



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

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The next few days

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| Monday 12 th June | - | Year 6 Moorland Trip 8.30am (coach departing at 8.45am)
Yrs 3/4 Quad Kids @ Kings 12.15pm - 3.30pm
Oak Class swimming pm |
| Tuesday 13 th June | - | |
| Wednesday 14 th June | - | School's Celebration Service @ Honiton 10.30 - 11.30
Willow/Ash Classes swimming pm
Quad Kids Final @ Kings leaving at 3pm (4-6pm) |
| Thursday 15 th June | - | Glee/Wild Area Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Friday 16 th June | - | DEADLINE for school photos |
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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a restful half term holiday. It's been a very damp return to school this week.

Firstly I would like to welcome Thomas and Lilly Knight to our school. They have recently moved to the village and started with us this week. Thomas has joined Year 1 and Lilly has joined Year 4. It's wonderful to see that the school is able to take more children from within the village. Currently we have 81 children on roll and we have a number of enquires and confirmation of children joining us in September too. I would also like to welcome Thomas Pratt who has started in our pre-school this week.

Just to confirm that in September our Pre-school will run four full days Mondays-Thursday each week. We are increasing our offer from 15 hours a week to 26 hours.

This week staff have received specific training on Attachment. We joined with Awliscombe staff and we focussed on the current guidance and best practice to support children with possible attachment issues.

Please can I remind parents that we have a nut free policy in place, please avoid nuts within the children's packed lunch boxes -thank you.

We have had two visitors to speak to the children this week. Firstly Becky Jacobs from Kings came and spoke to our leavers in readiness for September. This term we focus on careful preparation for their transfer to secondary school and secondly we had a visit from Emily Meek, a school Nurse (and our Chair of Governors) to deliver a talk on puberty to the year 5 and 6 children. If you are interested in knowing more please look at the following websites. Operation Ouch found on the BBC iPlayer (puberty special) and NHS choices. These will explain more about puberty.

Can I remind you that the children's photograph orders need to be returned to the office by Friday 16th June at the latest.

Next week the whole school is going to Honiton Church for our annual celebration service with Rev. Cate. We will meet other schools and our children will be presenting a drama scene within the service.

Also on Monday Year 6 are going to Dartmoor for the day with children from Awliscombe Year 6. They will be weaseling and climbing with the outdoor education company Reach Outdoors who we used for our residential trip last year. We also have years 3 and 4 children going to Kings to attend the Quad Kids event and there is a final for our mixed year 5 and 6 team on Wednesday after school also at Kings, 4-6pm which was postponed due to bad weather this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Henry Holding Year 1 - Tommy Knight

Ash Class Year 2 - Max Millett Year 3 - Matthew Currey

Oak Class Year 4 - Charlie Vincent Year 5 - Ellie Vincent Year 6 - Rosie Morris

Notices to Parents

Photographs - Envelopes for the class photos and Year 6 photos have been sent home this week. Please return all envelopes to school by **FRIDAY 16th JUNE 2017**. Unfortunately no orders will be accepted after this. If you don't make the deadline you will need to send your orders off yourself which will also incur a cost.

Year 6 - Year 6 children need to be in school at 8.30am on Monday 12th June. Don't forget a packed lunch, snack and drink plus suitable footwear and clothing. Bring along sun screen and a sun hat just in case!

Clubs - Clubs start back next week and reply slips have been sent home today. An additional clubs form has been sent home today for KS2 children for a craft club. This club won't start until Monday 19th June.

Trophies - Please can all trophies/shields awarded to the children at the end of last summer term be returned to the school office ASAP.

Lost Property -

Willow Class - Several children have lost their named school jumpers. Please can you all check your jumpers to see whether you have taken someone else's by mistake. Nicholas Lane has lost his swimming towel but acquired a blue M & S swimming towel (with crabs, a boat and a fish) after swimming this week.

Ash Class - Lily Paterson has lost a school jumper in Ash Class - please check to see if you have it by mistake.

Oak Class - Jessica Morris has lost a girl's swimming costume, aged 8 or 9, white/red with blue hearts. If you have taken this home by mistake please return to the office.

Please can everyone make sure they name ALL their school uniform/swimming kit.

Mealtime Assistant - We are looking for a meal time assistant to join our friendly and supportive team. This role is vital in ensuring our children enjoy positive lunchtimes. **Days:** Monday to Friday inclusive. **Hours:** 11.45am - 1pm. If you think you may be interested in the post and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 841291.

Swimming - Oak will be swimming on Monday afternoons and Ash/Willow Class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons. Please bring in a suitable swimming costume, a towel and goggles if required in a named bag. If your child has long hair please make sure they bring a swimming hat. Swimming hats are available to buy from the office at a cost of 35p.

Letters sent home this week

- This Girl Can form (girls years 4/5/6)
- Puberty Talk letter (years 5/6)
- Quad Kids Final Re-schedule - letter (various)
- Quad Kids Letter (Years 3/4)
- Class Photos & Year 6 photo - order and payment envelope
- Year 6 Dartmoor Trip Letter
- Oak Class Carleon Trip Letter
- Clubs Forms returned + additional clubs letter for KS2

New Build Project Update

It has certainly been a busy start to the build. Last week we had to stop work on site due to a potential find of Asbestos. After a thorough investigation we were given the all clear to continue and as the builders began to clear the site and prepare the grounds for the footings they came across an old well. We have now been able to navigate around that problem and I am glad to say that the footings were laid today.

