

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



## From the Headteacher:

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in school:

### Hooray for Hollywood

It was lovely to see Key Stage 2 parents at the Hooray for Hollywood evening held at Huish Sixth. What a wonderful evening of rich entertainment it turned out to be! The only mistake was at the real Oscar Ceremony—the award for Best Picture should have gone to our school! Without exception all the children and every class performed beautifully; there was no single star ... every child was amazing. The audience was treated to a rich blend of singing, dance and performance. Who could not have been mesmerised by Kingmoor's performance featuring blue fabric and a ball to a Strauss waltz, the amazing Timelapse, Northmoor's 'Anything you can do', Isle Class and the scene from Oliver? For me the finale when all the children came on to perform 'Singular Sensation' was the best. Well done to all the children, the wonderful supporting cast of staff who were behind the scenes and the amazing Lou Barrett who created the whole show in lessons throughout the Autumn and Spring terms. Apologies that the sound system was a rather loud in parts of the auditorium...but can you have too much of a good thing? (Ms Islip)

### School Review

We were really pleased with the outcome of an in-depth school review which took place on Tuesday, 28 February. We invited an experienced Somerset Consultant Headteacher and Adviser to conduct the review to see a likely grade against the current OFSTED framework. His conclusion was that Huish Episcopi Primary School is a GOOD school. In fact, as Mrs Dennis and I were working alongside him, he was extremely complimentary and comments included 'You have a school to be proud of, 'I like the atmosphere in this school' and he was

impressed by the engagement of the children in the lessons and their enthusiasm for their school. The review included lesson observations, looking through children's books, looking at the school's data and talking to staff and pupils. Inevitably in the report, alongside the many strengths that were highlighted, there are areas we can work on to improve further but fortunately there were no surprises and these are areas we have already identified within the School Development Plan. Our last OFSTED was in 2012 under a different framework - let's hope that if we get the phone call any OFSTED inspector would see the same good practice evident during this term's review. (Ms Islip)

### Staff News

Mr Clements has been at it again, this time running a half marathon at the iconic F1 race track, Silverstone. 6,690 people participated in this event and Mr Clements came 178 in a very fast time of 1hr 28mins. Well done Mr Clements, we can't wait to see what you get up to next!

### KS1 Morning Snack

May we please remind parents of children in KS1 (Parrett, Aller & Sedgemoor) that children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit for break times and a water bottle that can be refilled during the day. We have noticed recently that some children are coming to school with crackers and other savoury snacks for break times. There is free fruit available for every child in KS1.

### Attendance

Although we appreciate there has been a few nasty sickness bugs around lately, we are concerned about some of our pupils' attendance levels and the number of pupils that are arriving late to school in

the morning. We have regular visits from the School Attendance Office who closely monitors attendance levels and persistent lateness. Please ensure you get your child/children to school on time in the mornings as arriving late is disruptive to the class and your child's learning. Please let us know if there are any particular problems—we are here to help. Thank you.

## School Uniform & PE Kit

**'We wear our uniform smartly.'** This is part of our school code and the majority of children are very proud to wear their uniform. In a few cases children have arrived in school wearing trainers (black shoes only please), jewellery and nail polish or with long hair loose. We appreciate your help in ensuring that our uniform code is followed. Uniform reminders:

- Knitted jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt with logo
- White polo shirt OR white cotton shirt
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress OR grey tailored trousers
- Flat black shoes (sandals in summer)
- Red/white checked or striped summer dress OR grey tailored shorts
- School waterproof jacket with logo (optional)
- School tie (years 5&6)
- Long hair should be tied up

*Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name—we have an overflowing lost property bin. Do reclaim what is yours!*

We ask that PE Kit is brought into school on a Monday and only taken home at weekends for washing. Please ensure your child has their PE Kit, including trainers and/or daps in school every Monday. Thank you.

