

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



From the Executive Principal:

As we come to the end of the first half of the summer term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your warm welcome and how pleased I am to have met such a diverse supportive group of parents. I would also like to thank you for all the support you have shown to the Heads of School as they embark on their new role in their own individual settings as we start on this new adventure for The Levels Academy Trust. Each of our schools within the Academy Trust is different and it is that very diversity which can be drawn upon to create a strong supportive working environment for the benefit of all pupils and staff.

As Executive Principal, my role within the Trust is a strategic one encompassing financial decisions and facilitation of the strengths of each individual school unit to support and develop them further, bringing together the skills and expertise apparent within each, for the mutual benefit of all. With that end in view, I look forward to working to develop the professional expertise of staff whilst allowing each Head of School to run their individual schools to reflect their own needs, requirements and aspirations. Whilst I will be a willing and immediate professional advisor and mentor, I will not be usurping the authority of an individual Head of School. Instead I will encourage and support each of them to manage their school to reflect the unique needs and challenges they meet. In this way I will provide professional and educational guidance and leadership support to all staff enabling each school to develop towards excellence for the benefit of its own pupils and the Academy as a whole. Your own class teachers and Head of School will always be there as your supporter and first point of contact. However, they have my availability as professional guide and mentor at any time they require it. My support to them will take the guise of

regular meetings and training to provide professional support. This contact will also ensure I am always up to date with how each school is progressing together with its own needs. I will also maintain informal contact with all parents and each governing body so, whilst my role is essentially one of staff support and development and co-operation between each school, I intend to maintain an individual school presence to enhance that remit. I therefore encourage staff, pupils and parents to join together to meet the challenges and exciting developments the new Academy structure affords.

I wish you all a very relaxing half term.
(Mrs Barraclough)

Staff Car Park

Please could we ask all parents/carers to park in the Recreation Ground car park and walk your children to the top gate when either dropping off for Breakfast Club or at the start/end of the school day. The car park is for staff and there has been several times recently when staff have been unable to park. Thank you for your co-operation.

Breakfast Club

Please could ensure that you bring your child/children into the hall when dropping off in the morning so they can be handed over/registered properly by the Breakfast Club staff. Too many children are being allowed to jump out of cars and run in on their own. Thank you. (Mrs Dennis)

School News

Singing Event outside Tesco!

On Tuesday, all the school children took part in a singing morning outside Tesco in Langport. They were raising funds so that we are able to purchase an electric piano. We raised £168.39 as well as having a great morning singing in the community.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers and members of the local community who came to support us. We should also like to thank Dawn and Sarah-Louise at Tesco, Langport for making this event possible. (Mrs Thompson)



'Sing-Up' Silver Award

Don't forget to join us on the afternoon of **Thursday, 8 June** from 3.00-3.30pm to hear children from across the Academy perform a variety of songs. This is all part of our journey to achieving our 'Sing-Up' Silver Award - plus we love any opportunity to showcase our fabulous children and their many gifts! (Mrs Thompson)

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to our fabulous public speakers, Isla and Janis, who teamed up with Estella from Hambridge Primary School, to form the Levels Academy Trust Public Speaking Team. The team took part in the CLP Public Speaking Competition on Monday and did extremely well. Isla delivered a superb speech on the subject of homework and, as always, spoke with great passion and conviction. Janis had the tricky task of questioning the speaker of another team on the subject of endangered animals and managed to ask some extremely insightful questions. Well done to you all and thank you for representing us so well. (Mrs Dennis)

Class News

MyMaths

All classes (except Parrett) have started to use this interactive online teaching and homework service to enhance our maths provision. Your child should have come home with login information so they can access the website both at school and at home to complete maths tasks as part of regular weekly activities. Please see Mr Clements if you have any questions or problems with MyMaths.

