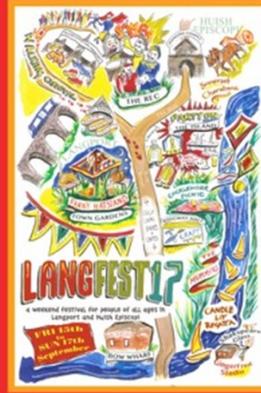
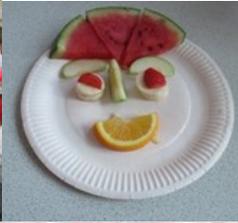


HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



LANGFEST17

**THIS
WEEKEND!**

**FRI 15—SUN 17
SEPT.**

**PLEASE GO
ALONG AND
SUPPORT THE
EVENTS!**



From the Executive Principal:

Welcome back! I do hope that all of our families across our academy schools had an enjoyable and restful summer. We appear to have returned to school with similar weather conditions we had over the holidays, rather than the usual 'Indian Summer' that often occurs once the children are back in school! We look forward to a busy and rewarding year ahead.

Over the last few years, the Government has brought about a number of changes into schools in relation to curriculum and assessment plus a new and tougher OFSTED inspection regime. These have all had a massive impact on schools in developing new methods of assessing pupils' progress, a curriculum with higher expectations of all pupils whatever their starting points and a very challenging and ruthless OFSTED inspection framework. Our schools are all expecting an OFSTED inspection in the coming year and this will come in a very different form than schools have been used to in the past. With the implementation of the new methods of assessment, it is very difficult for schools to compare the 'old levels data' with the new measures that came into force in the 2015/16 academic year. We must also be mindful that the judgement of 'Good' is now harder to achieve than it was in the past, with the now higher raised expectations being implemented so suddenly.

All children within our schools are individual and unique and we must not forget amongst all the changes from above, the importance of each individual and the progress they make across our schools today.

I look forward to working alongside school staff to ensure all children receive an exciting and rewarding curriculum and experiences in our schools, developing and making progress into respectful and confident citizens of the future.

(Mrs Barraclough)

Staff News

We welcome **Mrs Caroline Strudwick** to the school as our Senior Lunchtime Supervisor. Congratulations to **Mrs Susie Score** who will be attending her graduation ceremony next month having attained her PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) and to **Miss Amy Wicks** who got engaged over the Summer Holidays! We say goodbye to **Mrs Fiona Kilbane** who left us over the Summer and wish her luck for the future.

School News

'Bags of Help' Scheme, Tesco, Langport

The school is aiming to improve outdoor provision for the pupils at school by building an outdoor shelter/classroom, creating a larger forest school area for all children to access and build a cob pizza oven to encourage outdoor cooking/healthy eating. We are planning to extend use of these to parents and the community too.

In order to fund this, we applied to the **Tesco's 'Bags of Help' scheme** and I am happy to say that this has been approved and you can vote for our project in the Langport Tesco store during September and October. So please make sure you vote for us with the tokens given when buying goods in Tesco's. Ask for them if the cashier doesn't automatically give them to you! And if you go to another Tesco, please bring back your tokens to Langport!

Please tell all your friends and family to vote for us too to help us get the top award of £4,000.00 which will go a long way to making our ideas a reality and improving the school and access to fun outdoor activities for the children. Thank you!!

(Mrs Susie Score)

TESCO Bags of Help



Virtual Reality Space Day

Last Thursday the whole school became astronauts for the day. They blasted off into space using virtual reality technology. They visited many planets in the solar system, learning amazing facts and features of each planet they visited; it was a real awe and wonder moment! (Mrs Ramwell)

Class News

Parrett Class News

Wow—what a great start to the term! The children have been brilliant at learning the new routines and new friendships are starting to form. This week, we have started to learn the sounds ‘m’ and ‘a’ in our Phonics Sessions. There has already been some fantastic writing. The children have also enjoyed working with their Buddies from Kingsmoor Class. This week they enjoyed sharing stories with each other. (Miss Cardwell)



Isle Class News

Isle Class have made a great start to the year; they have concentrated well and shown a real determination to do their best. Please read the curriculum newsletter sent out today to ensure understanding of routines and expectations, if you have any questions do not hesitate to see Mr Clements. (Mr Clements)

Northmoor Class News

A wonderful start to the new school year in Northmoor Class! Both Mrs Dennis and Mr Akers are excited by the energy and enthusiasm the children have shown.