## Safeguarding

### Designated Safeguarding Leads

Child Protection and safeguarding all members of our school community is always paramount. This is just a reminder that if you have any concerns at all please do see our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Zoe Dennis and in her absence, our Deputy DSL, Mrs Joan Meredith.

### School Security

*In order to comply with recent guidance on school security and safeguarding, we have had to review and tighten up site procedures. We would really appreciate your help in order to ensure that we continue to have a welcoming school site whilst safeguarding staff and pupils.*

The top gate should be closed at all times **except**

between 8.50am and 9.00am and 3.25pm and 3.40pm. Could parents leave the site promptly by 9.00am and 3.40pm so that staff can close the gate. **If your child attends an after school club, the member of staff leading the club will bring the children to the gate to meet their parents. Could parents please wait by the gate.**

At the end of the school day, parents of Key Stage 2 pupils should collect them from the playground where there is a safe handover and they are formally dismissed.

During the school day all visitors and parents need to report to the School Office at the front of the school.

## Class News

### Parrett Class News

Parrett Class have enjoyed making and eating Fruit Salad this week. The children helped to prepare the Pineapple, Banana, Melon, Kiwi and Strawberries, before trying it. It was delicious! We also talked about food that is healthy and unhealthy. Next week we are looking forward to making fruit smoothies. (Miss Cardwell)



### Isle Class News (see photos on Page 1 & 4)

Thank you so much to all the families of Isle Class for the most amazing Half Term castle projects, from cakes to models, books to swords, shields to DVDs, we had everything! Please come and have a look, as most are on display in the classroom, library area or ICT room. **There is also a full page of photos of the children with their creations on the Newsletter page of the website.** (Mr Clements)

## Pay to Play for Red Nose Day

We will be holding a 'Pay to Play' lunchtime on **Thursday, 23 March** (the day before Red Nose day itself!). Kingsmoor Class will be running different activities for the children to pay to have a go. The cost is 20p a go for each activity. ALL donations are gratefully received. The activities will include Football Shoot,



Table Tennis, Skip to be Fit, Obstacle Course, Hockey Dribble, Bowling, Target Throw and many more. (Mrs Ramwell)

### Ever Wanted a Piano?

We have a spare piano in school and would like it to go to a good home. If you can arrange removal/collection, it is yours, either for free or for a small

donation to the school! It needs tuning though. Please contact the School Office.

## Sports Notices & Reports

As the weather becomes warmer we will be using the field more often for our PE lessons. Trainers are much more suited for this as sometimes the grass can be a damp/wet. When your child has their outdoor PE session trainers can be worn.

### CLP Tag Rugby Tournament

Well done to the Tag Rugby team who played in the CLP Tag Rugby Tournament at Somerton RFC. They demonstrated excellent sporting values even when decisions didn't go their way. The most exciting game was against Long Sutton where they scored the winning try in the last 30 seconds of the game! They made it all the way to the semi-finals and were finally knocked out by King Ina. Overall



the team came joint third out of twelve teams—an excellent achievement. WELL DONE!

### Cross Country at Curry Mallet

The Cross Country Team took part in the last race of the season at Curry Mallet Primary School. The course was very challenging but this did not deter them from ALL putting in a fantastic performance. They ran with increasing confidence and supported each other so well, celebrating everyone's achievements. For the Year 6s running it was their

### 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 Zoe Dennis

#### Deputy DSL:

Mrs Joan Meredith

#### Safeguarding & Child Protection

Governor:

Mrs Lou Ward

last time of representing their school in this event - they did themselves and the school proud as did the rest of the team. Well done to the whole team on a brilliant effort. A special well done to Luke P, Lola and Josh who have now made the Langport Area Team as they finished in the top ten in their respective races. Thank you to all the parents/carers for the amazing support you have given this season - it is as always very much appreciated.

