



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 13 – 9th December 2016

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The next few days

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| Monday 12 th December | - | Flu Jabs (years 1/2/3) am / End of term class parties pm |
| Tuesday 13 th December | - | |
| Wednesday 14 th December | - | Exeter Phoenix Theatre Trip am
Christmas Lunch 12.15pm |
| Thursday 15 th December | - | Carol Service 5.30pm in the Church |
| Friday 16 th December | - | Last Day of Term / Christmas Jumper Day
2.30pm Star of the Term Assembly for parents - Village Hall |

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils were able to take part in bikeability this week. It's been great to see the funding extended to include more children. At this initial stage the children just stay on the playground, developing their road traffic awareness. Once in Year 5 and 6 they move out onto the main roads.

The flu inoculations, which were cancelled last month, will now be carried out on Monday for Year 1-3 children who requested it. They are carried out by Boots on behalf of the NHS.

Next week we have something planned everyday apart from Tuesday. On Monday we have the end of term class parties so don't forget to bring your favourite party clothes/accessories to change into in the afternoon. On Wednesday we are going to the theatre with Awliscombe school to watch 'Ernie and the sea of ice' at the Phoenix Theatre in Exeter, followed by Christmas lunch when we return. On Thursday 15th December it is our special Christmas service in the Church. It will begin at 5.30pm and we will sing carols together and watch a nativity from the children. Please come along and bring family and friends too. And finally on Friday, the last day of term, it is Christmas Jumper Day so don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumper! All donations will go towards Save the Children. There will be a star of the term assembly for parents in the village hall at 2.30pm that afternoon and everyone is welcome.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend, I know the children are flagging now and need their holiday but we have one last fun packed week ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Nicholas Hayes-Lane Year 1 - Joshua Offer

Ash Class Year 2 - Samuel Rogers Year 3 - Oliver Burton

Oak Class Year 4 - Tom Stonex Year 5 - Grace Blackman Year 6 - Phoebe Boland-Davies

Notices to Parents

Admission to Primary & Junior Schools for 2017/2018 - the application facility for places in Primary & Junior Schools for the 2017/2018 academic year will open on **15th November 2016 and close at midnight on 15th January 2017**. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the on-line application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Applications **cannot** be made online after the closing date. Hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Breakfast and After school Clubs - Forms have been sent home this week to children who have previously attended the clubs. If you require any information regarding the clubs or require any additional forms please speak to Mrs Lush in the office. Please don't forget to fill in your booking forms for both breakfast and after school clubs. It is very important for us to know how many children we are catering for. Our breakfast club is very popular and we are almost at capacity so booking a place is going to be essential. Please give us at least 24 hours notice.

Clubs - Please note there are no clubs next week.

Theatre Trip - Wednesday 14th December - There are still several children who haven't returned their consent forms/payment for the trip next week. If you haven't please do so by Monday 12th December at the very latest.

Flu Vaccinations - The flu vaccinations for years 1/2/3 have now been re-arranged to Monday 12th December in the morning.

End of Term Party - The school will be having End of Term Class parties on Monday 12th December 2016. The children will be able to wear their party clothes after lunch on that day so please bring in a change of clothes.

School Photos - the school photos were sent home yesterday. If you have any problems with your orders please call Tempest Customer Service Department directly on 01736 751555.

Letters sent home this week

- School photos
- Breakfast Club & After school club forms for January 2017 (children who have previously attended the clubs)
- School Meals forms for KS2 children

Payhembury Church of England Primary School

Devon County Council is formally consulting on increasing places at Payhembury Church of England Primary School from 70 places to 105 places with effect from Spring 2017.

The Full Proposal is available to view on-line via: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/> - please select the 'Education and Schools' category.

The web page also details how responses can be sent to Devon County Council, as the decision-maker.

The deadline date for representations to be made is 5pm on Wednesday, 14 December 2016. If you do not have access to the web, please call the School Organisation Team on 01392 382057.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 9 th December | - Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall 3.30 - 5pm |
| 12 th December | - Flu vaccinations for years 1/2/3 at 10.30am
End of Term Class Parties 1.30pm
King's School Carol Service 7pm in Ottery St Mary Parish Church |
| 14 th December | - Exeter Phoenix Trip am followed by Christmas Lunch |
| 15 th December | - Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm start in the Church |
| 16 th December | - Last day of Term / Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children)
2.30 pm Star of the Term Assembly for parents |
| 3 rd January | - First day of Term |
| 15 th January | - Closing date for applications for Primary School Places |
| 13 th -17 th February | - Half Term |
| 31 st March | - Last day of Term |
| 18 th April | - First day of Term |
| 29 th -2 nd June | - Half Term |
| 5 th June | - Non-Pupil Day |
| 21 st July | - Last day of Term |

Pre-School

Don't forget to wear your Christmas clothes/accessories next week (every day your child attends school) and do come along to our Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 15th December, 5.30pm in the Church.

As you are aware there will be no Pre-school session on Wednesday 14th December due to the Theatre trip.

Governors

This half term seems to have been a busy one for governors' meetings, or perhaps it's just the last couple of weeks!

The Full Governing Body met on 30 November in Payhembury with in depth discussions on performance across the federation, an update on the planned building work at Payhembury, generic planning and preparation needed prior to OFSTED inspection, and updates on the school websites.

I also sit on the Teaching & Learning, and the Pay & Performance Committees both of which have also met in the past couple of weeks. Sam Pollard and I have been working together on a plan of action rising from the T&L committee to revitalise the two school websites and create a new Federation website – hopefully these should be active by the New Year. The P&P committee has the job of confirming the annual pay awards for staff, which having followed the due processes, we were happy to do. It's fulfilling to see the amount of work that goes in from staff and students across both schools, and satisfying as governors to be able to volunteer our time towards making sure that our Federation offers fantastic environments in which our children can grow together.

Lucy Williams

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be CAFÉ Service in the Parish Hall at 10;30 but do come earlier for coffee, croissant and a chat. Exciting Christmas activities for the children.



A thought:

Just as a sunbeam can't separate itself from the sun, and a wave can't separate itself from the ocean, we can't separate ourselves from one another. We are all part of a vast sea of love, one indivisible divine mind.

Marianne Williamson

F.O.P.S

Carol service – Thursday 15th December

There will be refreshments provided after the carol service in the Six Bells for everyone to enjoy. Please join us and help celebrate the children's performance.

FOPs

Community News

**WEST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
are urgently seeking....**

**Meal Time Assistant
to join our friendly and supportive team.**

This role is vital in ensuring our children enjoy positive lunchtimes.

Role to include:- Assisting children with meals
Supervising play activities
Liaising with teaching staff
Packing away equipment

Hours:- 12-1.15pm

Days:- Monday to Friday inclusive

(However flexibility on the number of days per week will be considered)

If you think you may be interested in the post (even on a part-time basis) and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 812599.