



# PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
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## The next few days ....

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February -

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Oak Class Handball , 12.30 @ Kings

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Church, 9.15 am. Bikeability years 3 & 4

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Bikeability year 3

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February -

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## Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I am sorry we had to close last week for snow. It is one of my hardest decisions to make as I am generally making that decision from home. I rely on the weather forecast, advice from the Local County, Highways and Police. I have to speak to all members of staff between 6 and 7am to find out individual circumstances, to assess how many members of staff I can get into school safely.

I have to consider the staff pupil ratios to ensure I am within the legal limits, I also have to consider school lunches as they are cooked off site and delivered to each school. Once I have assessed all these facts I need to then communicate my decision to all families and not forgetting I am doing this for both schools at the same time. Thank you for your continued understanding and support, I know the decisions I make can have a real knock on effect for families and work. Hopefully we won't have too many more this year.

On Monday Beech class went to Kent's Cavern, Torquay. They had a fantastic time. Currently their topic is Tremors so the class is studying the way our land is formed over time and the impact changes in it can have on the planet and events around the world.

Brad Murray our Primary Advisor will be working with the senior leadership team on Tuesday and observing the teaching in the classrooms. He provides us with critical feedback so that we can keep improving our practice and to ensure your children are receiving the best possible teaching in school. Last week he went into Awliscombe which went well.

Next week we have a full governors meeting on Wednesday evening. I am hosting the Honiton Learning Community Head teachers meeting on Monday and on Friday we have Kids Café after school.

Best wishes,

Penny Hammett

## F.O.P.S

### School Disco

The date for the School Disco has changed. It will now be held on Thursday 28th February in the Village Hall. Further details to follow next week.

### Kidz Cafe

Kidz Cafe will run as normal next Friday (15th) 3.15 - 4 pm in the Village Hall. Drinks, cakes and fruit are available for donations and it's a good opportunity for a catch up and for the children to run round before heading home. If you haven't been before please do pop along.

We're trying something new this year as the proceeds from the Cafe will be given to the class hosting the Cafe. It's Ash classes turn this time and Miss Stoneman is all geared up ready to spend!

### Forthcoming events

Please note some other dates for your diary:

Wild area prune & clear up, Sunday 3rd March & Sunday 12th May  
Easter Bingo, Saturday 30th March  
Summer Fair, Saturday 15th June

Thank you for your continued support!

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

Willow Class Pre-school - Scarlett Reception - William

Ash Class Year 1 - Lochlan Year 2 - Matilda

Beech Class Year 3 - Elliot Year 4 - Harry

Oak Class Year 5 - Matthew Year 6 - George

### Star of the Week (last week) - Well Done To....

Willow Class Pre-school - Dominic Reception - Henrietta

Ash Class Year 1 - Lola Year 2 - Erin

Beech Class Year 3 - Daisy Year 4 - Samuel

Oak Class Year 5 - Amaya Year 6 - Maddie

## Notices to Parents

**Beech Class trip to Kents Cavern** - On Monday Beech class visited Kent's Cavern. We all had a fantastic time finding out about the history of the cave and how it was formed. As well as having a tour of the cave we also looked at many different artefacts that were found in the cave. We are now using all this information to help us further understand what the Earth was like thousands of years ago.



**Sports news** - Last week saw all children from Ash, Beech and Oak taking part in their first monthly heart fitness challenge.

Each class jogged/ran continuously for either 6, 8 or 10 mins and they recorded their total laps to help show them what their current heart fitness level is.

It was also a great way to help Oak link their recent work on the heart into what is happening during exercise.

It was lovely to see all children really trying their hardest to maintain a constant pace and to show great perseverance in not stopping.

This monthly challenge ties in with the classes being 'Active Everyday' and it is hoped that it will show the children's heart fitness (stamina/endurance) is improving.

Mrs Hammett came out to show great support and pride in what the children were achieving - perhaps next month we can encourage her to have her trainers!

Unfortunately we were all so busy encouraging everyone that we forgot to take photographs! Look out for some next month.

This week has been a busy week in school again for 'Being Active' but it's actually lovely to say that this is not unusual. The children and staff are all putting great efforts into ensuring everyone is being active at break times, lunchtimes, during learning time and after school. Here are a couple of snap shots:



Active Playgrounds - the sports crew are doing a great job of engaging children in fun games that help with exercise and friendships 😊



Daily Activity - Oak class are spotted doing their 'Active Everyday' exercise 😊

Sports Club - This half term the children have been developing their Badminton skills. For some this was a completely new skill to master, while for others they came already equipped with good knowledge and ability. It's been a fabulous 4 weeks watching them progress their movement skills, racket strokes and tactics. Great matches to finish this week 😊

Reminder - No clubs next week or the first week after half term

**Activity Clubs** - A reminder to parents and carers that activity clubs will not run next week and will start again the second week back after half term. Club selection forms for the second half of Spring term will be emailed next week.

**Holiday Club** - Hippos Holiday Club will be running from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February at Honiton Primary School. We offer a variety of sports, games and crafts from 8.00 am to 4.30pm for £15.00. (£8.00 for morning only). Please see our website at [www.honitonprimary.co.uk/holiday-club/](http://www.honitonprimary.co.uk/holiday-club/) for more information, or ring us on 01404 548700. Children aged 5-11 from all schools in the area are welcome, and we accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

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

**Letters sent home this week and last**

- Bikeability letters for Reception and Years 3 & 4
- School arrival time letter
- Willow Class topic letter
- Oak Class exhibition letter

## Dates for the Diary

### **2018/19 Academic Year**

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019                    | - PAW Cup premier Netball team vs Awliscombe    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019                    | - Handball, Oak Class @ The Kings School        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019                    | - Kidz Café 3.15 - 4.00 in the Village Hall     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2019 | - Half term                                     |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019                    | - PAW Cup Tag Rugby, Beech class                |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019                    | - East Devon Quicksticks Hockey tournament, Oak |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March                        | - Wild area prune and clear up                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019                   | - East Devon Netball finals (Premiership Team)  |

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019                  | - TAG Rugby, Beech Class @ The Kings School |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019                  | - Orienteering, Beech Class @ Killerton     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March                       | - Easter Bingo                              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019                   | - Last day of term                          |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019                  | - First day of term                         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May                         | - Wild area prune and clear up              |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019 | - Half term                                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019                    | - Non pupil day                             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> June                        | - Summer Fair                               |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019                   | - Last day of term                          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul 2019 | - Non pupil days                            |

### **2019/20 Academic Year**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019  | - Non pupil days                            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019                   | - First day of term                         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 | - Half term                                 |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2019                    | - Non pupil day                             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2019                    | - First day back after half term for pupils |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019                   | - Last day of term                          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020                     | - First day of term                         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020 | - Half term                                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020                      | - Last day of term                          |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020                      | - Bank Holiday                              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020                      | - First day of term                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020                         | - Bank Holiday                              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020      | - Half term                                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020      | - Non pupil days                            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020                       | - Last day of term                          |

### **News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury**



On Sunday it is C.A.F.E Service in the Village Hall. We start at 10:30 but do come earlier for Coffee and Croissant. You will receive a very warm welcome.

A thought: Doubt makes the mountain which faith can move. Unknown.

KIDS MATTER - Join us to chat about how to build strong families and help kids do their best in life. A friendly meet-up for anyone with children aged 0 - 10 years. For more information please talk to Nicola Hart or Penny Hammett

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## Music Club

Mondays 3.30 – 4.30

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Singing, playing games, percussion instruments, listening to music and having fun!

Plus, an opportunity to perform in a concert on February 9<sup>th</sup> at The Beehive

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