

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Aller Class' trip to Gore Farm, Trent.

From the Head of School:

“If you want your child to be clever, read them fairy stories. If you want them to be a genius, read them more fairy stories.”

(Albert Einstein)

As I sit writing this, I can hear the children in Isle Class singing their hearts out to Northmoor Class, teaching them to remember to use inverted commas (speech marks for those old enough to remember!) in their writing. I have also seen some super pieces of writing and maths, which show great progress. Week after week, in our Friday morning assembly, it is wonderful to hear about the hard work, perseverance and enthusiasm of the children in the school. Please keep encouraging your child to work hard and persevere through the tough times – after all, that is how we learn.

Congratulations to our public speakers: **Isla Roddie** and **Janis Lusitis**. Their performance on Wednesday in the Public Speaking competition at Swanmead School was superb – thank you to you both for your hard work and time spent practising. They are now extremely keen to have regular competitions – something we will try to organise in the very near future.

Parent Questionnaire

With this newsletter is a parent questionnaire. These questionnaires are a vital tool in helping us to learn what is working well and what could be improved. Please take the time to complete yours and ensure you have your say. The class with the highest percentage of completed questionnaires will be awarded an extra Free Reading Friday and a small treat. Nothing like an incentive!

Finally, if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning or welfare, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher, Ms Islip or myself. Happy children love learning... (Mrs Dennis)

Annual Permission Forms

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have returned the Annual Permission Form so promptly. If you are yet to return yours, please do so on Monday. Many thanks. (Mrs Sams)

Class News

Parrett Class News

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have made Chinese lanterns, dragon masks and attempted Chinese writing. We then retold the New Year story using our masks and props. (Miss Cardwell)



Aller Class News—Trip to Gore Farm, Trent

Last week Aller Class went on a trip to Gore Farm. We had a great time exploring the woods and seeing the farm animals. We also had a special ride on the farm trailer! Thank you to the parents that came along. See some photos above of our day.

(Miss Wicks)

Sedgemoor Class News

Thank you for all the help at home with the children's homework project. We have received some wonderful work and it is lovely to see the children so enthused with their learning.

(Mr Stevens)



Northmoor Class News

Unfortunately, the proposed trip to Corfe Castle planned for Thursday, 2nd February has had to be

cancelled—we are looking into another trip and will keep you posted! (Mr Akers & Mrs Dennis)

Isle Class News

Proceeds from the Isle Class cake sale have now turned into a wonderful, new and exciting collection of books for the class to enjoy. In total, 75 new books are now in the classroom. Lots of new fiction books from authors including Frank Cottrell Boyce, Simon Mayo, Jill Murphy, RL Stine and many others which are new to us. Lots of excitement was had exploring the books and finding out what we all want to read next. Thank you to all who provided or bought cakes, Isle Class are very happy. (Mr Clements) (see photo on page 3)

Kingsmoor Class News

Year 6 pupils are participating in the Radio 2 competition - 500 Words. We watched the live show which helped us with our planning, and now we're beginning to write! Best of luck to all the competitors! [Google](#) 500 Words to find out more if your child would like to submit a story. And don't forget our **SATs Information Evening** on Tuesday, 31st January at 5.30pm—see you there! (Miss Chadbourne)



Health News

Please be aware that we have had a case of **head lice** in Northmoor Class so could you check your child's hair. **Can we remind you of our policy for all long hair to be tied back**—flowing long locks provide a 'gymnastics platform' for those lice!

We have also had a case of '**slapped cheek**' in KS1 which causes a bright red rash on the cheek. Most common in children, it is normally a mild viral infection that clears up by itself in one to three weeks and once you've had the infection, you're usually immune to it for life.

However, slapped cheek syndrome can be more serious for some people. If you're pregnant, have a blood disorder or a weakened immune system and have been exposed to the virus, you should seek medical advice.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club staff are concerned about the number of children who are being dropped off in the car park and not brought into Breakfast Club by a responsible adult. Several younger children have been seen struggling to cross over the car park especially in the recent icy weather. Please remember that we are not responsible for your child until they are on the school premises (this does not

include the car park) – please accompany them right to the school gate. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again. Please place any vouchers in the box provided in the hall lobby. The more vouchers we collect the more sports equipment we can order. Thank you. (Mrs Ramwell)

After School Clubs—Multiskills

Due to a fantastic response to the KS1 Multiskills Club, we are now running one on a Wednesday (for Reception) and one on a Friday (for Years 1 & 2). Please see Page 4 for update on dates etc.

