



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 12 – 7th December 2018
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The next few days

Monday 10th December

Tuesday 11th December

Wednesday 12th December

Thursday 13th December -

Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper day / Phoenix Theatre Trip 12pm

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Hammett has been unable to provide a message this week.

We'd like to thank all those who came along to support the Christmas Fayre on Saturday and of course a big thank you to FOP's for their hard work and dedication in organising the Fair. It was a huge success and we will let you know how much was raised in due course.

A reminder that the Phoenix Theatre Trip is next Friday. The Children will be having an early lunch so will need to bring packed lunches please. School packed lunches will be provided for those in Key Stage 1 who have requested one. Don't forget Christmas jumpers too!

The children have been working really hard practising their performance this week. They have certainly been keeping me entertained in the office and it's lovely hearing them all sing! I'm sure the performance will be fabulous. There are still a few tickets available from the office so please do pop in if you've yet to collect yours.

The Carol Concert will be held at Payhembury Church on the 19th December. The choir will be there too so please do try to come along if you can. If your child is interested in joining the choir please come and see me in the office and I will give you more information.

Best wishes,

Mrs Pitts

F.O.P.S

Christmas Nativity - Straw & Order

FOPS will be selling the usual seasonal refreshments before and after each of the performances of Straw & Order this Wednesday & Thursday. There will be time for refreshments after

dropping children off and before the performance starts, so come on into the Village Hall for some Christmas cheer!

Christmas Fair success

An enormous Thank You to everyone who came along and supported the school's Christmas Fair on Saturday. Thank you as well to everyone who was able to offer their help before and on the day - it couldn't happen without your generosity of time. It was such a lovely event, made even better by the beautiful singing from the children.

We are over the moon to reveal that our Christmas fundraising (combined profit from the sale of Christmas Cards & profit from the Fair) totals over **£1,700**.

That is a fantastic amount of money, and something as a school & community we should be extremely proud of. We think it is the most we've ever raised at a FOPS event, so thank you all. We will update you once it has been spent, but a large proportion of this will be spent on much needed books for the library & classrooms.

Christmas Tree & fairy lights

A plea for next year's Christmas Fair! Santa's Grotto could do with a Christmas tree next year of it's own, so if anyone is thinking of upgrading their tree now or in the January sales, we would be very grateful for your good condition old one. Likewise, any sets of fairy lights that could be donated would be gratefully received. Please let George or Anita know.

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-school - Poppy Shaw	Reception - Henry Buxton
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 - Maisie Harris	Year 2 - Matilda Boland-Davies
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 - Theo Hammond	Year 4 - James Pitts
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 - Emily Johnson-Hugill	Year 6 - Sophie Pitts

Notices to Parents

Clubs - Next week is the final week of school clubs this term however there will be no sports club for Key Stage 1 on Thursday afternoon due to the Christmas play.

Oak Class Reminder – With all the different events going on during the last couple of weeks of term please remember to work on your projects! Doing little and often is a good plan. Projects are due in on Thursday 20th December.

Tale Valley Choir – On Sunday 9th December Tale Valley Choir will be at Payhembury Church at 2.30 pm. Tickets are £5 on the door (under 16's are free) Please see attached poster for more information.

Christmas Play – A reminder to all that the Christmas play will be in the Village Hall this year. Performances will be on Wednesday 12th December at 5 p.m, and Thursday 13th December at 2 p.m and 5 p.m

The Kings School Carol Service – The staff and Students at Kings School invite you to join them for their annual Christmas Carol Service at Ottery St. Mary Church on Monday 17th December at 7pm. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Kooth.

Phoenix Theatre Trip – Please can those yet to return slips and payment for this year's theatre trip please do so as soon as possible.

Hippo's Holiday Club – Hippos Holiday Club will be running from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th January at Honiton Primary School. We offer a variety of sports, games and crafts from 8.00 am to 4.30pm for £15.00. (£8.00 for morning only). Please see our website at www.honitonprimary.co.uk/holiday-club/ for more information, or ring us on 01404 548700. Children from all schools in the area are welcome, and we accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

Indoor Athletics events results – Roxy Spiller achieved some fantastic results coming 1st in the Long Jump Premiership with a 1.86m result and second place in the Speed Bounce Premiership. Amaya Duggan-Jones came second in the Speed Bounce Championship and Amelia Wadsworth came 1st in the Chest Push Championship. Some fabulous individual achievements but a great effort from the whole team!

Sports Crew Playground Challenge – Over the past couple of months the playground sports crew have been getting to grips with providing younger children with additional fun games to play in a safe area. On top of this they also started a 'monthly challenge' to give an opportunity some family competition. November was the 'beanbag target throwing' challenge and the family results were:

Ash - Purple 29

Beech - Yellow 54

Oak - Purple 24

Overall winners were Purple 85. Lots of children also achieved individual certificates for improvement and spirit.

Ability Counts Festival – On Friday last week 8 children from Oak and Beech had the opportunity to take part in the East Devon Ability Counts Festival held at Bicton College.

It was a packed morning of competition and activity with everyone having the chance to shine in the taster events of Goal Shooting, Balance Boards, Crazy Catch or Archery.



In addition we also entered 2 teams into the New Age Indoor Kurling competition and finished 3rd and 4th out of 8 teams - a great team effort from all children. But it was the Indoor Rowing that caught everyone's attention and enthusiasm. All children made progress during the event, beating personal bests but the Oak team members actually **WON** the whole event with Matthew Currey smashing his target and being the only competitor to complete over 200m. He received a Fantastic determination certificate for his achievements as did Tabitha for her passion at the crazy catch station!

A fabulous morning of activity. Thanks also to Mr Underwood for his assistance.

Letter/emails sent this week

- Scarlet Fever

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

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| 9 th December | - Tale Valley Choir 2.30 pm at Payhembury Church |
| 12 th December | - Christmas Play 5pm in the Village Hall |
| 13 th December | - Christmas Play 2 pm & 5 pm in the Village Hall |
| 14 th December | - Christmas Jumper Day / Phoenix theatre visit |
| 17 th December | - Kings School carol Service 7pm Ottery St Mary Church |
| 17 th December | - KS2 Christmas Party |
| 18 th December | - Christmas Lunch |
| 18 th December | - KS1 Christmas Party |
| 19 th December | - Carol Concert 5pm in the church, all welcome |

21 st December	- Last Day of Term
7 th January 2019	- First Day of the Spring Term
18 th - 22 nd Feb	- Half Term
5 th April	- Last Day of Term
23 rd April	- First Day of Term
27 th - 31 st May	- Half Term
3 rd June	- Non-Pupil Day
19 th July	- Last Day of Term
22 nd & 23 rd July	- Non-Pupil Days

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



It's Christmas C.A.F.E on Sunday in the Village Hall at 10:30, do join us. Coffee and Croissant available
A thought

God created this game of life; and only when we play it his way can we find meaning, purpose and happiness.
Lane Evans

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
