

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



## From the Headteacher:

What an amazing send off! Thank you to all the pupils, colleagues and parents, both past and present who have sent gifts, best wishes and messages. I would particularly like to thank the present staff and children who worked together on such a wonderful retirement experience for me last Friday. I will take away some very precious memories of my time at Huish Episcopi Primary. The children shone on Friday – every child. The singing, dance, poetry, writing and artwork not to mention the amazing ‘Manikin challenge’ by every class were very special. I was proud to be the departing Headteacher of a school that provides such a rich curriculum. And produced an assembly that was so magical. My role has always been to enable others to find their talents and strengths and then shine. There was so much to celebrate on Friday – thank you!



I feel that I am leaving at a high point in the school’s development. I hope that the whole school community will continue to work together to enrich the educational experiences of all the wonderful pupils at Huish Episcopi Primary. Have a wonderful Easter and good luck for the future. (Ms Islip)

## Ms Islip’s Final School Assembly

The whole school celebrated the children’s achievements in an assembly on Wednesday morning when Ms Islip presented many children with certificates for the Caring Cup, Play Leader Awards, Club 78 times tables, Accelerated Reading achievements, Workers of the Term and the Most Improved Children Awards. Ms Islip thanked the children for being such an amazing group and said that she was leaving the school on a high. She then

presented a magnolia shrub which she hopes will be planted at the front of the school for everyone to enjoy. She also gave the school a bird feeder (complete with plenty of food!) to go in the garden. Mrs Dennis presented Ms Islip with a book of messages which includes something from every child in the school and also messages from parents. Three cheers for Ms Islip!!

## Musical Celebration

On Tuesday afternoon, the whole school gathered together in the hall to share their musical learning from this term. Parrett Class performed two animal songs including one which they had re-written the words. Aller performed a song linked to their topic of ‘in the night sky’. Sedgemoor showed their musical development from a vocal chant - from singing an African song in Ghanaian to showing off their moves for the Friendly Robot. Northmoor performed on the colourful musical instruments called boom whackers. Kingsmoor have been exploring rap music and showed this through their performance of My Harmony. Isle finished the afternoon with a vocal piece in three parts and a lively and rhythmic performance on the Samba kit. The Choir sang Coldplay’s Fix You. We also had some very talented individual performances from Janis on the piano, Phoebe played the flute, Emma-Jane the violin and Luke the guitar. The children all performed with great enthusiasm and showed great respect when listening to each other. A fantastic way to end the term and celebrate the musical journey they have taken this term. (Mrs Thompson)

## Leaving Gifts

The school presented Ms Islip with two apple trees amongst many leaving



gifts, one to be planted at school and the other for her own garden so each have a permanent reminder of the other! We are hoping some pupils will plant ours in the field. Ms Islip has given the school a beautiful magnolia bush which we intend to plant outside the front of school providing a colourful welcome to our visitors. Ms Islip was also presented with a donation for her favourite charity, *Himalayan Children*.

### Parent Questionnaire

The results of the questionnaire were sent out by letter yesterday and are available on the school website. Thank you so much for your responses and valuable comments. (Mrs Dennis)

## Class News

### Isle Class News

Isle Class have been busy this half term leaning about fractions, equivalent fractions and decimals. They produced



their own board games with some very challenging questions and had the opportunity to play them. Well done Isle Class on some excellent Maths.

(Mr Clements)



### Northmoor Class News

As Mrs Dennis takes over as Head of School after Easter, please note that from next term Mr Akers will teach Northmoor on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Mrs Dennis taking over on Thursdays and Fridays.

### Kingsmoor Class News

Last week, Kingsmoor watched an informative and energetic performance by a group called SPACE where they learnt about the importance of e-safety. (Miss Chadbourne)



### Pay to Play for Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 'Pay to Play' lunchtime last Friday. Kingsmoor Class were fantastic at running lots of different activities which the children



thoroughly enjoyed. We raised £87.50—thank you for your support. (Mrs Ramwell)

### Easter Bonnet Parade

On Wednesday, Parrett, Aller, Sedgemoor and The Levels Nursery took part in an Easter Bonnet Parade. The children, watched by lots of parents, paraded around the hall and then showed off their creations to all the KS2 classes. There was a huge variety of bonnets, showing off our children's creative skills. Well done for all the hard work making them – it was a fantastic spectacle! (Miss Cardwell)



### Breakfast Club

Letters have already been given to our regular Club users with details of Breakfast Club for next half term. Please note that the Club is full on Mon-Wed and there are only a couple of spaces left on Thurs-Fri so please check with school that there is space before making any one-off bookings. Thank you. (Mrs Crisp & Mrs Lyes)

### Change4Life—Be food smart

Look out for the yellow pack in your child's book bag with information on healthy eating and reducing sugar in your diet.