We are already hard at work developing new skills & learning, and the children definitely know they must keep their work neat and tidy! We have learnt lots about light. The children have come to the conclusion that without any light at all you definitely can't see a thing! We have also been getting to grips with our place value and different types of noun. Lots and lots still to learn and we can't wait to get stuck in! (Mr Akers & Mrs Dennis)

Kingsmoor Class News

Over the Summer Holidays, our classroom was completely redecorated by the Tesco Langport Community Project Team. **Special thanks** to Dawn and all the team from the store plus Jason Cross (Tesco Maintenance), Lancer Scott, Travis Perkins and the heroes of the project—Starfix Southwest Maintenance Services. Have a look at their time lapse video of the work taking place (<https://vimeo.com/231781819>) and pop in to see how great our classroom looks!

(Miss Chadbourne & Mrs Kenchington)

Safeguarding

With the start of the new year please make sure your child's class teacher knows if anyone other than yourself will be picking your child up from school. Also, if your child is in Year 6 and you are happy for them to walk home, we need this confirmed by you with the school. In the next week, you will receive a sheet showing the contact details we have for your child/children for you to check and update. Please make sure all adults who can collect your child are on this sheet for our records.

Health Eating

The community team from the Tesco store in Langport led by Dawn, and ably assisted by Celia



and Sarah, came into school on Wednesday with an abundance of fruit and vegetables. The children learnt about the different types of fruit and veg and where they come from. They then made fruit and veg faces which they thoroughly enjoyed eating!

We look forward to further visits from the Tesco team both in school and to Breakfast Club later this term. Thank you for all your support for our school.

Sports News

Fitness & Team Challenges

Isle, Kingsmoor and Northmoor Classes have made a fantastic start to their weekly fitness and teamwork challenges, keep up the good work!

(Mrs Ramwell)



PFA News

Following their AGM this week, the PFA are again working hard to bring you lots of activities and events throughout the year. Look out for further details in the next newsletter or join their FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

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

LangFest17—Fri 15—17 September

Join in a great weekend of activities across town—a full list of children and family events has already been sent home with your child. Remember to pop and see the children's work which will be displayed at Great Bow Wharf.

Huish Academy—Open Evening

On Wednesday, 20 September from 5.00pm until 7.30pm, Huish Academy's Sixth Form facilities will be open for viewing. Contact: 01458 250501.

Drum Kit Day – Wells Cathedral School

Sunday, 24 September; 9.30am – 4.30pm; open to all levels of players and teachers; admission £35.00; contact 01749 834487; future days include: Sat 14 Oct - 'Be a Chorister for a Day'; Sun 12 Nov - French Horn Day; Sun 21 Jan 2018 - Brass Skills Day; Sun 4 Mar 2018 - Flute & Recorder Day; Sun 29 Apr 2018 - Single Reed Day.

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

Angel Café, Langport

On every second Friday of the month from 3.30-6.30pm, the Angel Café are going to offer a cooked tea for children (donations only, no charge) in the safe environment of the cafe and garden. It is part of our church funded community outreach groups, (Joyous Angels and Little Angels) because we want to give something back to you as parents. The next one is on Friday, 22 September. Any further information from parents Bridget Doran (Vic Boulton) or Deborah Knight.

ASD/Austism Workshops

ASD & Anxiety Workshop on Thursday, 5 October; 6.30pm-9.00pm; ASD & Understanding Challenging Behaviour on Tuesday, 10 October; 10.00am-12.30pm; Venue: YMCA, Bridgwater; to book www.thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/events.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

Our fantastic cleaner, Mrs Harding, is looking for an assistant to help her keep our school clean and tidy:

Cleaner

(5 hours per week—Grade 17 Point 6)

We have a vacancy for a cleaner for five hours per week to work under the supervision of our full time cleaner. The hours can be split across the week to suit e.g. 1 hour per day or split over 2-3 days. There may also be an opportunity for additional hours to assist with deep cleaning during the holidays. If you are interested in either post please speak to Mrs Dennis or Mrs Meredith by noon on **Wednesday 27 September 2017**.

(Previous applicants need not apply.)

Huish Episcopi Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to disclosure through the Criminal Records Bureau.



