

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



An 'Eggnault Challenge' and trips to Ham Hill and Drayton Woods!

## From the Head of School:

It's been a busy start to the year and I have already seen some impressive examples of work and tremendous progress.

The children are enjoying more active playtimes, supported by a super group of play leaders. In addition, lunchtimes are going well and our volunteer table monitors are doing a super job supporting the younger members of the school community. Well done Year 6 – a great start to the year; the challenge now is to keep it up!

The School Council met for the first time on Tuesday and has decided to have a book in each class where the children can write down what they would like their School Council representatives to discuss. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please do add your comments and your name so that the School Council can reply to you.

All classes have started Huish Academy sessions and it was wonderful to watch the 'egg launch' - I'm afraid many did not make it! The children have shown great teamwork and we hope to see more of this in the term ahead.

Could you please ensure your child has a PE kit in school each week. We can't begin to tell you how disruptive it is when children do not have one with them & would ask that you do not rely on the school to provide a kit for your child. If you have any difficulties getting hold of a kit, please let us know.

Thank you to those parents, carers and grandparents who have volunteered to hear children in Year 1 read each week. We will reschedule the meeting for anyone interested in helping as soon as possible.

And finally, thank you to the PFA who have already begun to fundraise on the school's behalf. If you are interested in joining, please contact Emma Cook (contact details in PFA section of this newsletter). The more, the merrier! (Mrs Dennis)

## Staff News

**Mr Clements** will be taking part in his first Triathlon (swim, cycle, run) at the weekend. Good luck!



## School News

### School Council

I am delighted to report that the new School Council has been elected. The following children will be representing the school this term:

- **Oliver and Amy** (Sedgemoor)
- **Olivia and Layla** (Northmoor)
- **Phoebe and Lucy** (Isle)
- **Brooke and Janis** (Kingsmoor)

The inaugural meeting has taken place and first on the agenda is improving playtimes.

This is a great opportunity for all children to have their say and we really look forward to seeing what they can achieve. (Mr Akers)

### 'Bags of Help' Scheme, Tesco, Langport

Don't forget to vote for our project in the Langport Tesco store during October. Please make sure you ask for the tokens when buying goods in Tesco's. If you go to another Tesco, please bring back your tokens to Langport! We need as many as possible to win! Thanks for your support. (Mrs Score)

## Class Challenge!

**Learn to tie your shoelaces as quickly as possible!** Let's cut down changing time for PE, then you will have more time for sport!



## Class News

### KS1 Trip to Drayton Woods

Sedgemoor and Aller Classes took a trip to Drayton Woods last Thursday. Despite the rain, the children had a fantastic time. They used their team working skills to build shelters, which would have been very

useful if we stayed any longer! They also created some nature art using a variety of materials found amongst the trees. Many thanks to the helpers on the day - without your support we couldn't provide opportunities like this.

(Mr Stevens)

### KS2 Trip to Ham Hill

Northmoor, Isle & Kingsmoor Classes went to Ham Hill Country Park last Tuesday. The sun shone all day as the children got to take part in woodland team challenges, bush craft and orienteering activities. The children demonstrated good teamwork when faced with the different activities. Orienteering was led by Mrs Ramwell, with the children's map reading skills greatly improved by the end of the session. Ham Hill Park Rangers led the other two activities: perseverance was the name



of the game when learning how to light a fire and a steady hand was needed during the woodland team challenges. What a great day out! Many thanks to all our parent helpers – we really appreciate your support.

### Northmoor Class News

Northmoor, along with KS2, enjoyed a wonderful sunny trip to Ham Hill. The children displayed some fantastic team work throughout the day. Mr Akers and Mrs Ramwell were particularly impressed with some fine orienteering skills and the 'never give in' attitude shown by all.

The mystery of what is behind the locked cupboard in the classroom deepens! The children have been incredibly creative with writing and sharing their ideas. Is it a world full of chocolate? A land full of unicorns? Who knows!

As we approach our fourth week back we need ensure that we hitting our stride with our reading. Please try to support the children with this at home by hearing them read and signing their planner at least four times a week. Thank you! (Mr Akers)

### Isle & Kingsmoor Class News

Isle and Kingsmoor Classes undertook the 'Eggnaut Challenge'. They had to work in a team to design and create a capsule to keep their Eggnaut safe. The capsules were then dropped from a two metre height to test whether the capsule



kept their Eggnaut safe. Not all Eggnauts survived the drop! The children were thoroughly engaged in the activity and the applause echoed through the hall when an Eggnaut survived! (Mrs Ramwell)



## Safeguarding

### Data Collection Sheets & Annual Permission Forms

Thank you to all those who have returned their updated Data Collection Sheets and Annual Permission Forms. There are several still outstanding so please can you return them to the School Office by Monday. It is important that we have current contact details, for each and every child, should we have to contact you in an emergency and permissions in place so we don't have to prevent any child taking part in certain activities/walks/trips etc. Thank you. (Mrs Sams)

## Sports News

### KS1 Fun Run

All children in KS1 (Aller & Sedgemoor) have the opportunity to take part in a fun run at Long Sutton Primary School on Tuesday, 3 October. The run starts at 4.00pm. It is a great event to get younger children in to running. Please take them along!

### Cross Country—Long Sutton

Well done to the Cross Country Team who took part in the first race of the season at Long Sutton. There was great running by the team and some excellent sprint finishes. Lola produced an excellent performance and came 3rd overall. The effort given by everyone was amazing.

