



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

19th March 2021

01404 841291 Website: www.fort.devon.sch.uk

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week, it's been fun in school and it's great to be able to write about something other than COVID.

The week started with bikeability for Beech class. We are very lucky that Steph Houghton, our trainer has been able to start again with the cycle training. We are fortunate enough to have scheduled bikeability for our children throughout the year. It is definitely a vital set of skills to understand the highway code and to be able to confidently and safely use the roads to cycle on. Thank you to all the parents who managed to get the bikes to school for Monday morning. I know that not always the easiest task.

With the national census quickly approaching, Oak class had a TEAMS meeting with a local government officer who is co-ordinating the census for Torbay. He gave a presentation about the importance of a census and how the data collected helps the government and county councils to understand and build a plan for all the needs of our nation over the next 10 years.

And today the children, sorry - our Superheros, had a wonderful Red Nose Day. Watching 110 Superheros demonstrating their own personal talents on the playground is something to behold. Again, thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Next week has a few things in the diary. Vision screening for Willow will take place on Thursday afternoon and we have a new cricket event on Wednesday. 'Chance to Shine' cricket aims at giving every pupil the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. Ash, Beech and Oak will all take part in their own cricket session on Wednesday. If you would like to know more, please check out the website. <https://www.chancetoshine.org/>

The government has released another paper for parents. Please follow the link to read the guidance. I have included a selection of guidance aimed at parents and families onto the school website under the COVID tab. Gov.uk is updating on a daily basis but I will try to add to the list once a week.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

With regards,

Mrs Penny Hammett
Executive headteacher

★ Star of the Week - Well Done To....

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-School	Joseph	Year R	- Georgina
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1	- Dominic	Year 2	- Henrietta
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3	- Heidi	Year 4	- Olive
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5	- Jodie	Year 6	- Freddy

Information Sent Home

Red Nose Day: All Parents

Music Lessons: Parents of Year 2, Parents of Year 3, Parents of Year 4, Parents of Year 5

Bug Club: Parents of Willow Class

News from School

A big **thank you** to all the families who have already made online donations for Red Nose Day 2021 and the amazing outfits from both teachers and children!

Don't forget you can still make your donation via our school link until 26th March 2021. All the money goes directly to Comic Relief and you can also Gift Aid your contribution:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2957>



Mr Bladon

News from Fops

Raising much needed funds for the school during lockdown is a real challenge, so we really hope you are all able to support our Family Easter Trail over the school holidays.



We are focused on raising funds to invest in the School's Wild Area, which will provide many more opportunities for outdoor learning during the summer term.

Good Luck - the winning family receives a fabulous Easter Hamper!

Dates for the Diary

SPRING TERM:

Wednesday 24th March 2021 - Chance to Shine Cricket (Ash, Beech and Oak)

Thursday 25th March 2021 - Reception Vision Screening

Thursday 1st April 2021 - Last day of term for pupils

SUMMER TERM:

Monday 19th April 2021 - First day of term for pupils

Monday 3rd May 2021 - Bank Holiday

31st May to 4th June 2021 - Half term

Monday 7th June 2021 - Non pupil day

Friday 23rd July 2021 - Last day of term for pupils