



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 7 – 2nd November
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The next few days

Monday 5th November -
Tuesday 6th November -
Wednesday 7th November - Church Service 9.15 all welcome
Thursday 8th November -
Friday 9th November -

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents

I would like to start with a big warm welcome to Emily Pitts who has started full time as our school administrator. It has been a busy week but I know that we are all glad to see her in the office.

Our main focus has been Art week. I have seen a lot of paint and many overalls this week. All through the week the children have enjoyed the activities planned and it has felt really light and cheerful in school. I can't wait to see the work produced by the children. I taught Oak class yesterday and I am pleased to say I managed to get some glitter into the art lesson!!

We sent a small group of children to try a new activity this week, a cycling event held at Bicton on Wednesday. Here is a quick summary I received from Mrs Moran.

Wow! What an experience for the children.

4 girls from Awliscombe joined 4 boys from Payhembury to make the first combined Fort Federation cycling team!

We headed off to Bicton College on a beautifully bright and sunny but slightly chilly October day.

Lots of excitement and questions about the event was evident in the journey over. Once we arrived there was still some excitement but also a few nerves and trepidation when we saw the bikes and challenging course.

All children firstly took part in the speed time trial where they were set off at 20 second intervals to complete one lap (approx.500m) of the windy, bumpy and hilly course as fast as possible.

The children were then placed in ranked races for the scoring section of the afternoon.

Everyone had to complete an endurance race using the same challenging course but this time they had to keep going and going and going... How many laps could they complete in the 10 mins!

There was an extraordinary amount of determination and self-belief on display and everyone kept going to give the team the best result they could.

There were 8 teams taking part and the Fort Federation team came a very creditable 5th place - very impressive for the first time of entering.

The children were incredibly supportive of each other and should feel proud of their achievements.

Thanks also to Mrs Paul for accompanying and supporting everyone with so much enthusiasm and pride. Well done to all the children who took part.

The children's Christmas card designs were sent home this week and they were all stunning. If you think you have missed the deadline don't panic. The FOPS team are packaging them all up on Monday morning so if you drop them in with the money first thing on Monday morning it won't be too late.

Please could we remind you of two sports club opportunities sent home by letter before half term.

This Girl Can and Active Autumn are running at The Kings School and as part of the Ottery School Sports Partnership are free to attend for children in Yr4/5/6

This Girl Can has started but girls can still join. It runs on Tuesdays at Colin Tooze Sports Centre 4-5pm

Active Autumn starts on Monday 12th November 4-5pm again at Colin Tooze.

Signing on to the clubs is directly through Jude Kiely (jkiely@thekings.devon.sch.uk) or by calling The Kings School (01404 812982).

It seems a quiet week ahead but we will soon be into Christmas practicing in preparation for the busy few weeks towards the end. Please take note of the dates planned for Christmas shows .

This year we are trying something different. Instead of the barn (we try to give poor Rob Leach a break from all the fuss every other year) we are hoping to use the village Hall. For a production where we need the children to move around and the whole school is involved the church has just become too small at the front. We still intend to have a school carol concert in the church but our Nativity performance will now take place in the village Hall. We have decided to have three performances over two days. We will ticket each performance to ensure everyone has a seat. Our aim is to ensure all families have a chance to see the performance in relative comfort. We don't intend to sell the tickets and of course there will be enough for grandparents too. More details will follow closer the time.

I hope you have a super weekend, it does forecast rain but fingers crossed it stays fine for the weekend.

With best wishes,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-school - Marley Ashworth	Reception - Ella Maine
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 - William Gibbins	Year 2 - Nicholas Hayes-Lane
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 - Elliot Brainch	Year 4 - Maya Mayne
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 - Harriet Mullin	Year 6 - Silvester McFadden

Notices to Parents

Art week - _Fort Federation and the Thelma Hulbert Gallery.

We were visited this week by Anna Aroussi from the Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton as part of Arts Week. Your child will have brought home a leaflet from the gallery. The purpose of the leaflet is to encourage our children and families to use the wonderful (and free!) facilities at East Devon's only public art gallery. If your child visits the gallery with their leaflet then they will get a stamp. They can exchange this stamp for a merit and five family group points back at school. We hope that you and your children take advantage of the excellent learning opportunities and beautiful art to see at the gallery www.thelmahulbert.com

After School Club - Starting from next week after school club will be in Beech until further notice.

Go Ride Cycling - Wow! What an experience for the children. 4 girls from Awliscombe joined 4 boys from Payhembury to make the first combined Fort Federation cycling team!

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Shoe collection - Do you have any children's shoes that you no longer need? If so, please pass them to Kate Duggan so they can find a new home!

There are 300 million children in the world in desperate need of shoes. Going barefoot makes children extremely vulnerable to infection by parasites, such as hookworm, as well as increasing the chance of injury and infection. In many cases, not having shoes means a child is not allowed to attend school.

Sal's Shoes distributes shoes to children who need them. I'm collecting shoes for them so please pass me any you have by 20th November!

Shoes need to be:

Accompanied by a £1 donation towards the charity's cost

- Attached in pairs by rubber bands
- Have plenty of life left in them (eg no holes)
- Have laces if they need them
- Have had a quick clean
- Be child appropriate (no high heels)

More details about the charity can be found here: www.salsshoes.com/

The charity only accepts shoes a couple of times a year so I will need any shoes by 20th November. Please pass them to me at school or drop them to me at 4 Hillside, Payhembury.

Thanks!

Kate Duggan

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

7 th November	- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 6pm @Awliscombe
9 th November	- Remembrance Service
13 th November	- School Photos, 1.15p.m.
1 st December	- Christmas Faye
13 th December	- Christmas Play
14 th December	- Christmas Jumper Day / Phoenix theatre visit
17 th December	- KS2 Christmas Party
21 st December	- Last Day of Term
7 th January 2019	- First Day of the Spring Term
18 th - 22 nd Feb	- Half Term
5 th April	- Last Day of Term
23 rd April	- First Day of Term
27 th - 31 st May	- Half Term
3 rd June	- Non-Pupil Day
19 th July	- Last Day of Term
22 nd & 23 rd July	- Non-Pupil Days

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



F.O.P.S



Christmas Cards

You will all have received your child's work of Christmas art earlier this week. **In order to get the cards in time to send out for Christmas, we need any orders you want to place as soon as possible, and by the morning of Monday 5th November at the very latest please.** Hand your orders into the school office (all cheques made payable to Devon County Council).

Christmas Fair

We are looking for traders who may be interested in having a stall at our Christmas Fair, taking place on Saturday 1st December. If you know of any potential stall holders, please let George or Anita know and FOPS can get in touch with them.

Community News

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