Work on the other side of the road has begun and a new path is being used on a daily basis to access the playground by the children. Work on the outdoor shelter has started and the new Wernick's classroom will be delivered on the 24th July. First day of the holidays! A special track needs to be laid across the school playground to prevent damage and large pieces of machinery will be required to do the work. This can only take place on Friday 21st July. For that reason and on the grounds of health and safety I will have to close the school early on the last day of term. Children will be required to attend school from 8.50am to 12pm. I would ask that parents pick up at 12pm but I need the school site clear, specifically the playground and Willow by 12.30pm. The main site will be operational but the carpark and playground area will be full of builders. If this causes any personal issues for you please come and see me. I am always reluctant to change the timings of school but this is an exceptional circumstance. I hope you will understand my decision.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 12 th June | - Years 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics 12-3pm
- Year 6 Moorland Trip 8.30 - 3.30pm |
| 14 th June | - School's Celebration Service @ St. Pauls in Honiton am
- Quad Kid's Final Re-scheduled 4-6pm (coach leaving at 3pm)
Governor's Teaching & Learning Meeting 6pm @ Payhembury |
| 20 th June | - Yrs 5/6 Go Ride Cycling Event @ Kings 4.15 - 5.30pm |

21 st June	- Sports Day - packed lunches required
22 nd June	- Oak Class Trip, leave 8am, return 5pm approx.
23 rd June	- Reserve Day for Sports Day if cancelled on 21 st June
26 th June	- Multi Skills Years 1/2 @ Kings 1.15 - 3pm (coach leaving 12.45)
28 th June	- Year 6 Lifeskills - Donkey Sanctuary leaving 8.30am return by 1pm - Yr 5 OSM Cricket Club 10 - 2.30pm - Governor's Resources meeting 6pm @ Awliscombe
29 th June	- Year 6 Transition - King's Drama Group 11-12pm
5 th July	- Year 6 Transition afternoon Village Hall 1-30pm Full Governor's meeting 6pm @ Payhembury
6 th July	- Payhembury & Awliscombe Schools Performance at The Beehive, Honiton from 1pm
10 th - 14 th July	- Year 6 Transition week at The King's School
21 st July	- Last day of Term - School Closing at 12pm

2017/18 Academic Year

4/5/6 th September	- Non-Pupil Days
7 th September	- First day of Term for pupils
23 rd -27 th October	- Half Term
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
2 nd June	- Non-Pupil Day
24 th July	- End of Term

Pre-School

The Pre-schoolers have demonstrated some amazing acting skills this week by re-telling the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Why not ask them to tell you the story at home?

Early Years Funding

We have received an update with regards to Early Years funding and the roll out of the 30 hour entitlement. To receive the extended entitlement funding in September parents will have needed to apply directly to HMRC and be in receipt of the 11 digit code as soon as possible to allow the school to have registered all codes by 31st August 2017.

In order to do this you will need to carry out the following;

- Visit www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk
- Follow on-line instructions to register as a Gateway user – for this you will need proof of identity for which you can use passport details, payslip information or tax credit information.
- Once in receipt of your username for Gateway you will then be able to register your interest in the extended entitlement.
- You will then need to wait to receive an e-mail notification as to whether your request has been successful and a code will be issued
- This code will need to be given to the school office as soon as possible to allow for validation through Devon County Council by the date of 31st August 2017

Any codes not validated by 31st August 2017 will not be funded until January 2018.

With this in mind, please can I ask all parents to register at your earliest convenience and ensure that you have submitted the relevant codes to the school office by no later than Friday 14th July 2017. Should you have any problems or require any assistance please do not hesitate to speak to Vanessa Jarrett as she will be more than happy to help having completed the process already.

Mrs George

Governors

This week I am going to tell you more about how Key stage 2 writing is assessed for the children. The new curriculum identifies clear key learning statements about what the children must be able to demonstrate in independent writing. For a child to meet the expected level in writing they must meet every statement, we can no longer give a 'working at the expected' if it is a best fit. All writing assessment is completed as a teacher assessed level and evidence is found in the children's work books. However 25% of all schools each year have to be externally moderated (checked). This year Payhembury have been identified by the DfE as a school that will be externally moderated. On the 15th June for half a day an external moderator provided by Devon County Council will arrive in school and look through every work book of the year 6 children. We provide her with our assessment levels for our children and then she spends her time matching the children's books to the writing statements of the national curriculum. She can disagree with our levels and mark our children up or down in accordance to her opinion on our evidence provided. Moderation of this type can happen at foundation stage and Key stage 1. Last year both schools were moderated in the foundation stage and Payhembury were seen for Key stage 1. Next year I would definitely predict that Key stage 1 and 2 will be moderated in Awliscombe. Governors discuss the ongoing attainment of the children at every teaching and learning meeting. Findings from moderation will also be presented at full governors through the Headteacher's report.

Nick Bladon

Clerk to Governors

FORT Federation is looking to recruit a highly organised individual with a professional manner and effective interpersonal and communication skills to support the work of the dedicated governing body. Further details and an application form can be obtained by e-mailing:

senioradmin@fort.devon.sch.uk or details can be found on the federation website:

www.fort.devon.sch.uk

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a CAFÉ Service at 10:30 in the Parish Hall but come earlier for coffee and cake and a chat. A warm welcome to all.



A thought

To live the life Christ would have us live may not always add years to our lives; but it will always add life to our years.

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