



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 21 – 8th March 2019
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The next few days

Monday 11th March -

Tuesday 12th March - Beech Class Tag Rugby @ Kings, 12.30pm - 3pm

Wednesday 13th March - Church, 9.15 am

Thursday 14th March - Year 5/6 Netball Premiership Finals 2.15pm @ Kings

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief, red nose day - non uniform day

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What a wet week. After all that lovely warm weather it has been a complete turnaround. Unfortunately, our Netball event at Kings had to be cancelled this week but I have been informed it has been re-scheduled for next Thursday.

This week I have shown three new families around the school interested in places, it is a real joy to be able let others see the amazing work that is taking place in our school. The children are focused and producing some really high-quality writing and maths. The topics in the classes are also so interesting the displays are looking fabulous.

The highlight of the week must be world book day yesterday. I can sympathise with parents that it is probably not their most favourite day (costume making!!) but the children love it. Thank you for supporting the event so well. I believe just about every child dressed up as a favourite character. I saw some amazing costumes, especially Max and Harry B who both choose to come as 'the boy in a dress'.

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the spelling Bee! You did an incredible job. Well done to Miss Stoneman (or should I call her *Gangsta Granny*!!) for co-ordinating the day. I hope the children enjoy using their book tokens.

Clubs started back this week and I am pleased to say Friday after school club has been a success even after one week. It's great to be able to offer 5 days after school care now. Please can I remind parents to plan ahead and inform the office if you need any before or after school care. Both clubs are really popular and we are often at capacity.

Next Tuesday Beech class are going to Kings for a Tag rugby event. There will be skills training and mini games taking place.

On Wednesday Brad Murray returns to continue his work alongside the staff to raise standards. His focus will be the work books and evidence around school of high-quality teaching and learning. Finally, the week ends with Red Nose day!! Another non uniform day, the children can come dressed in something red for a small donation for Red Nose day. I know there are other things planned.

So, to finish I wanted to bring you attention to the letter I sent out this morning regarding schools' finance. It is coming to the end of the financial year and we are in the process of preparing and setting our new budget for April 2019. Every year it becomes harder and harder, every school is feeling the pressure and we wanted to ensure parents have the full picture. Please take your time in reading it and please lobby the Secretary of State for Education if you can.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Class Pre-school - Elizabeth Reception - Otis

Ash Class Year 1 - William Year 2 - Oliver

Beech Class Year 3 - Tristan Year 4 - Max

Oak Class Year 5 - Sammy Year 6 - Charlie

Notices to Parents

Bikeability - Please can parents of children who took part in the bikeability/balance bikeability programme provide feedback via the link below. This helps with gaining funding for future programmes.

<https://www.traveldevon.info/cycle/cycle-training/schools/>

World book day - Thanks for your support and donations on World Book Day. We raised £47 for Book Aid International which will go towards sending new books to children and young people around the world.

Empty milk bottles required - Willow class are still in need of clean, empty plastic 4 pint milk bottles with lids please.

Letters sent home this week - Exmoor Challenge, Oak Class

Emails sent this week - School finance update email

Lost Property - A baby shoe with aeroplanes on it has been misplaced. If found please bring to the office.

2 gold bracelets have been handed in to the office. Please pop in if you think they might be yours.

A pedal has gone missing from one the bikes belonging to the bikeability team. If found please bring in to the office.

Comic Relief – On Friday March 15th Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school (with a hint of red!) in exchange for a £1 donation to Comic relief.



F.O.P.S

School Disco

Everyone who came along to the school disco last week seemed to have a brilliant time - some great dancing, fun & games (and that was just from the teachers!).

Thank you to Rob Elsom for his brilliant DJ-ing, and to all the children for keeping the dancing going. We must have beaten a world record for the biggest (and longest!) game of musical statues. An amazing total of **£323** was raised on the evening - what a great way to kick start our Grand Appeal for new laptops.

Thank you all for your support

Wild Area Clearing

Unfortunately our wild area clearing session was cancelled due to the weather last weekend. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for a re-scheduled date.