(Mrs Ramwell)

Sports Report

Cross Country Competition

Huish Episcopi Primary School took part in the CLP Cross Country Championships at Huish Academy on Thursday, 19 January. Ten schools from the surrounding areas took part. All the children ran with a determination to conquer the very challenging and muddy course; we even had some shoes come off and get stuck in the mud; the runner didn't stop though and ran the majority of the course just in socks. The shoes were retrieved from the course after a bit of digging around and given back to the runner which they were grateful for as their feet were a bit cold. For some children it was their first cross country race and every child managed to finish with a smile on their face feeling a great sense of achievement. Well done to all the Cross Country team, overall we came third in the large schools event. (Mrs Ramwell)



PFA News

Valentine's Disco

Tickets are now on sale from the School Office for the disco on Thursday, 9 February at £5.00 which includes a hot dog, bag of sweets, glow stick, face painting, unlimited drinks and a photo from the photo booth (*by buying at ticket it is assumed parental permission is given for the taking of the photo*). Full details on page 4 in Diary Dates.

PFA Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 2 February at 7.00pm in the Community Room,

School Hall. All welcome—do come and hear all about the exciting events the committee are planning for the rest of the year which may include a film night, Easter Bingo and a Summer Festival amongst others.

Music Tuition

Champion Music Group offer private music tuition in school and are excited to welcome tutor Huw Weston who offers lessons on Saxophone and Piano. There are also lessons available in Violin, Harp, Trumpet, Cornet, Guitar, Drums, Flute, Clarinet and Singing. If anyone would like their children to have lessons in any of these instruments then please fill in a registration form on their website www.championmusicgroup.co.uk. Please call Simon or Kern on 01458 741697 or 07521 167679. Email championmusicgroup@hotmail.com

Community Notices

Langport Runners

The Langport Runners are hosting a free monthly running event 'Run for Fun' on both Sunday, 5 February and Sunday, 5th March. Chose from 400m, 1km or 2km. Arrive at Langport North Moor by Tesco for registration from 9.30am, warm up 9.45am and starting at 10.00am. Parents can walk or run with younger children. Open for all children aged 4-14 years. For more information please call 01458 259688 or email to pre register davidgerman555@gmail.com

Channel 4 LEGO Building Competition

TV production company, Tuesday's Child

Television is looking for anyone who may be interested in taking part in a new programme it is producing for Channel 4 - a competition to find Britain's best LEGO builders! Working in conjunction with the LEGO Group, they are looking for creative people from all backgrounds & of all ages who either already have a passion for LEGO building or would be interested in turning their skills & talent to the art of LEGO building – basically anyone who can create amazing art out of LEGO bricks. Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/take-part/articles/all/are-you-a-lego-obsessive/4990>

Somerset Wildlife Trust

The Routes to the River Tone Project will be running a fantastic week of wildlife driven, river-based activities for all the family to enjoy during half-term (13th-18th Feb). The programme's finale will be a River of Light procession with willow lanterns and streamers, followed by a fire performance, live music and food in Goodlands Gardens, Taunton. For more details see www.somersetwildlife.org

Safeguarding—Instagram

For those of you with older children, we have been made aware of a user masquerading as a girl with the name emilypert.99, who has been trying to make contact with some pupils in other Somerset schools—it is a 20 year old man based in the South West. He is known to the police & they are acting on it. Please remind your child of the importance of security settings & never accepting friend requests from strangers. Below are links to both Instagram's official web page & a further link to useful advice on Instagram privacy settings:

<https://help.instagram.com/116024195217477/>
<http://heresthethingblog.com/2015/04/28/7-privacy-tips-instagram/>



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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

Diary Dates:

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

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

Tuesday, 31 January: SATs Information Evening for parents & children of Kingsmoor Class; 5.30pm-6.30pm; Kingsmoor Class; refreshments provided.

Thursday, 2 February: Northmoor Trip to Corfe Castle **CANCELLED**

Thursday, 2 February: PFA Committee Meeting; 7.00pm; Community Room, School Hall; all parents/carers welcome!

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

Thursday, 9 February: PFA Valentines Disco; School Hall; KS1 5.45pm-6.45pm; KS2 7.00pm-8.00pm.

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; **Isle Class.**

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 PFA Cake Sale; 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. **CONFIRMED**

Friday, 31 March: Term Ends (3.30pm)

Tuesday, 18 April: Summer Term Starts

Wednesday, 10 May: Bag2School Collection.

Friday, 19 May: Parrett & Aller PFA Cake Sale; 3.15pm.

FREE READING FRIDAYS

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

Sports Match Dates:

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 (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 (31 Jan; 7, 21 & 28 Feb; 7 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Choir** with Mrs Thompson (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 (1, 8 & 22 Feb, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Multiskills** with Premier Sports (1, 8 & 22 Feb; 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mar) **for Parrett Class.**

Homework Club with Miss Whelan.

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

Fridays: Multiskills with Mr Akers (3 Feb; 3, 10, 17 & 24 Mar) for Years 1 & 2.

All clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm unless otherwise stated.

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