



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 16 – 13th January 2017

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The next few days

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| Monday 16 th January | - | Booster Club 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Tuesday 17 th January | - | School Sports Crew Training Part 2 @ King's School 4-5.30pm |
| Wednesday 18 th January | - | Scratch Club 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Thursday 19 th January | - | Change of Menu today / FOPS meeting @ School 3.40pm Glee & Construction Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Friday 20 th January | - | |

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

I know not everyone will agree with me but I was really hoping for snow this week. The children really deserve to get to play in the snow and they have been on full alert each day that it might come by the end of the week. So this morning when I pulled back the curtains to discover no snow I was quite sad. I don't want a lot but I would love the children to get a chance to explore the excitement snow brings. For some of our youngest it would be their first time.

We are currently building a new website for our federation. It is a vital part of the schools way to communicate with the wider world but it takes a long time to construct. I am very grateful to governors for spending many hours assisting in the new site. I believe we will be swapping over to the new one soon simply because it is difficult maintaining four sites. However we will still be tweaking and improving the new one for some time. Our aim is to have a main page for the federation that will allow you to pick a school specific website; it will be easier for parents and visitors to the site to see the two schools alongside one another. I will keep you informed of the progress we are making.

Head lice are back! Can I please ask that everyone checks their hair this weekend? We have had two classes with head lice this week. The only way to get rid of them is for us all to check and treat at the same time. They are really resistant to the medication lotions but if you continue to use conditioner for at least a week you will win the battle.

I would like to inform every one of the approaching disco booked for 10th February at Payhembury Parish hall. Last year FOPS organised a disco for the two schools so this year Awliscombe PTFA are organising the disco. Our Parish hall is an ideal location for the disco so we decided to keep it here. All children, Year 6 and under are welcome. Parents can opt to stay or leave the children at the disco. There will be refreshments to cater for everyone. I know the children love a disco and it is great to get the two schools together again. It will start at 6pm, finishing at 8pm.

Just a reminder to say clubs begin again next week.

We are sending a letter home to explain a new project we are hoping you will get involved with. We are taking part in Readathon. It is a fund raising opportunity to support our local children's hospital. We will receive 20% of the money raised as vouchers to buy books for the library and the

rest will go to buy new books for children in hospital. There is a super website which is worth a visit; it has video clips and resources to support your reading adventure.

All our staff went to Honiton Hospital on Thursday evening for their staff training. The focus was on speech and language therapy and different strategies that can be used to support learners in the classroom. I thought it would be of interest to know that we meet weekly to focus on continuous professional development. We look at all different aspects of teaching and learning.

On Wednesday we had a visit from Julie Paddick, Early Years advisor, to monitor and support our current Early Year's provision. It was a really useful day. Julie was very impressed with the huge progress being made in Willow. The learning environment inside and out is outstanding and the children are clearly very happy and making real progress. Well done to Mrs Palmer and her team. Mrs George and the preschool looked like they have always been part of the class and it's a joy to see.

Next Thursday is a census day. Our funding for school meals will be worked out based on the number of children on universal school meals (reception , year 1 and year 2) taken up on the 19th. It seems a very strange way to work out the funding but it means so much to our school to receive the full funding possible. I would request everyone eligible to a school dinner take one on that day. I know they have changed the menu to make it even more appealing. Thank you in advance for your support.

Also next Thursday there is a FOPS meeting in school at 3.45pm. Everyone is welcome so please come along and give your support.

Other than that it seems it will be a very quiet week next week. I have heard another cold snap is on its way so fingers crossed we have a sprinkling of snow sometime.

Finally it's great to see Mrs Foulds back today. It has been very quiet this week while she has been poorly. I know the breakfast club and after school club have really missed her.

Have a lovely weekend.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

Willow Reception - Nicholas Hayes-Lane Year 1 - Alice Brauer

Ash Class Year 2 - Freddy Brauer Year 3 - Matthew Currey

Oak Class Year 4 - Marcus Wilkinson Year 5 - Ellie Vincent Year 6 Sam Bentley

Notices to Parents

Admission to Primary & Junior Schools for 2017/2018 - the application facility for places in Primary & Junior Schools for the 2017/2018 academic year will **close at midnight on 15th January 2017**. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the on-line application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline Applications **cannot** be made online after the closing date. Hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

School Meals - Change of Menu - On Thursday 19th January there will be a "Fairytale" Menu. This will consist of M: Three Little Pigs (sausages) or V: Cinderella's Carriage (cheese wheels) or JP: Jack's magic beans (jacket potato with baked beans) served with **The Princess and the Pea** (garden peas) **Pinocchio's potatoes** (potato wedges) or **Goldilocks** (pasta spirals) and **Red Riding Hood sauce** (tomato ketchup). This will be followed by **Tinker Bell's Fairy Dust Cake** (sponge cake with sprinkles), fruit or yoghurt. If you would like a meal on this day but haven't ordered one please let the office know.

Clubs -Clubs will start back next week. Forms have been returned home today confirming places on each club.

Data Collection Information - If you haven't returned your forms please do so on Monday. Please make sure they are all signed and dated. Many thanks.

Readathon - This is the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. Information regarding the Readathon Sponsored Read has been sent home today. This includes a letter, a sponsorship card and a bookmark. Please note the deadline for sending in your sponsorship money is Friday 24th March 2017. Alternatively you can pay on line at www.readathon.org/sponsor.

Letters sent home this week

- Data Collection forms
- Clubs forms
- Uniform Letter from Kings (Year 6 children)
- Readathon Letter, sponsorship card and bookmark (Yrs 1-6)

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 15 th January | - Closing date for applications for Primary School Places |
| 17 th January | - School Sports Crew Training Part 2 @ King's School 4-5.30pm |
| 19 th January | - FOPS meeting @ school 3.40pm |
| 6 th February | - Yrs 5/6 Hockey @ Kings 12-3pm |
| 10 th February | - School Disco with Awliscombe Primary School @ Payhembury Village Hall 6- 8pm |
| 13 th -17 th February | - Half Term |
| 20 - 23 rd February | - Bikeability |
| 16 th March | - Heights & Weights for Reception children |
| 24 th March | - Red Nose Day |
| 31 st March | - Last day of Term |
| 18 th April | - First day of Term |
| 29 th -2 nd June | - Half Term |
| 5 th June | - Non-Pupil Day |
| 21 st July | - Last day of Term |
| 5 th September | - First day of Term |
| 23 rd -27 th October | - Half Term |
| 21 st December | - Last day of Term |

Pre-School

Thank you for all the fantastic WOW notes that parents have been bringing in - please keep them coming. It would be great to have your child's "This is me" booklet back to go into their Learning Journey. The 2 buildaprofile emails normally go out to parents on a Friday afternoon - anyone not receiving theirs, please do let me know.

Mrs George

Governors

I serve on the Teaching and Learning Committee. Mrs Hammett provides us with reports on attendance, well-being of Staff and children, and statistics of progress, together with other information, useful to us at this time. We then have opportunities for questions. With my 'Awliscombe vicar hat' on, I bring to the meetings my experience of weekly Collective Worship in church. We sing together, on occasions unaccompanied - the children sing so well. They are keen to share and to take part from the youngest right up throughout the school. I ask a question and many hands are raised. And the quality of reading, without any preparation! The children are a credit to themselves, the school and to their parents. I am privileged to be a Governor and to have a hands on role.

Rev'd Jane

News From St. Mary's Church Payhembury

On Sunday there will be a Parish Communion Service at 9:30, a warm welcome to all.

A thought:

This day and your life are God's gifts to you: so give thanks and be joyful always!

Jim Beggs