



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 1 – 8th September 2017
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The next few days

Monday 11th September -
Tuesday 12th September - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
Wednesday 13th September -
Thursday 14th September -
Friday 15th September -

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely break in the summer.

It was an emotional day yesterday. Only on Wednesday morning did we receive the keys to the new modular building so it has been quite fraught over the last few days. I am sure you would agree though it looks amazing. I am sorry the external works around the school are still on-going but we did hit a few problems in the holidays that took a long time to sort through. It has probably left us about two to three weeks behind on the outside ground works. Willow Class has moved in and the room is better than I could have imagined. Beech class is only one week away from completion.

Once the builders have left the site and we get back to normal again I plan to have a proper opening of the classes and also open the school up for guided tours so that you can have a proper look around. Please bear with us over the next few weeks and I promise it will all be worth it. The outdoor shelter is being reinstated over the next week and we will then really be able to see the new Early Years and Key Stage 1 space.

As I watched the children tumble out of class yesterday afternoon it was so rewarding to see how happy they all looked. I am delighted to welcome a number of new children to Payhembury this term. Including pre-school, we have 99 children in our school. I really can't believe it. Possibly going to 100 pupils next week.

Curriculum letters informing you of the planned teaching topics and the long term planning map will be coming home next week. This week the teachers are focussing on understanding and sharing classroom expectations and routines. The teachers have been working hard on building an exciting curriculum for the children this year and I know we have a number of exciting trips planned.

As always I would like to remind you that I might not always be visible but I am here if you need me for anything. Please ask Mrs Lush to make an appointment or drop me an email if it's more convenient.

I heard bad weather is here to stay for a few days now but I hope you all have a good weekend regardless of the rain,

See you on Monday, Mrs Hammett

Notices to Parents

Uniform Order - If you require any school uniform (coats or sweatshirts) an order will be going in on Monday so please let the office know ASAP.

Letters sent home this week

- Primary Times
- Cross Country Challenge Run @ Kings letter (Yrs 3/4/5/6)
- This Girl Can Club @ Kings letter (Yrs 4/5/6 girls)
- Secondary School Letters for places in 2018 (Year 6)
- Piano consent forms (various children)

Dates for the Diary

2017/18 Academic Year

12 th September	- This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
18 th September	- Beech Class Talk to Parents 3.45 - 4.15pm - Oak Class Talk to Parents 4.20 - 4.50pm
19 th September	- Willow Class Talk to Parents 3.45 - 4.15pm - Ash Class Talk to Parents 4.20 - 4.50pm - This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
26 th September	- Wildlife Champions Conference @ Seaton Jurassic Beech Class - Cross Country Challenge @ Kings 4-5.30pm Yrs 3/4/5/6
23 rd -27 th October	- Half Term
7 th November	- This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
14 th November	- This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
15 th November	- School Photos
21 st November	- This Girl Can Club @ Kings 4-5pm
13 th December	- Theatre Trip
21 st December	- Last day of Term
8 th January	- First day of Term
12 th - 16 th Feb	- Half Term
29 th March	- Last day of Term
16 th April	- First day of Term
28 th May - 1 st June	- Half Term
4 th June	- Non-Pupil Day
24 th July	- End of Term

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



Welcome to the new school year.

On Sunday there will be a C.A.F,E Service, at 10:30 in the Parish Hall, a warm welcome to all.

A thought

Kindness is a warm breeze in a frigid climate; a radiant heart that melts the icebergs of fear, distrust and unhappiness.

William Arthur Ward