Parrett Class News

After half term we would like the children in Parrett Class to line up in the playground at the start of the school day instead of coming into the classroom. This is in preparation for the transition to Year 1 in September.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been working with GingerFred on a dinosaur dance. They have had great fun and it has provided an excellent addition to our class work on the subject. (Miss Cardwell)

Northmoor Class News

Last week Northmoor Class went on an exciting trip to Caerleon, South Wales to learn all about the Romans. We saw a real Roman bathhouse, the remains of a 5,500 seat amphitheatre and the barracks where the soldiers would have lived. We saw the inside of barrack room where we got to try on some armour ourselves! We learnt lots – from how they cleaned themselves with strigils to the gory details of how they entertained themselves in the amphitheatre! Everyone had a fun and safe day and the children represented themselves and the school fantastically well. (More photos on Page 1) (Mr Akers)



Isle Class News

Following a busy morning singing at Tesco raising money for a new electronic piano, Isle continued their musical journey by walking up to the Angel Café and performing to a very receptive audience. The children all sang with energy and performed four songs. The final song, 'Count on me' by Bruno Mars, was excellently sung and the children were rewarded by their audience with drinks and biscuits! (Mr Clements)

Kingsmoor Class News

On Wednesday, Kingsmoor Class took part in a Financial Understanding Session run by the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Here is a report by one of the pupils:

"On Wednesday, 24 May two people named Laura and Simon came in and started talking to us about finances and money. While playing bingo you had to cross out words and learn in a fun way what they meant. Then afterwards Kingsmoor Class went into five groups of four and took part in lots of enjoyable activities like transferring money in our country to others. Also we answered quizzes at the end to what we thought. We had to circle answers too about the lowest price for cola and the highest price! It was a great session. Everyone joined in on learning about other countries' wages. It was great fun." (Alex, Yr 6)

Sports News

Cricket Tournament, Curry Rivel

A massive well done to Liam, Ryan, Theo, Sam, Alfie, Ellis B and Luke W who represented Huish Episcopi Primary in



the CLP Cricket Tournament at Curry Rivel Cricket Club yesterday. The team showed fantastic professionalism and determination all day in the 25 degrees heat! We competed in four games, winning two and losing two. Special mention to Ellis, Myles and Ryan for their 'Wicket Maidens'! Well done everybody. (Mr Welch)



PE Kit

We are still getting several children who don't have PE kit in school. Over Half Term please could you wash and check your child's kit so it is ready for the rest of term. Please ensure your child brings in their PE Kit on a Monday and has it in school all week. If your child continually forgets their kit, then they will be unable to take part in PE activities in future. Thank you.

Academy Sports Day

Just to remind you that the Academy Sports Day will be held on **Friday, 16 June** at the Yeovil Athletics Track (Pickett Ln, Yeovil BA21 3DS). Events will take place between 10.00am & 2.00pm. Pupils are to come to school as normal and will be taken by coach to and from Yeovil. However, we should like to invite parents/carers to come and watch to support all our pupils taking part.

PFA News

Parrett & Aller Class Cake Sale - Thank you to all of you who supported the sale either by baking or buying cakes.

Year 6 Leavers Campout - This year we are joining up with The Levels Scout Group to provide a Campout for Year 6 pupils on Friday, 30 June. More information will be sent to Year 6 parents/carers very soon.

Summer Festival - Along with Huish Academy we are running a fantastic Summer Festival to be held at the academy on Saturday, 15 July. If anyone is able to help on the day (short time slots will be given) please contact Emma Cook either through the school, on 07927 398277 or via email emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk. Also calling any business owners who would be interested in becoming involved by providing entertainment, activities or maybe food etc? Save the date!

Community Notices

Carymoor Environmental Trust

Half Term activities include **Brilliant Bumble Bees!**; Tuesday, 30 May (2.00-4.00pm); for 8-12 year olds; £6.00 per child; or Family Fun Day: **'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!'**; Thursday, 1 June (10am-12noon and 2.00-4.00pm). £12.00 per family (up to 4 people with one adult) plus £3.00 for each additional participant. Booking essential - please e-mail education@carymoor.org.uk or phone 01963 351350.

Axe Valley Wildlife Park

Saturday, 27 May to Sunday, 4th June (10.00am-5.00pm). Activities include Guinea-Pig Fishing, Animal Feeds, Keeper Talks & Animal Encounters! For more information: www.axevalleypark.co.uk or Tel: 01297 34472.