Easter Bingo

A reminder to put the date of our Easter Bingo in your diaries - Saturday 30th March. Doors open from 5pm (as well as the bar & food), with eyes down at 6pm. Marty will be our skillful Bingo caller once again, so it is guaranteed to be a great family night out.

Do come along and support it if you can

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

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| 12 th March 2019 | - TAG Rugby, Beech Class @ The Kings School |
| 14 th March 2019 | - East Devon Netball finals (Premiership Team) |
| 25 th March 2019 | - Orienteering, Beech Class @ Killerton |
| 19 th March 2019 | - Ash Class Space Odyssey visit |
| 30 th March 2019 | - Easter Bingo |
| 5 th April 2019 | - Last day of term |
| 23 rd April 2019 | - First day of term |
| 12 th May 2019 | - Wild area prune and clear up |
| 27 th - 31 st May 2019 | - Half term |
| 3 rd June 2019 | - Non pupil day |
| 15 th June 2019 | - Summer Fair |
| 19 th July 2019 | - Last day of term |

22nd & 23rd Jul 2019 - Non pupil days

2019/20 Academic Year

2nd-3rd September 2019 - Non pupil days
4th September 2019 - First day of term
21st - 28th October 2019 - Half term
29th October 2019 - Non pupil day
30th October 2019 - First day back after half term for pupils
20th December 2019 - Last day of term
6th January 2020 - First day of term
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
4th May 2020 - Bank Holiday
25th-29th May 2020 - Half term
1st - 2nd June 2020 - Non pupil days
22nd July 2020 - Last day of term

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



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On Sunday there will be C.A.F.E Church at 10:30' in the Village Hall; but come earlier for coffee and croissant. It will be good to see you.

A thought

Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

William A. War

Community News

PAYHEMBURY SPRING BULB AND FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2019

2.30-4.00 pm

The Bulb Show is now only three weeks away and spring is in the air. Have you got your schedule yet? If not, they are available from Payhembury Provisions.

For those new to the village, don't be fooled by the show's name as it's not just a flower show.

There are categories for cookery (including a men only class), handicrafts and for children too.

Why not have a look and take part in a Payhembury tradition that has been going for 57 years? I

remember the excitement when my children were small; they would spend hours making things and be desperate to see if they'd won. It's one of the best days of the year as it heralds the arrival of spring, the hall always looks an absolute picture and smells delicious too.

If your children are bored anytime, they could make a Mothering Sunday card, a Lego model or write a poem about Payhembury. Children are also allowed to enter the adult classes too; so they could decorate a matchbox, paint a pebble, make some origami or even go on a bug hunt and take a photo of an insect or spider.

I look forward to seeing you there. Any queries please feel free to email me

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Jane Wood

European Championships in Croatia in May

Hello, my name is **Roxy** and I am 10 years old. I have been doing tae kwon-do for 3 years and got my inspiration from my brother who is now a 2nd Dan black belt.

I am now a red belt (two belts away from black belt)! In every grading I have done, I have received an A pass and lots of grading awards, also student of the year awards.

I started competing as soon as I could as I wanted to win trophies!

In the last year I have won gold in:

- The World championships (I was also on the poster for this competition!)
- The English championships
- The Southern championships
- The Welsh championships
- The British championships

My last tournament was the South West championships, where I also won gold in three different categories. Team Sparring, individual patterns and team patterns.

I have been to many other competitions and have won nearly all of them. I have even beaten 14-year olds!

I have the opportunity to compete in the European championships in May 2019, which will be held in Croatia. I am asking companies to help me fund the trip that may lead to my Olympic dream. I'm looking to raise around £500 to help with the costs that include flights, accommodation and entry fees.

I have been fundraising and have managed to get £100 so far!

Do you of any companies that would like sponsor me, however big or small? In return I'll be sure to mention them in my thanks in the local press and social media.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you will consider my request.

Yours Sincerely,

Roxy

