

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Brass Lessons in Isle Class!

From the Headteacher & Head of School:

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Dear Parents and Carers

A belated Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that the new year has started well. 2017 will be one of change at HEPS and we are enjoying working together to plan and lay down the foundations for the school's future and that of the Academy as a whole. Ms Islip will work on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays as Headteacher and Mrs Dennis will lead the school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We welcome **Mr Akers** to the school. He is already very much part of the team and is enjoying teaching Northmoor Class. We also welcome **Mrs Spencer** who will be instrumental in working alongside Miss Chadbourne and Mrs Kenchington with Kingsmoor Class. They have a very important term ahead as they prepare for their SATs in May.

This is a relatively short term but we are planning lots of exciting opportunities for the children to enhance their learning. Please turn to the back page for dates. Parents and carers of children in Northmoor, Isle and Kingsmoor classes—do keep the evening of **Friday, 24 February** free. This is the date for our annual KS2 show. This year it is entitled “Hooray for Hollywood”. This is sure to be another memorable evening. (Ms Islip & Mrs Dennis)

Annual Permission Forms

Just to keep our records up to date, you will find an Annual Permission Form with this newsletter which we would be grateful if you

could complete and return to school as soon as possible next week. Many thanks. (Mrs Sams)

PE Kit



With the cold weather upon us, please ensure your child has warm jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt to wear on top of their normal kit. Thank you.

Class News

Earlier this week your child brought home a copy of their class **Curriculum Newsletter** for this term. Please ensure you take time to read this information so you can support your child with their learning. If you require further copies please ask at the School Office or they are available on the Class pages on the school's website.

Sedgemoor Class—Trip to Yeovilton

On Wednesday, the children from Sedgemoor Class went on a successful school trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton.



In the morning they took part in a workshop looking at materials used in aircraft from balsa wood to carbon fibre.

Later on, a tour of the museum to look at the different types of transport on display included



a very exciting helicopter ride onto an aircraft carrier. There the children saw jets landing and taking off. Many of us found them to be very loud!

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support, especially to those who were able to help on the day. School trips provide valuable enrichment activities and really bring our school work to life (more photos on page 3). (Mr Stevens)

Parrett Class News

Parrett Class have enjoyed exploring the new Role-Play Kitchen that was kindly bought by the PFA before Christmas.



The children have been cooking delicious meals in the Parrett Class Café and there has been some great team work! This week we have started to learn the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and already there has been some brilliant story telling using masks and props.



Northmoor Class News

We have started 2017 with great enthusiasm! The children know that our class goals are to listen more carefully and ensure we have the right attitude towards our learning.

This week we have done our Star Reader tests and every child in Northmoor Class has made progress! Please keep up-to-date with signing the planners (four times a week minimum). The children's planners are checked every Friday and they are given a stamp every time they are heard to read four times, which they really love. Regular reading is key to the children's progress so if there are any problems listening to your child read regularly, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

The reading battle has commenced between the Knights and Dragons – who will win the coveted shield for the most number of points each week?

NO TOYS NO TOYS NO TOYS

In a recent class discussion, the children decided toys brought into school will be confiscated and given to parents at the end of

the day. Frequent offenders will be invited to speak to the Headteacher!

The children are well under way with their topic work on castles and well done Freya who went home and did some independent research on Edinburgh Castle. There are 10 house points up for grabs for anyone who can identify the castle on our Reading Challenge Board. There was also some very enthusiastic testing of different objects to understand whether the force involved was a push or a pull.

Finally, we wish you all a very happy New Year and hope this will prove to be another hard working and productive term. As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us. (Mrs Dennis & Mr Akers)

Isle Class—Brass Lessons

Isle Class had their first taste of brass lessons last Friday! All the children were really enthusiastic as they attempted to make sounds from the trumpets, cornets and trombones. The instruments were provided by Somerset Music and taught very enthusiastically by Tom Francombe. Weekly sessions will continue this term. (Please see other photos on the front page.)



School Security

Please could you make sure, if you leave by the top gate either during the school day or after 3.30pm, that you ensure it is closed behind you. This is for the safety of the whole school community. The gate will be closed from 3.40pm daily from now on so if you need access to the school after that time you will need to come via the School Office.



After School Clubs

A letter from Mrs Ramwell about After School Clubs was sent out earlier this week. For full details see page 4, look at our website page or you can request a further copy of the letter from the School Office.

Charitable Donations—Thank you!

We should like to say a huge thank you to parents and children for their generous donations to charities at the end of last term. We raised £306.65 for the Himalayan Child charity, £50.00 for Children in Need and £43.45 on our Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Watch this space for this term's fundraising opportunities!

Complaint from Local Resident

A concerned local resident has contacted the school about the speed and lack of care from many local drivers as they turn off Eastover to turn right into The Embankment to access the Recreation Ground car park and the Children's Centre. It appears that some drivers are driving straight ahead into The Embankment, often on the wrong side of the road, without giving way or checking for anything coming round the corner. Please be careful at this junction. This local resident drives a van and has had a couple of near misses recently with cars containing children and is frightened that an accident will occur soon. Please give way correctly as you turn into The Embankment—thank you.

Langport Library

Beth Webb will be holding a Storytelling Session and Writing Workshop on Saturday, 21 January 2017 from 10.00am – 12.30pm at Langport

**SAFEGUARDING**

**Don't think
"What if I'm wrong"
Think...
"What if I am right"**

If you have any concerns about a pupil you should report this to a member of staff immediately.

