

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Isle Class at Wilder Woods
(above & far right)



Year 5 pupils performing at the
Poetry Slam (left)

From the Head of School:

During the last few weeks we have discovered some interesting things about the children at Huish Episcopi Primary School in our weekly celebration assembly on a Friday: we have hard-working scouts; fearsome karate experts; superb writers; talented artists and children who are making fantastic progress with their learning due to hard work and determination, particularly in their times tables. Well done, Corey!

However, we still have children whose planners are not being signed at least four times (five times for KS1 and reception) a week. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of regular reading, not only for the children's development but for their self-esteem and ability to work independently. If you are not in the habit of signing your child's planner regularly, please make this a priority. Time spent sharing a book is one of the most valuable gifts you can give.

Now the summer sun is here, the children are taking full advantage by having packed lunches and playtimes on the field. Please ensure you apply sunscreen before school and your child has a hat and a water bottle.

Finally, we hope you have enjoyed your child's artwork and will be purchasing a calendar to help raise valuable funds for the PFA. (Mrs Dennis)

Staff News

Mr Clements has topped his marathon running by running an ULTRA MARATHON! He took part in the Dartmoor Discovery Race which took him up and down the some of the most challenging hills Dartmoor has to offer. The distance was an incredible 32 miles (52km) and he completed it in an amazing time of 4hrs 58mins. Two hundred and fifty people took



part and Mr Clements came 53rd. Absolutely brilliant Mr Clements, Well done!

School News

Safeguarding—E-Safety

There is some very good advice available for spotting cyber bullying and how to deal with it. You can read more at https://slp.somerset.org.uk/sites/edtech/esafety_newsletters/Archive/1706_June_online_safety_newsletter.pdf

Reporting Absence

Please ensure that you contact the School Office by 9.00am if your child is going to be absent and then keep us updated if your child is going to absent for any longer. If we don't hear from you, we will call to find out why your child is not in school. If we can't contact you, we may consider actually visiting your home to find out and if there is no answer, schools are advised to call the police to help find the child under safeguarding recommendations. So please call us if your child is going to be absent.

We are unable to authorise absence for holidays etc as they are not considered to be an 'exceptional circumstance'. Please let us know in writing if you intend to take your child out of school for a holiday or similar reason. However, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Poetry Slam

Four Year 5 pupils from Isle Class took part in a poetry slam at Dillington House. During the morning they worked with visiting poet, Rachel Rooney, and then performed their poem 'A view from a railway carriage' to twelve other schools. Rhianna, Janis, Chloe and Kaia performed the poem so well they were asked to perform it again and the audience were asked to join in to make the noise of the train on the tracks—it sounded

amazing. They were an absolute credit to themselves and to the school. (Photo on Page 1.)

Class News

Northmoor Class News

Northmoor Class are working hard on their times tables and spelling. Please support them at home to learn and practise these. They need to be able to recall their times tables quickly and accurately. There is lots of progress, but we still need more!

Next week the children will be planting seedlings and applying different conditions needed for growth to see what happens when they are removed. If you want to help your child with their understanding, get them to think about what they need to survive and flourish so that they begin to understand what living things need. (Mr Akers/Mrs Dennis)

Isle Class News

Isle Class had a fantastic day at Wilder Woods. They all demonstrated excellent teamwork whilst building their shelters, which were amazing. They also created woodland art and had a go on an obstacle course through the woods. A great day was had by children and adults alike!

See photos on Page 1 & 3. (Mr Clements)

Kingsmoor Class News

Kingsmoor have made a great start to their swimming lessons and already have shown huge improvement, from water confidence to improving stroke technique. Keep up the good work Kingsmoor! (Mrs Ramwell)



Sports News

Academy Sports Day

With approximately 400 children from the four Academy schools taking part in our Academy Sports Day today at the Yeovil Athletics Arena, we hope many of you managed to go and support all their efforts. Look out for some photos in the Western Gazette soon as their photographer was going to visit the Arena today!

Global Running Day

The whole school took part in Global Running Day. The day started with an assembly led by Mr Clements who told the children what Global Running Day was about. He also spoke about why people run and how it makes them feel. The whole school including staff were appropriately dressed in PE kit to take on the challenge of either running a

mile or continually running on the sprinting track. It was great to see so many smiling faces as they challenged themselves to run further and faster!



Another photo on page 3. (Mrs Ramwell)

Rotary Kids Day Out

The Rotary Club again invited six of our pupils on their annual 'Kids Day Out'. This year the trip went to Crealy Adventure Park in Devon. Accompanied by Mr Welch, our six children had a fantastic time with lots of other pupils from local schools. We should like to thank Jane Redfearn and all the other Rotary members who helped organise a day to remember for our pupils. It is a great experience for them. Thank you. We can't wait to see where the 'Kids Day Out' go next year!

