



Huish Episcopi Primary Newsletter

Friday 7th October

Inspiring...Believing.....Achieving



School Uniform

Like you we have become rather concerned about the quality of some of the school uniform, which is not reflecting the quality of the samples which we originally received. Whilst some items are good quality, there are jumpers where stitching is coming apart etc, which is just not acceptable. We have contacted the suppliers and they were extremely apologetic and responded by saying that since the problems had not been reported by other schools, they believe we have received a faulty batch. This is all very disappointing as the children started the school term looking extremely smart and were proud to wear their new uniform. We were also delighted with your support for our uniform policy. Please continue to work with us through this difficulty. It is important that if this supplier cannot provide quality items, we **All source an alternative together. Could ANY parent/carer who is unhappy with the quality and wear of the uniform contact the supplier on tel: 02476 421083 . They have promised to replace all faulty items and it is important to us that this happens. We do not want parents or the school to be out of pocket!**

If after this you remain unhappy with the replaced items, could you let us know? As I said, your feedback is crucial if we are to be a smart school where children are proud to wear their uniform.

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Harvest Festival

We had the best response EVER for our special Harvest Festival Week. On Tuesday children came into school laden with fresh vegetables, fruit, packets and tins. After the assembly, lead by Mr Walrond who farms at Glebe Farm in Pitney, Kingsmoor class with the help of Mrs Ramwell and Mrs Ward split up the items in bags and boxes ready for distribution to the elderly residents around the school and Portcullis House. We had many lovely responses from grateful residents. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. The residents of Portcullis House also enjoyed listening to the children singing harvest songs.



Healthy Activity Day

All the children in KS1 and KS2 had an hour of sport with a sports coach from Premier Sports on Friday 30th September. This was funded by Government sports money which aims to help children to have a range of sports experiences in school and to improve their understanding of the importance of active lifestyles. During the day, the children were engaged in different physical activities that helped them to think about the impact of regular exercise and how much this helps their bodies to be strong, healthy and to feel 'good'. The day was a great success with all the children thoroughly enjoying themselves. We hope it will also help them to become more active and understand how to make healthy life choices in the future. There are a range of PE clubs available after school and further options will be available after half term. Do encourage your children to take part! We are also always delighted to hear of children who take part in different sports after school. Well done to Lola James who has started Junior Triathlon Club at Huish Academy and Joshua West who attends Arsenal Soccer School.



Cross Country

The cross country season is upon us! Our team took part in their first competition on Thursday 22nd September at Hambridge recreation Ground. The season got off to a flying start with ALL the children performing well. Overall we came 3rd out of eleven schools which is a great start. For Christian it certainly was a flying start with him losing his shoe on the first lap. Undeterred, he just picked it up and kept running. The next event is on Thursday 13th October at Long Sutton Primary school



A lost shoe will not deter our team!

Boccia and Blind running

Well done to Lola, Chloe and Erin who took part in the inclusion sport of Boccia. The girls demonstrated excellent team work and won most of their matches.



Have you ever imagined the challenges of running if you are blind or partially sighted? Inspired by the Paralympics, Kingsmoor class took part in a PE lesson which helped them to find out. They worked with a partner, one blindfolded whilst the other was tethered to them giving instructions. They started by walking then jogging and finally sprinting. They had to trust their partner to guide them and keep them in a straight line. It helped all the children really appreciate the challenges and talent of our para-

New sports kit on the way..... . . .

Well done and thank you to Karen Harding who completed the Langport triathlon and, with Claire Padfield's help, collected the promised sponsorship. In all, she has raised £275.50 which will enable us to order new super smart athletics vests for our teams. Thank you Karen!

Calling all parents/carers of children with additional needs

Normally we invite parents of children with Additional Needs to a separate meeting with the SENCO and Class Teacher during the Autumn Term. However, for this term they will form part of the Class Teacher Consultation. I will be available for Parents / Carers on the evening of 24th November 2016 from 6pm - 8pm. If you would like to meet before then, please email lramsay@educ.somerset.gov.uk and we can arrange a meeting for a Wednesday.