(Mrs Ramwell)

## PFA News

It is our **Easter Bingo** on Friday, 31 March at the Langport Arms. Doors open 7.30pm with 'Eyes Down' at 8.00pm. Fantastic prizes! We look forward to seeing you there! To get involved with the PFA, please contact Emma Cook on 07927 398277.

## Community Notices

### Langport Library

Why not pop into the Library and get involved in their herb garden community project? They have a project meeting tomorrow, Saturday, 18 March at 10.00am. More details will follow about a planned Easter planting activity for children. Also at the Library, on Saturday mornings from 10.00am - 12.00pm there is a Knitting Group run by Teresa Drake and is aimed at all ages, sharing and passing on skills, bridging the age gap! It also helps with fine motor movements in the hand. Why not pop along for a taster session and find out!

### GingerFred Dance Studio

This Easter, the Studio will be bringing to life Roald Dahl's classic, the BFG. Workshops take place in our School Hall. For bookings and more information please contact Lou Barrett via [info@gingerfredstudio.com](mailto:info@gingerfredstudio.com).

### Huish & Langport Cricket Club

Calling all cricket players aged 8-16 years. Youth Registration and Open Morning on Sunday, 2 April at 10.00am. For more details contact Toby Strang (07783 134498) or Sam Garaway (01460 78915).



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## Diary Dates:

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

**Monday, 20 March:** Scholastics Book Fair.

**Tuesday, 21 March:** E-Safety Drama Workshop (Kingsmoor).

**Wednesday, 22 March:** National 'Sing up' Day; whole school event.

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

**Thursday, 23 March:** School Nursing Team (height & weight measuring); Parrett & Kingsmoor classes; 10.45am.

**Thursday, 23 March:** 'Pay to Play' in aid of Red Nose Day (20p per go).

**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.

**Wednesday, 29 March:** Parrett Easter Bonnet Parade; 9.30am.

**Thursday, 30 March:** Kingsmoor & Isle Class Trip to Dunster; leave 9.15am; return 3.15pm.

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

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

**Friday, 31 March:** Term Ends (3.30pm)

**Friday, 31 March:** PFA Easter Bingo, Langport Arms; doors open 7.30pm; eyes down at 8.00pm.

**Tuesday, 18 April:** Summer Term Starts

**Thursday, 20 April:** Class Photos by Tempest Photography; 9.00am.

**Tuesday, 25 April:** Kingsmoor (Yr 6) 'Treasure Hunt'; Huish Academy; starts 3.45pm; finishes 5.00pm.

w/c **Monday, 8 May:** Year 6 (Kingsmoor) SATs week.

**Wednesday, 10 May:** Bag2School Collection.

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

**Monday, 1 May:** Bank Holiday

w/c **29 May:** Half Term

**Friday, 21 July:** Summer Term Ends

## Free Reading Fridays:

Free Reading Fridays for the Summer Term to be advised in due course.

## Sports Match Dates:

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

## After School Clubs:

**Mondays: Dodgeball** with Mrs Ramwell (20 Mar); for Years 4, 5 & 6.

**Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

**Tuesdays: No clubs until next term. Choir** with Mrs Thompson (21 & 28 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

**Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

**Wednesdays: Football** with Mr Welch (22 & 29 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **KS1 Multiskills** with Premier Sports (22 & 29 Mar).

**Homework Club** with Miss Whelan.

**Thursdays: No clubs until next term.**

**Fridays: KS1 Multiskills** with Mr Akers (24 Mar).

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

## Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting Active Kids Vouchers. The collection box is in the hall lobby.

## Layby at bottom of Eastover

Please leave space clear for the school bus to park every morning and afternoon. Thank you.

## Note re World Book Day

We are aware there was some disgruntlement over World Book Day and how it was run. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the children were also rehearsing for the school show and rehearsals took up more of the day than we had anticipated. Many apologies, but be reassured that the children have all now had their hot chocolate and, hopefully, this week's Book Fair has given further opportunities to inspire them to keep up their fantastic attitude to reading! Many thanks. (Mrs Dennis)



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