



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 15 – 11th January 2019
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The next few days

Monday 14th January -

Tuesday 15th January -

Wednesday 16th January - Church 9.15 am

Thursday 17th January -

Friday 18th January -

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. It was great to see all the children again; I think they have struggled this week, a bit of a shock getting back into the routine.

It has been a quiet start but we have welcomed a new pupil to our Pre-school. Can I remind any families yet to apply for a place in school for September Reception class needs to complete their application before Tuesday which is the closing date.

We also had a visit from the fire Services who delivered a safety talk to the children about their homes and keeping safe. The fire person told all the children to check their fire alarms regularly at home so if they mention it you will understand where it comes from.



Today, Ash Class set fire to the Tudor houses they had been building before Christmas for their topic work. Oak and Willow class came to learn about the Great Fire of London before Miss Stoneman set them on fire. They sang 'London's Burning' while the fire spread from one house to the next. They couldn't believe how fast the houses burnt down! It really helped with the children's understanding of the Great Fire. Our visit from the fire services yesterday also taught the children the importance of fire safety. Well done Ash Class!

Next week we have a teaching and learning governors meeting and Mr Bladon and Mrs Palmer will be away for two days on essential safeguarding training.

Clubs start next week, thank you to all the staff who give up their own time to deliver the club sessions.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Penny Hammett

F.O.P.S

Happy New Year from FOPS!

We had a hugely successful Autumn term of fundraising and activity, so thank you all for your time given, efforts made and of course hard earned cash parted with! Below is a short summary of what was achieved & help provided to the school between September and December 2018:

The Beech Class Shelter was built from scratch by a small group of dedicated Dads, providing a superb resource for outdoor learning when the warmer weather arrives.

The organising of a hugely successful Christmas Fair. Record funds raised bringing in over £1,700 (including sales of Christmas cards organised by FOPS).

Helping to co-ordinate children for the school photos and manning the book fair;

Hosting a 'meet new parents event';

Helping to sort the school library (on-going)

Providing refreshments at the school's nativity plays

Organising a film night for the children

Hosting Kids Café each half term

Helping to serve the School Christmas dinners.

FOPS was also in receipt of a generous donation from Payhembury Provisions, which was spent on new guided reading books.

We are now looking forward to a busy & successful Spring term, and as always, welcome anybody and everybody who wishes to become involved - the more the merrier!

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

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-school - Kitty Howgill	Reception - Isla Palmer
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 - Annabel Millett	Year 2 - Harvey Rand
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 - Theo Hammond	Year 4 - Freddy Brauer
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 - Harriet Mullin	Year 6 - Oliver Johnson - Hugill

Notices to Parents

School Activity Clubs - Confirmation of places for after school activity clubs have been sent and clubs will start next week.

Lost property - Samuel Rogers in Beech has lost a school jumper age 9-11. Please return to the office if found.

Letters sent home this week - Oak class maths club letter

Dates for the Diary

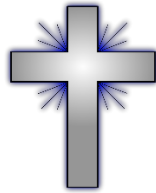
2018/19 Academic Year

18 th - 22 nd Feb 2019	- Half term
5 th April 2019	- Last day of term
23 rd April 2019	- First day of term
27 th - 31 st May 2019	- Half term
3 rd June 2019	- Non pupil day
19 th July 2019	- Last day of term
22 nd & 23 rd Jul 2019	- Non pupil days

2019/20 Academic Year

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

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury



A very Happy New Year to you all.

On Sunday there will be C.A.F.E Service. We meet in The Parish Hall at 10:15 for a chat, coffee and croissant. The Service begins at 10:30.

The children spend their time having fun activities and parents have a quieter more reflective time. If you would like to join us, we would love to welcome you.

A thought:

A little Swedish girl was walking with her father one night under the starry sky, intently meditating on the glories of heaven. At last, looking up to the sky, she said, "Father, I have been thinking that if the wrong side of heaven is so beautiful, what will the right side be?"

Unknown

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

musicseeds



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 9th at The Beehive

Contact Leah for more details:

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