Reading morning and Parrett Reading workshop

Reading is the MOST important skill we teach in school and we aim that ALL children leave us in Year 6 as fluent and enthusiastic readers. This means being able to read a longer book quickly and accurately, enjoying it and being able to retell what has happened.

On Wednesday 5th October we invited English consultant, Sarah Cook and Literacy subject leaders from academy schools to review reading in our school. They were really impressed with the 'reading buzz' around the school, the reading environment and the extra support provided in school for children who are reluctant readers. They were also impressed with the way children are taught as they start to read and commented on the excellent reading programme we use. This was demonstrated to new parents at the Parrett class reading workshop held this week. Parents and carers had the opportunity to see our youngest children learning their sounds with Miss Cardwell. It is truly impressive to see how quickly they are progressing. We now want to replenish some of our reading books....our reading scheme books are very old! We will be looking to fundraise for this in the near future. There is nothing to beat the joy of new books!

End of day routines

We would really appreciate your support and co-operation with end of day routines. For Key stage 1 classes, the children wait by the corridor with their teachers until they can see parents/carers. This has not changed. However, at the end of the first week of term, it became clear that this system was taking far too long along the Key stage 2 corridor as there are now 3 classes to dismiss. For this reason we changed to a system where teachers bring their classes up to stand on the class line and are collected by parents from there. To ensure a **safe handover** and help teachers to organize this successfully at the busy end of the day, please collect your child from the line. Thank you for your help in this.

Staff leavers

Sadly after 14 years at the school, Ms Harris will be leaving us to move to Hampshire. We wish her happiness and success for the future and would like to thank her for her hard work, support and ability to take on a range of roles so professionally- Breakfast club manager, school office Administrator, Senior lunchtime supervisor. We will miss her.

Also thank you to Mrs Fuller who will also leave us at half term. We would like to thank her for her invaluable lunchtime work..

This has resulted in a few staff vacancies which are currently advertised and available on the school website.

Flu vaccination for Years 1,2,3 18/10/16

Giselle ballet trip (Year 6) at Bristol Hippodrome-20/10/16

Get safe Online Day 18/10/16

Parrett Class profile sharing afternoon 2.45pm
18/10/16

Free Reading Fridays- 21/10/16, 18/10/16,
9/12/16 (chn bring in their own choice)

Kingsmoor Cake sale 21/10/16

Bags to School collection 3/11/16

Skip to Be class workshops 4/11/16

w/c 14/11/16 Anti Bullying Week

Parents evenings 24/11/16 6-8pm, 28/11/16
4pm onwards

Quick class update

Parrett Class have settled extremely well into the school routine, learning is developing through play and lots of new friendships are blossoming! Over the last couple of weeks we have based our learning around the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have enjoyed re-telling the story in lots of different ways. Last week the children made some porridge following the instructions carefully-it was delicious! (Miss Cardwell)

Aller Class All the children have made a great transition into Year 1. Thank you for all your support at home and in school. The children all have excellent attitudes towards learning and I know that with your support every child can reach their full potential in Aller class. (Miss Wicks)

Sedgemoor Class Over the past few weeks we have been really enjoying our Author of the Term, Roald Dahl. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading 'The Minpins' and 'The Giraffee the Pelly and Me.' Also, a big thank you for all the home learning support. We were proud to receive a 100% Class Homework Completed award in assembly today.

Northmoor Class We had a fantastic day at Ham Hill and the children were delightful company. There was a collective gasp when we were told that a piece of ham stone was one million, seven hundred thousand years old! It is a super place to visit if you have time.

The children are now working hard and we are beginning to see good progress. Our goal is to receive a class certificate for 100% of children in Northmoor Class to complete and hand in their homework on Thursdays. Please remember, there is a homework club on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school for any children struggling to complete their homework. (Mrs Dennis)

Isle class have had a super start to the term. We have been using a book called 'Way Home' by Libby Hathorn as the basis for our literacy work. Some amazing creative writing has been done and is now on display outside the classroom. Come and have a read and enjoy the results of lots of hard work. Well done everyone in Isle. (Mr Clements)