If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads Immediately.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Joan Meredith

Deputy DSL:

Ms Gillian Islip

Safeguarding & Child Protection**Governor:**

Mrs Lou Ward

Library. Suitable for 8 – 12 year olds. Only ten places so booking is essential (call into the **Library** or ring 0300 123 2224).

SCC School Admissions Facebook Page

Somerset County Council are asking all parent/carers to 'like' their School Admissions Facebook page so you receive the latest updates and deadline reminders for admissions and transitions to secondary school:

School Admissions Facebook

Or contact by telephone on 0300 123 2224 or via email at:

SchoolAdmissions@somerset.gov.uk

Training for Parents

Parent Carer Forum is offering training for parents: **Sleep Clinic on Wednesday, 25 January at Langport Town Hall.** Coffee at 10.00am for a 10.30am start to finish at 1.00pm. This is **free to parents with a child on the SEN register** but if you are a family whose child isn't on the register but think you would benefit then contact SPCF and providing they have space then you can come.

Tel: 01749 822800 or email Lynne Herrington (lherrington@somerset.gov.uk).

www.SupportServicesforEducation.co.uk



Sedgemoor Class' Visit to Yeovilton

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Diary Dates:

PLEASE NOTE: Updates and amendments are in red; new dates as specified.

Tuesday, 17 January: Year 1 Hearing Screening; 9.15am (letters sent out to parents on 10/1/17).

Wednesday, 18 January: Aller Class Trip to Gore Farm, Trent, Sherborne; leave 9.15am; return by 3.30pm.

Wednesday, 25 January: Youth Speaks Competition; Swanmead School, Ilminster; arrive 5.45pm; starts **6.00pm**.

Thursday, 26 January: Year 6 (Kingsmoor) Academy Trip to the Houses of Parliament, London; departs Ilchester 6.20am; returns Ilchester 9.30pm.

Monday, 30 January: Parrett Class Profile Sharing Morning; 9.15am—10.15am.

Thursday, 2 February: Northmoor Trip to Corfe Castle

Thursday, 9 February: Northmoor Class PFA Cake Stall; 3.15pm.

Friday, 10 February: INSET (staff training) Day—no children in school please.

w/c Monday, 13 February: HALF TERM

Friday, 24 February: “Hooray for Hollywood”; KS2 Show; Huish Academy; (time to be confirmed)

Wednesday 1 March: Academy Group Trip to the Big Pit, Cardiff **TO BE CONFIRMED**

Thursday, 2 March: World Book Day.

Tuesday, 14 March: Scholastics Book Fair.

Wednesday, 22 March: Parrett Class Profile Sharing Afternoon; 2.30pm—3.25pm.

Friday, 24 March: Red Nose Day.

Friday, 24 March: Sedgemoor Class PTA Cake Stall; 3.15pm.

Monday, 27 March: Parents Consultation Evening; 4.00pm—7.00pm.

Thursday, 30 March: Kingsmoor & Isle Classes Trip to Dunster; leave 9.15am; return 2.15pm.

Thursday, 30 March: Parents Consultation Evening; 5.00pm—7.30pm.

Friday, 31 March: Parrett Class Trip to Wilder Woods, Drayton; morning. **TO BE CONFIRMED**

Friday, 31 March: Term Ends (3.30pm)

Tuesday, 18 April: Summer Term Starts

FREE READING FRIDAYS

Will be held on 20 Jan, 3 & 24 February and 10 March.

Sports Match Dates:

Thursday, 19 January: Cross Country Competition, Huish Academy; start 2.00pm; finish 3.30pm. (KS2)

Monday, 6 February: Mini Basketball Competition, Huish Academy; start 4.00pm; finish 5.30pm. (KS2)

Monday, 20 February: Hockey Tournament, Huish Academy; start 3.30pm; finish 5.00pm. (KS2)

Thursday, 2 March: Cross Country Competition, Long Sutton; start 4.00pm; finish 5.00pm. (KS2)

Tuesday, 14 March: Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament, Somerton RFC; start 4.00pm; finish 5.30pm.

Thursday, 16 March: Cross Country Competition, Curry Mallet; start 4.00pm; finish 5.00pm. (KS2)

Monday, 27 March: Football & Netball Tournaments, Huish Academy; start 2.00pm; finish 3.30pm. (KS2)

After School Clubs:

Mondays: Hockey with Mrs Ramwell (16, 23 & 30 Jan); **Dodgeball** with Mrs Ramwell (27 Feb; 6, 13 & 20 Mar); for Years 4, 5 & 6. **Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

Tuesdays: Tag Rugby with Mrs Ramwell (17, 24 & 31 Jan; 7, 21 & 28 Feb; 7 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Choir** with Mrs Thompson (17, 24 & 31 Jan; 7, 21 & 28 Feb; 7, 14, 21 & 28 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

Wednesdays: Football with Mr Welch (18 & 25 Jan; 1, 8 & 22 Feb, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Multiskills** with Premier Sports (18 & 25 Jan; 1, 8 & 22 Feb; 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mar) for Years R, 1 & 2. **Homework Club** with Miss Whelan.

Thursdays: Running with Mrs Ramwell (26 Jan; 2, 9 & 23 Feb; 9 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Fridays: There are no clubs on Fridays.

All clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm unless otherwise stated. Please contact Mrs Ramwell.



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