup>th</sup> January - First day of Term
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term
- 29<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of Term
- 16<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Term
- 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half Term
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Non-Pupil Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

## Pre-School

Please note after half term the price of the Pre-school meals will go up from £1.80 to £2.00.

Parent Interview forms for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October are available from Mrs George.

## News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



On Sunday there will be a CAFÉ Service in the Parish Hall , all are welcome so do come and join us for coffee and croissant at 10:15 , the Service will start at 10:30.

A thought:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*Psalm 119:105*

**Message from Rev. Cate** - A huge thank you for the lovely High Tea on Monday afternoon and Harvest Festival which was as usual great and the singing wonderful, an unaccompanied special song particularly wonderful. Then to have such a wonderful tea, a huge thanks to all who contributed to the food. A special thank you for the amazing bunting you decorated the hall with, it will have a special place in my memory box. I have really loved being with you all and will miss you so much, I may even sneak back occasionally. But I wish you all every success in the future thank you for being such wonderful people and making my time with you all so very special. Much love and blessings,Cate

## F.O.P.S



FOPS Update

Thank you so, so much for all of the contributions given for Rev Cate's high tea on Monday. It was an amazing spread and both Cate and the school were delighted with the afternoon. The children seemed pretty happy too; mine told me afterwards they had each had 5 sandwiches and 5 cakes but because they had eaten them alternately they thought it was OK.

What do you spend our hard-earned money on?

We've been asked this question a few times this term already. We're creating a summary of our recent purchases for the school which we'll include in next **week's** update. It will also let you know what we're fundraising for now.

Christmas Fair

I know ... writing about the Christmas Fair in October isn't cool but we wanted to mention 2 small things. Firstly the date - 2nd December 4 - 7 pm. Secondly - we are planning on having a Christmas market so if you know anybody who might like to have a stall at it please let Anita Elson or George Burton know.

Classlist

Most of our parents are now registered on Classlist, and it's a really effective way to link together. If you aren't on Classlist yet Anne in the office has a leaflet showing you how to do it.

KS Musical Plays presents MUMMY MIA! @ The Beehive, Honiton on Monday 23 October & Tuesday 24 October 2017, 10 – 4 (Performance 3.30 on Tuesday)

No, it's not ABBA with a spelling mistake...! It's a specially created musical play for 7-11 year olds set on the banks of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt 5000 years ago.. Pyramids and pharaohs.. boats that sail through the sky and the underworld... and lots of mummies (dead and alive..!) – they're all here in a show full of great songs, dramatic drama & cool choreography.. - and there's a chance to take part in a 2-day workshop and performance THIS HALF TERM at The Beehive, Honiton!

MUMMY MIA! is brought to you by KS Musical Plays, which has been creating exciting new original musical shows for young people in schools, theatres and arts centres across the south west for the past 7 years – including lots of schools in and around Honiton & Exeter

Ages: 7 – 11 Cost: £40

Contact Peter Kyrke-Smith to find out more or book a place e: [music@kyrke-smith.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:music@kyrke-smith.eclipse.co.uk)