### Fitness Challenge

The whole school, including all the staff, took part in a timed challenge of running on the spot. It was great to hear lots of words of encouragement to keep going. Well done everyone!

### Football League—Huish Academy

The Football Team took part in the first league matches of the season at Huish Academy. The whole team demonstrated outstanding sporting values of teamwork, effort, determination, fair play and courage. Well done boys!

(Mrs Ramwell)



## Charity News



Mrs Pengelly has signed up for the Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day again. The official day is Friday, 15 December but last year we tied it in with our school Christmas lunch - watch this space!

## PFA News

Following their AGM this week, Emma Cook was re-elected as Chair, with Alison Foster (Vice Chair), Vikki Wood (Treasurer) and Charlotte Atkins (Secretary). They are looking forward to seeing as many pupils as possible tonight at their **Film Night** which starts at 5.30pm (collect at 8.00pm). Other activities include:

**18 Oct: PFA Meeting;** School Hall; 7.30pm; all parents/carers welcome.

**19 Oct: Kingsmoor Clothes Sale;** please bring donations of good quality clothes in the morning; the sale will take place at 3.30pm that afternoon (any unsold items will be donated to Bag2School).

(Further sales will take place of books (**23 Nov; Isle**), school uniform (**25 Jan; Northmoor**); toys (**22 Feb; Sedgemoor**); soft toys (**22 Mar; Aller**); cakes (**26 Apr; Parrett**.)

**2 Nov: Autumnal Fun Night**—includes apple bopping, sparklers, toasted marshmallows, Halloween games, mask making, cake decorating and much more. More details to follow.

**18 Nov: Bingo Night** at the Langport Arms; TBC.

**12 Dec: Santa's Grotto** during Christmas Party time in the afternoon.

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 on 07927 398277 or via email:

[emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk).

## Community Notices

### Langport Runners - RUN FOR FUN

Sunday, 1 October; 9.30am; 4–14 years; Langport North Moor; 3km, 2km, 1km or 400m; parents welcome to run/walk with younger children. Tel: 01458 259688; email [davidgerman555@gmail.com](mailto:davidgerman555@gmail.com).

### Angel Café, Langport

Thank you to everyone who shared The Angel's 'TGIP' free tea for the children event earlier this month. The next one is on Friday, 13 October from 3.30-6.30pm. They take place on the second Friday of each month. Any further information from parents Bridget Doran (Vic Boulton) or Deborah Knight.

### Tor Rugby Club, Glastonbury

The club provides rugby for all age groups from Reception (minis) to U13s (Yr8), boys and girls. It is looking for more Year 6s to join their U11 squad and invites you to take part in a 'Rugby Skills Action Day' on Sunday, 15 October. They have also just launched a Mendip U13's Girls Team. Contact Andrew Pearce ([Torminirugby@gmail.com](mailto:Torminirugby@gmail.com) or call 07592 692296). Go on ... "Give it a Try"!

### Keeping Children Safe from the NSPCC

Tips for parents and carers to keep your children safe, what to do and what you can do, can be found on: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/keeping-children-safe/>

### The Voice Kids - ITV 2018

ITV is looking for super talented singers aged 7-14; applications are now open and can be submitted via: <http://www.itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply>. They must be submitted by a parent/legal guardian by 15 October.



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## 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

## Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

**Friday, 29 September:** PFA Film Night; doors open 5.30pm; film starts at 5.45pm; collect 8.00pm; £1.00 donation per child.

**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; family groups with pre-school/older children at 8.30am; School Hall.

**Monday, 9 October:** Huish Academy Year 6 Parents Evening; 6.00pm (letters given out on 20/9/17).

**Wednesday, 18 October:** Tesco Langport visiting Breakfast Club.

**Wednesday, 18 October:** PFA Meeting; 7.30pm; School Hall.

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

**Thursday, 19 October:** PFA Kingsmoor Clothing Sale; 3.30pm.

**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.

**Thursday, 2 November:** PFA Autumnal Fun Night (more details to follows).

**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 & Wednesday, 29 November:** Parents Evenings; 3.30pm-7.00pm.

**Monday, 11 December:** 'Wind in the Willows' production; Image Theatre; morning; 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; pm class parties with the PFA's Santa's Grotto.

**Thursday, 21 December:** Term Ends after Carol Service; pm.

## Autumn Term Free Reading Fridays:

6 October; 3 & 17 November; 1 & 15 December.

## Next Issues of this Newsletter:

Will be on 13 Oct, 3 & 17 Nov, 1 & 15 Dec 2017.

## 2017-2018 INSET Days:

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

## Sports Match Dates:

**Monday, 2 October:** Football/Netball Leagues; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.20pm.

**Tuesday, 3 October:** KS1 Fun Run; Long Sutton; 4.00pm—5.00pm.

**Monday, 9 October:** Football/Netball Leagues; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.20pm.

**Thursday, 12 October:** Cross Country 2; Hambridge; 4.00pm-5.15pm.

**Monday, 16 October:** Girls' Football Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Tuesday, 7 November:** Sports Hall Athletics (Yrs 5 & 6); Huish Leisure; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Tuesday, 14 November:** Badminton (Yrs 5 & 6); Huish Leisure; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Tuesday, 21 November:** Sports Hall Athletics (Yrs 5 & 6); Huish Leisure; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

## After School Clubs:

**Mondays: Football Club** with Mr Akers (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/Miss Cardwell (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 (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 (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 (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.*

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