**Sedgemoor
Class**



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Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Tuesday, 19 September: Northmoor, Isle & Kingsmoor Classes (Yrs 3-6) Trip to Ham Hill; departs 9.00am; returns 3.30pm.

Thursday, 21 September: Aller & Sedgemoor Classes (Yrs 1 & 2) Trip to Drayton Woods; departs 9.00am; returns 1.45pm.

Thursday, 28 September: Parrett & Aller Reading Meeting for parents; 2.45pm-3.25pm.

Friday, 29 September: PFA Film Night.

Monday, 2—Tuesday, 3 October: Bikeability Course for those Year 6 pupils who have had their place confirmed.

Thursday, 5 October: Tempest Photography; individual pupil photos.

Monday, 9 OR Monday, 16 October: Huish Academy Year 6 Parents Evening (letters will follow).

Wednesday, 18 October: Tesco Langport visiting Breakfast Club.

Thursday, 19 October: Parrett Class Profile Sharing Meeting with parents; 2.45pm-3.25pm.

Friday, 20 October: INSET Day—**no children in school please!**

w/c 23 October: Half Term.

Thursday, 2 November: Huish Sixth Drama Transition Tour in school; morning.

Friday, 10 November: 'Autumn Voices Young & Old Concert'; selected pupils to take part (more details to follow).

Monday, 13 November: Children in Need week.

Wednesday, 15 November: Tesco Langport visiting Breakfast Club.

Thursday, 16 November: Flu Vaccination Programme for pupils in Reception, Yrs 1-4; 9.30am; Somerset School Nurse Team.

Monday, 27 November: Parents Evening; 3.30pm-7.00pm.

Wednesday, 29 November: Parents Evening; 3.30pm-7.00pm.

Monday, 11 December: 'Wind in the Willows' production; Image Theatre; School Hall; all pupils.

Tuesday, 12 December: KS1 (Parrett, Aller & Sedgemoor) Nativity Performance; 2.00pm; School Hall.

Wednesday, 13 December: KS1 (Parrett, Aller & Sedgemoor) Nativity Performance; 6.00pm; School Hall.

Tuesday, 19 December: Whole School Christmas Lunch; School Hall.

Thursday, 21 December: Term Ends.

Autumn Term Free Reading Fridays:

22 Sept; 6 Oct; 3 & 17 Nov; 1 & 15 Dec

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

Will be published on 29 September, 13 October, 3 & 17 November, 1 & 15 December 2017.

Sports Match Dates:

Monday, 25 September: Football/Netball Leagues; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.30pm.

Thursday, 28 September: Cross Country 1; Long Sutton; 4.00pm start.

Monday, 2 October: Football/Netball Leagues; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.30pm.

Tuesday, 3 October: KS1 Fun Run; Long Sutton; 4.00pm start.

Monday, 9 October: Football/Netball Leagues; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.30pm.

Thursday, 12 October: Cross Country 2; Hambridge; 4.00pm start.

Monday, 16 October: Girls' Football Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

After School Clubs:

Mondays: Football Club with Mr Akers (11, 18, 25 Sept; 2, 9, 16, 30 Oct until 4.30pm; 6, 13, 20 Nov & 4 Dec until 4.15pm) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Lego Club** with Miss Wicks (11, 18, 25 Sept; 2, 9, 16, 30 Oct; 6, 13, 20 Nov & 4 Dec) for Years 1 & 2.. **Chess Club** with Mr Clements & Mrs Ramwell (all term at lunchtime) for Isle Class.

Homework Club with Mr Welch.

Tuesdays: Netball with Mrs Ramwell (12, 19, 26 Sept; 3, 10 Oct) for Years 4, 5 & 6. **Dodgeball** with Mrs Ramwell (31 Oct; 28 Nov; 5 Dec) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Homework Club with Mr Welch.

Wednesdays: Gymnastics with Premier Sports (13, 20, 27 Sept; 4, 11, 18 Oct) for Years 1 & 2 and (1, 8, 15, 22 Nov; 6 Dec) for Years 3, 4, & 5.

Homework Club with Miss Whelan.

Thursdays: Running with Mrs Ramwell (14, 21 Sept; 5, 19, 30 Oct; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov; 7 Dec) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Computing** with Mr Stevens (all term at lunchtime) for Years 1 & 2.

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.

2017-2018 INSET Days:

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

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