



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 11 – 30th November 2018
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The next few days

Monday 3rd December -

Tuesday 4th December -

Wednesday 5th December -

Thursday 6th December - Oak class new teacher meeting, 3.30 pm in Oak class

Friday 7th December - PAW Cup, years 3 & 4, Parish Hall 1.30pm

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents

Last week Oak Class took part in the Learning Community Indoor Athletics event at The Kings School. 2 teams of girls and boys took part in events such as Chest Push and Standing Long Jump and lots of running! There were some great individual efforts but most importantly the children worked well as a team to encourage everyone to do their best as the final results are given on the best whole team achievements. The results should be with us next week. Fingers crossed!

This week began with a Health and Safety audit. It wasn't the most exciting of days but it is essential that we have clear risk assessments, policies and practice in place. As a result of the audit a set of recommendations will be provided and this forms the basis for an action plan to move forward. I am pleased to say it went well, with no particular issues.

Brad Murray our external Primary advisor worked with us on Wednesday. His role is to give an external view on our standards and to ensure we are providing the best possible education to the children. His role is also to scrutinize our school data, observe our teachers and this week he carried out child-led conferencing. His feedback helps us to self-reflect and make improvements. He also carried out my performance management. Annually the governors and an external officer have to scrutinise my performance as the Headteacher setting some targets and then reviewing them in light of the evidence I provide. It is a detailed piece of work but I am grateful to the Governors for their support and professional challenge.

Today we sent 8 children from Oak class to a great event at Kings called 'Ability counts' where they have had the opportunity to try indoor curling and boules. More on this next week.

Our Christmas Nativity is going to be slightly different to previous years. The village hall will host three performances of the play over a couple of days. The hall has a restriction on numbers due to fire regulations so we are only able to accommodate 96 seats per performance. For that reason we have allocated up to four tickets per family per performance. Please make sure you plan ahead as I would be sad if anyone missed a performance as they didn't have a ticket. Please can I remind parents that there won't be space for pushchairs or buggies. Please come to the office to pick up your free tickets.

Mrs Moran is organising another tournament between Awliscombe and Payhembury, it is called the PAW Cup. A group of year 3 and 4 children will take part in an indoor sports event including curling and boules. I'll tell you the results next week.

Finally I hope to see you all at the Christmas Fair tomorrow night, I know FOPS have been working relentlessly all week in preparation and Father Christmas is definitely coming along too. It starts at 4pm and the children will be singing carols at 5pm. The children have made some wonderful Christmas gifts. I am especially excited about the garland of sprouts made by Ash class, I definitely want some hanging from my windows!

Best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

F.O.P.S

Christmas Fair - this Saturday, 1st December. 4pm - 6.30pm.

Come along tomorrow afternoon and support our school's Christmas Fair. There will be lots to entertain the whole family - and plenty of ways to support our school. Start your Christmas preparations & celebrations here!

Thank you all for your generous donations towards the stalls - we have had a great response, so there will be a lot of fun & games to be had.

Last minute reminders!

The fair starts from 4pm.

The children will be singing at 5.00pm. The school choir is going to lead the singing with 3 songs, and then the whole school will perform some traditional Christmas songs. All children are encouraged to join in the singing - the more the merrier!

If you haven't booked your child's Father Christmas slot yet - don't panic! You will be able to book tomorrow afternoon, but ensure you see Father Christmas' elves (Gemma & Monica) in Willow Class as soon as you arrive to try & get the slot that suits you best.

A final reminder for cakes please! If you could deliver any donations to the Village Hall kitchen from midday tomorrow, or bring them with you to the fair, we would be very grateful.

Thank you all - let's try & raise as much as we can for new books for the school.

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

Willow Class Pre-school - Amber Wilson **Reception** - Isla Palmer
Ash Class **Year 1** - Jayden Rand **Year 2** - Ella Lusby
Beech Class **Year 3** - Tommy Knight **Year 4** - Elliot Allen
Oak Class **Year 5** - Sammy Hart **Year 6** - Marcus Wilkinson

Notices to Parents

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Tale Valley Choir - On Sunday 9th December Tale Valley Choir will be at Payhembury Church at 2.30 pm. Tickets are £5 on the door (under 16's are free) Please see attached poster for more information.

Christmas Play - A reminder to all that the Christmas play will be in the Village Hall this year. Performances will be on Wednesday 12th December at 5 p.m, and Thursday 13th December at 2 p.m and 5 p.m Tickets will be available from the office as of next Monday

The Kings School Carol Service - The staff and Students at Kings School invite you to join them for their annual Christmas Carol Service at Ottery St. Mary Church on Monday 17th December at 7pm. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Kooth.

Phoenix Theatre Trip - Please can those yet to return slips and payment for this year's theatre trip please do so as soon as possible.

Christmas Lunch - Please ensure payment (If applicable) and order slips are returned to the office by Friday 7th December.

Hippo's Holiday Club - Hippos Holiday Club will be running from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th January 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/ for more information, or ring us on 01404 548700. Children from all schools in the area are welcome, and we accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

Lost Glasses - If anyone is missing a pair of blue Specsavers glasses we have some in the office which may well be yours.

Christmas Play - Ticket's will be available from the office next week.

Letter/emails sent this week

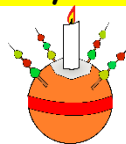
- Christmas Lunch
- Teacher meeting (Oak Class)
- New School Routine Letter (Willow Class)

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

1 st December	- Christmas Fayre 4pm - 6.30 pm in the Village Hall
9 th December	- Tale Valley Choir 2.30 pm at Payhembury Church
12 th December	- Christmas Play 5pm in the Village Hall
13 th December	- Christmas Play 2 pm & 5 pm in the Village Hall
14 th December	- Christmas Jumper Day / Phoenix theatre visit
17 th December	- Kings School carol Service 7pm Ottery St Mary Church
17 th December	- KS2 Christmas Party
18 th December	- Christmas Lunch
18 th December	- KS1 Christmas Party
19 th December	- Carol Concert 5pm in the church, all welcome
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



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On Sunday there will be our Christingle Service at 3:00 . All are welcome, a wonderful way to start the Christmas Season. Service followed by tea and cakes.

We'd love you to join us for our....

Christingle Service

At St Mary's Church,
Payhembury

Sunday 2nd
December at
3pm

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and cake

A thought:

The world is a looking glass and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face.

William Makepeace Thackeray

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
