



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 20 – 9th February 2018
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The next few days

Saturday 9 th February	-	Wild Area clear up 2pm
Monday 12 th - 16 th February	-	Half Term Week
Monday 19 th February	-	Bikeability all week / Booster Club for Year 6
Tuesday 20 th February	-	
Wednesday 21 st February	-	Full Governor's Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
Thursday 22 nd February	-	Ash Class School Trip (8.15am - 5pm)
Friday 23 rd February	-	

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

This week the Governors finance committee meeting took place at Awliscombe on Wednesday. We spent time monitoring the school budgets and thinking ahead to April and the new budgets! This year the government have presented a new fairer formula for school budgets but, as usual, it is still significantly unfair and we are still having to manage with less funds than other authorities. Devon Headteachers, Governors and Devon County Council are fighting hard to show the government how short we are of funds. I will be sending further details regarding funding home for you to read and we ask that parents continue to lobby the local MP and counsellors to fight harder for fairer funding for our Devon Schools.

Tomorrow at 2pm we are having a Wild area clear up, if you can spare the time please come down and join us.

After half term, in the first week back, Bikeability will take place for Year 5. There will be a full governing body meeting on Wednesday 21st February and on Thursday 22nd Ash class will be joining Robins (Awliscombe Yr 1 and 2 class) on a school trip to Combe Martin on the hunt for dinosaurs! A busy start.

A date for your diaries - there will be an Easter Bingo event on Saturday 10th March from 5pm in the Parish Hall. On Friday 2nd March we will be having a "wear what you like" day for prize donations for the bingo event.

I hope you have a great week off and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.
With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School	- Letty Gower	Reception	- Sebastian Eaton
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Arwen Springall	Year 2	- Isla Burton
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- James Pitts	Year 4	- Sam Elsom
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Rose Kilbride	Year 6	- Toby Morris

Notices to Parents

Oak Class - Well done to the children for some outstanding frozen kingdom projects! Thank you to parents for your support with this important part of your child's educational progress.

Beech Class - Reminder that projects are due in on Monday 19th February after half term. Don't forget to return your trip forms and payment.

Ash Class - Ash Class trip will take place on the Thursday after half term. Your child will need to be in school by 8.15am on that day. Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission slips. If you haven't done so please return all trip forms along with payment.

Clubs - Booster club will start back on Monday 19th February. All other clubs will start back w/c 26th February 2018 (lists to follow after half term).

Bikeability - Bikeability will take place during the week after half term and will last all week. Don't forget to bring your bikes.

Letters sent home this week

- Hockey Festival @ Kings Letter (Oak Class)
- Ash Class Trip Letter
- Parent Interview Letters

Dates for the Diary

2017/18 Academic Year

10 th February	- Wild Area clear up 2pm
12 th - 16 th Feb	- Half Term
19 th - 23 rd Feb	- Bikeability for Years 5
21 st February	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
22 nd February	- Ash Class Trip to Combe Martin Wildlife & Dinosaur Park (8.15am start)
25 th February	- Wild Area clear up 11am
26 th February	- Parent's Evening
27 th February	- Parent's Evening / Beech Class Trip (6.45am - 6.30pm)
28 th February	- Parent's Evening
1 st March	- World Book Day
2 nd March	- Mufti Day (prizes for Easter Bingo)
6 th March	- Cross Country for Yrs 3-6 on King's Field 4-5.30pm
7 th March	- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
10 th March	- Easter Bingo from 5pm
12 th March	- Yrs 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Kings 12pm - 3pm
17 th March	- Bulb Show 2.30 - 4pm
27 th March	- Yrs 3/4 Orienteering @ Kilerton House 10am - 2.30pm
28 th March	- Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
29 th March	- Last day of Term
16 th April	- First day of Term
18 th April	- Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
2 nd May	- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
3 rd May	- Whole School Photo (approx. 11am)

- 16th May - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 28th May - 1st June - Half Term
- 4th June - Non-Pupil Day
- 6th June - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 12th - 15th June - Oak Class Residential Trip
- 20th June - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 4th July - Resources Committee Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
- 18th July - Full Governing Board Meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
- 24th July - End of Term

2018/19 Academic Year

- 3rd/4th September - Non-Pupil Days
- 5th September - First Day of Term
- 22nd - 26th October - Half Term
- 21st December - Last Day of Term
- 7th January 2019 - First Day of the Spring Term

Pre-School

Well done to all the children for continuing to build on their skills with such enthusiasm. Have a lovely half term.

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a C.A.F.E Service . Do join us. Lots of activities for the children and lively discussion for the grown ups, and Coffee and Croissant to tempt you to join us. A very warm welcome to all.

A thought:

I hope you will find a few folks who walk with God to also walk with you through the seasons of your life.

John Eldredge

F.O.P.S



FOPS NEWS

Firstly a date for the diary - we are organising an Easter Bingo on Saturday, 10th March. The bingo caller will be Marty, the local postman. Food will be served from 5pm, eyes down at 6pm? Full details will be available after half term.

Ground Force Day

It's our first ground force day tomorrow, starting at 2pm. We'll be concentrating on clearing the wild area in preparation for the children being able to use it later this year. Please do come along, armed with your toughest garden equipment if you can!

New Art Equipment

We're delighted to announce the school has just taken delivery of £700 worth of art equipment! Each classroom now has its own age-specific art equipment including watercolour, acrylic and poster paints as well as tubes of paint, mixing pallets and brushes, oil and soft pastels, charcoal, metallic paints, cutting knives and mats.

FOPS has paid for all of this equipment following the massive success of the Christmas Fair. Well done to everyone who was involved in the Christmas Fair, whether that be from spending your hard earned money, to donating gifts and prizes through to helping out on the day!

We are currently planning how to make the best use of the outdoors area behind Beech Class (it's surprisingly big!) and also how to update the Peace Garden. We'll let you know more about these plans as soon as we can.



Figure 1 – A small example of some of the art equipment for Beech Class

Community News

PAYHEMBURY SPRING BULB AND FLOWER SHOW 2018

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, this year the date of the show has got to be changed.

From Saturday 24th March to Saturday 17th March

The times remain the same; however, because of the new date entry forms must be handed in **before or by**

Saturday 10th March to

Di Somers, Pear Tree Cottage, Tale or take them to the shop on a Monday between 12 and 2 pm and Wednesday afternoon 2-5.30 pm

Louise Granger, 18 Markers Park, Payhembury

Jane Wood, 9 Hillside, Payhembury

We really hope that word will get out about the change of date so that it doesn't affect the Bulb Show or those entering, so if you know anyone that is entering please pass the word on. Thank you.

Any queries please feel free to phone me 01404 841843.

Jane Wood