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 (photo R)

Deputy DSL:

Mrs Joan Meredith (photo L)



Safeguarding & Child Protection

Governor:

Mrs Lou Ward

Singing
at
Tesco !



We hope you all have a good Half Term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday, 5 June!



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Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

w/c 29 May: Half Term.

Monday, 5 June: New Parents Meeting for Reception Intake (Sept 2017); 6.00-6.45pm.

Tuesday, 6 June: 'Poetry Slam' (four pupils); Dillington House; morning.

Thursday, 8 June: Academy 'Gifted & Talented' Singing Workshop; School Hall; 1.30-3.00pm.

Thursday, 8 June: 'Sing-Up' Performance; School Hall; 3.00-3.30pm

Monday, 12 June: Local Dentist visiting Breakfast Club.

Wednesday, 14 June: Tesco visiting Breakfast Club; 'Waffles & Pancakes!'

Wednesday, 14 June: Rotary Club's Day Out to Crealy (six invited pupils); 9.00am-3.30pm.

Friday, 16 June: Academy Sports Day; Yeovil Athletics Track; 10.00am-2.00pm.

Wednesday, 5 July: 'Moving Up' Morning (pupils experience a morning in their new class for September) & Year 6 (Kingsmoor) Transition Day at Huish Academy.

Monday, 10 July: School Reports out to parents/carers.

Tuesday, 11 July: Shakespeare Rocks!; KS2 Summer Production; afternoon & evening performances.

Wednesday, 12 July: Tesco visiting Breakfast Club; 'Continental Breakfast'.

Wednesday, 12 July: Academy Choir (Isle Class) to Bridgwater Singing Festival; the McMillan Theatre; 1.30-8.00pm (performance starts at 6.45pm).

Wednesday, 12 July: Parents Open Evening to discuss reports if required; 3.30-5.00pm.

Friday, 14 July: Years 4, 5 & 6 Trip to YMCA, Bridgwater; Outdoor Adventure Activity Day; 9.00am-3.00pm.

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

Wednesday, 19 July: Year 6 Academy "Virtual Reality" Play & Workshop.

July: School Sports Day; date & time tbc.

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.

Summer Term Free Reading Fridays:

Will be held on 16, 30 June; 14 July 2017.

Sports Match Dates:

Thursday, 15 June: KS1 Multi-Skills Festival; Hambridge; 9.30-11.30am.

Monday, 19 June: Year 3-4 Football Tournament; Hambridge; 4.00-5.30pm.

Thursday, 22 June: CLP Athletics, Huish Academy; 1.30pm start.

Friday, 23 June: Girls Cricket Festival; Huish & Langport Cricket Club; 9.30am-3.30pm.

Monday, 3 July: Year 5-6 Rounders Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00-6.00pm.

Thursday, 6 July: Quadkids Athletics; Area Final; Millfield.

After School Clubs:

Mondays: Rounders with Mrs Ramwell (15 June); then **Dodgeball** (19, 26 June; 10 July) for Years 4, 5 & 6. **Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

Tuesdays: Cricket with Mr Akers & Mrs Ramwell (6, 13, 20, 27 June; 4, 11 July) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Choir with Mrs Thompson (6, 13, 20, 27 June; 4, 11 July) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

Wednesdays: Athletics with Premier Sports & Mr Welch (7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5, 12 July) for Years R, 1, 2 & 3. **Homework Club** with Miss Whelan.

Thursdays: Athletics with Mrs Ramwell (8, 15 June); then Outdoor Adventure (29 June; 6, 13 July) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Fridays: There are not any clubs on a Friday.

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

In addition, at lunchtime, Aller Class is running a **Pen Pal Club** (Tuesdays) and Isle Class a **Chess Club** (Wednesdays) in the first half of this term.

Swimming:

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

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

2017-2018 INSET Days:

Monday, 4 September 2017;
Friday, 20 October 2017; Friday,
9 February 2018; Monday, 23 &
Tuesday, 24 July 2018.

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