### Scholastic Book Fair

We should like to say a **HUGE** thank all our families who supported our recent book fair—we raised a fantastic amount of just over £980.00! This is amazing—thank you so much. We shall now be able to buy a great number of books for all the pupils to enjoy. (Miss Chadbourne & Miss Cardwell)

### PFA News

It is our **Easter Bingo** tonight, 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!

Please remember our **Bag2School collection** on **Wednesday, 10**



**May.** Your child should have brought home a bag this week. Please have a clear-out over the Easter Holidays and help us raise some funds for the school.

To get involved with the PFA, please contact Emma Cook on 07927 398277.

## Community Notices

### Positive Parenting Programme

Starting on 26 April, this five session programme provides practical strategies to help all parents and families. It takes place at Huish Academy from 6.30-8.30pm. For more details and to book please contact Parent & Family Support Advisers, Nicky Buckler (07825 833556) or Claire Kelly (07500 882411).

### Langport Runners

'Run for Fun' on Langport North Moor; Sun 5 Mar & 2 April; 10am; (4-14 yr olds); for more information call 01458 259688 or email [davidgerman555@gmail.com](mailto:davidgerman555@gmail.com)

### Autism Outreach Group

Available in this area – please see:

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=750571078435291&id=652224491603284](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=750571078435291&id=652224491603284)

### Easter Holiday Activities

There are a whole host of activities and workshops being provided by local centres:

**Carymoor Environmental Trust**—Easter Family Fun Day: Tues 4 April; 10–12noon or 2–4pm; £12 per family. Perfect Ponds Activity Session: Thurs 6

April; 2-4pm; £6 per child. To book call 01963 351350 or email [education@carymoor.org.uk](mailto:education@carymoor.org.uk) ([www.carymoor.org.uk](http://www.carymoor.org.uk))

**Wilder Woods, Drayton**—Easter Play Day: Wed 5 April; 10-12noon or 2-4pm (4-8 yr olds); £6 per child or £10 per family. To book e-mail [hannah@wilderwoods.org](mailto:hannah@wilderwoods.org) or phone 01458 252463.

**Axe Valley Wildlife Park**—Easter Activity Days 4-6 April & 11-13 April; see [www.axevalleypark.co.uk](http://www.axevalleypark.co.uk) or call 01297 34472.

**Easter Children's Workshops** at High Ham Village Hall; 6 & 11 April (book by 3 April); 9.30-11.30am; £10 (inc materials). Call 07944 771679 or email [clarissaready@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clarissaready@yahoo.co.uk).

**The whole school community would like to thank Ms Islip for the invaluable contribution she has made to the school over the years.**

**GOODBYE & HAVE A VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT!**



### 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

**More  
photos  
from  
last  
Friday!**



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## Diary Dates:

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

**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.

**Saturday, 15 July:** Summer Festival; Huish Academy (PFA event with the Academy); more details to follow.

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

**Tuesday, 5 September:** Autumn Term Starts.

**Friday, 29 September:** PFA Film Night.

**w/c 23 October:** Half Term.

**Thursday, 21 December:** Term Ends.

### 2017-2018 INSET Days:

Monday, 4 September 2017

Friday, 20 October 2017

Friday, 9 February 2018

Monday, 23 & Tuesday, 24 July 2018

Please see the school website for full details of the 2017-2018 Term Dates.

## Free Reading Fridays:

Free Reading Fridays for the Summer Term to be advised at the beginning of next term.



## Sports Match Dates:

More dates for the Summer Term will be published at the beginning of the term:

**Tuesday, 25 April:** Inter Area Cross Country Championships; Millfield Prep School, Edgarley, Glastonbury; 4.00pm-6.00pm. (Three of our pupils have been selected for the Langport Area Team.)

## After School Clubs:

A letter regarding After School Clubs will be sent out in the first week of next term with a view to clubs re-commencing w/c 24 April 2017.

**Mondays:** TBC

**Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

**Tuesdays:** TBC

**Choir** with Mrs Thompson for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

**Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

**Wednesdays:** TBC

**Homework Club** with Miss Whelan.

**Thursdays:** TBC

**Fridays:** TBC

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

## Swimming:

A letter went out this week to all pupils in Isle and Kingsmoor classes about swimming lessons for the Summer Term 2017:

**Tuesdays:** Swimming for Kingsmoor Class; 11.10am-12.10pm; 6, 13 & 20 June.

**Wednesdays:** Swimming for Kingsmoor Class; 11.10am-12.10pm; 7, 14 & 21 June.

**Fridays:** Swimming for Isle Class; 9.30am-12.00pm; 28 April, 5, 12 & 19 June.



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