PFA News

Calendars: Thank you to all the children for working hard on designing their calendar pictures. We hope you find them very useful to keep on top of all school dates and events etc.

Year 6 Campout: Year 6 Campout is approaching fast. We're still in need of one more adult to stay over night who is DBS cleared. If any parents have this clearance with the school & would be willing to help please let the School Office know as soon as possible? Thank you.

HUISH SUMMER FESTIVAL is coming along really well. We are very excited as this is the biggest fundraiser we've ever done!

We are still looking for any support on the day. Either helping to set up or help man any of our stalls including Chocolate Tombola, Raffle, Kids Poke Boards, tea/coffee & cake marquee, Soft toys, Books, Floral headbands, Whine & Winge and Plants. We are also looking for any donations of soft toys & books for our stalls.

There's still time to book a pitch if you have something you'd like to sell. Plus if you have a business & would like to place an advert in our programme on the day, it is £5.00 for an A6 size. Anything regarding the Summer Festival, can you please email Alison or Emma:

festival@huishepiscopi.net

To contact the PFA in general please contact Emma Cook either through the school, on 07927 398277 or via email emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk.

Community Notices

Long Sutton Swimming Pool

Splash sessions available every day after school (3.30-4.30pm) for primary children; only £1.00; to book a place call 01458 241434.

It is also possible to hire the pool for a two hour session at weekends for £25.00 (a member of your party does need to be First Aid trained).

LangFest17 (15-17 Sept 2017)

The next Volunteers Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 July at Kitchen@TheWharf at 7.30pm where you can look at the schedule, volunteer some help or if you just want to find out what is going on, then just turn up! Contact: langfest17@gmail.com /01458 252289/Facebook: LangFest17.

Somerset Parent Carer Forum

The Forum is holding roadshows (in Street on 22 June & Yeovil on 27 June) to listen to the ideas and views of parent/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). For more information & to book call 01823 356254 or see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/somerset-county-council-and-somerset-parent-carer-forum-13959803348>.

Local Food Bank

The local Food Bank (based at The Angel, Langport) is in need of more items (particularly rice, long life juice, bottles of squash & toiletries). See:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=804014419757623&substory_index=0&id=652224491603284

Carymoor Environmental Trust

The Trust's Summer Fun Week includes activities such as orienteering, fire-lighting & campfire, cooking, den-building, team challenges, trails & games, mini solar-powered boats, eco-pirate antics, treasure hunt, be an Anglo-Saxon, practical conservation tasks, pond dipping, minibeast hunting, natural crafts & lots lots more! Runs from 31 July – 4 Aug; 9.00am-4.00pm; 7-11 year olds; phone 01963 351350 or e-mail education@carymoor.org.uk; visit www.carymoor.org.uk/summerfun.html

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

Global Running Day (right)



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Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Thursday, 22 June: STEM Science Day; Taunton School; all day (team of five Year 6s).

Friday, 23 June: Whole School Sponsored Run to raise funds for new keyboard and ICT equipment.

Tuesday, 27 June: PE Sales Evening; Huish Academy; 4.00-6.30pm.

Tuesday, 27 June: CLP Showcase of the Performing Arts; Edgar Hall, Somerton; 6.30-8.00pm (Isle Class).

Friday, 30 June: PFA Year 6 Leavers Campout; school field; overnight.

Monday, 3 July: 'Maths Stomp'; Huish Academy; 6.00-8.00pm; further details to follow.

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

Thursday, 6 July: School Sports Day; school field; 1.30-3.30pm (reserve date: Thursday, 13 July).

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; 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.

[**Thursday, 13 July:** Reserve date for Sports Day.]

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); pupils singing at performance circle at 2.00pm.

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

Thursday, 20 July: Year 6 (Kingsmoor) Leavers Assembly; 2.00-3.30pm.

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 30 June & 14 July 2017.

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

Will be published on 30 June & 14 July.

Sports Match Dates:

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

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

Thursday, 29 June: Swimming Gala; Huish Leisure; 2.00-3.00pm.

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

Tuesdays: Cricket with Mr Akers & Mrs Ramwell (20, 27 June; 4 July) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Due to school performance Cricket Club will now NOT take place on 11 July.**

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

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

Thursdays: Outdoor Adventure with Mrs Ramwell (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.

Swimming:

Tuesdays: Swimming for Kingsmoor; 11.10am-12.10pm; 20 June.

Wednesdays: Swimming for Kingsmoor; 11.10am-12.10pm; 21 June.

2017-2018 INSET Days:

Monday, 4 September 2017;

Friday, 20 October 2017; Friday,

9 February 2018; Monday, 23 &

Tuesday, 24 July 2018.

Full set of term dates for 2017-18 available on school website under parents tab.

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