

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



## Harvest Festival Assembly

**Monday, 16 October**

Please bring donations to the hall in the morning.

Year 6 pupils will be giving your donations to local residents & food banks afterwards.



## From the Executive Principal:

As the evenings start to draw in, we are coming towards the end of our first half term back in school. Our pupils have been working extremely hard and have settled in well to their new classes engaging in a variety of activities across the curriculum.

In all our schools, we value the part that parents play in supporting their child's education. Parental input out of school is key to ensuring children continue to use skills learnt in the classroom to prepare them for their independent future lives. In this day and age, modern technology can easily get in the way of enjoying books with our children. If we are not careful it can also too easily replace family conversation or fun informal learning experiences such as asking your child to add the cost of items purchased when doing the weekly shop. As parents, we must try to balance the amount of time spent playing solitary video games and/or watching television with social family interaction. It is worrying to note that recent surveys show a fifth of parents with primary aged children do not spend any time reading with their child and that more than half spend less than an hour a week doing so.

It is invaluable for every child's education for parents and carers to engage with them to support reading, writing and mathematical skills thus enhancing their formal teaching at school. So please continue to communicate with your child's class teacher about how you can best help their specific learning progress when at home. I promise your child will benefit and both of you will enjoy the experience. (Mrs Barraclough)

## Staff News

Congratulations to **Miss Whelan** who will be attending her graduation ceremony today (with **Mrs Score** as previously reported) having attained

a BA (Hons) Early Years Childhood Studies (first class) degree. We are so proud of them both.

**Mrs Ramwell** completed another race last weekend. She took part in the Great Inflate-A-Race in Yeovil—a 5k race complicated by the additional problem of getting over various inflatable obstacles as well as a steep downhill and steep uphill section. Mrs Ramwell not only ran well, but also managed to run it in a personal best time. Well done Mrs Ramwell, another medal well earned!

**Mr Clements** came an amazing 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 169 competitors in his first triathlon. He set off with a very fast swim, had a quick change in transition one, headed out on his bike over a challenging course finally coming into transition two, and with another quick change, finished with an incredibly fast run. What an achievement well done!

We are also very excited about **Mrs Ramwell's** visit to Buckingham Palace next week when she accompanies her dad who will be awarded an MBE!

## School News

### Pupil Photographs—Deadline MONDAY!

Please could you ensure that any further orders for pupils' photographs from Tempest Photography are handed in **by 4.00pm on Monday, 16 October** as they will be collected from us the following day.

### Langport Library Visit

Last Friday, Sally from Langport Library came into school to hand out Summer Holiday Reading Challenge certificates and medals. It was wonderful to see how many of the children had taken part – well done to all of them and well done to all of you for encouraging your child/ren to get the reading habit. Sally spoke to all the children about making regular use of Langport Library. It is a wonderful resource and free for all to use. If you haven't visited before, why not drop in to talk to them about how to get a library card for your child and have a look at the book selection they have to offer.

### Breakfast Club

Our thriving Breakfast Club is looking forward to two visits from the Community Team from Tesco Langport soon—the first on Wednesday, 18 October and then again on Wednesday, 15 November.

### 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. 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 News

#### Parrett Class News

A lovely photo of our new Reception children in Parrett Class should be appearing in the Western Gazette's 'First Class Supplement' soon—but we couldn't resist publishing it on the front of this newsletter! (Apologies, but a couple of the children were off sick on the day we took it.) (Miss Cardwell)

#### Aller Class News

Aller Class have been working very hard over the past few weeks. They have challenged themselves during maths lessons, been creative in literacy lessons, had a go at programming a robot during ICT lessons, produced some lovely painted pictures in art and showed good gymnastic ability in PE. Well done Aller Class. (Mrs Ramwell)



#### Isle Class News

Isle Class have been working really hard over the past two weeks concentrating on descriptive writing in literacy, looking at negative numbers in maths and having a go at programming in ICT. For our next literacy unit we will be looking at the book Flotsam by David Wiesner. Please send in all things flotsam (ie shells, drift wood and anything washed up ashore). (Mr Clements)

#### Kingsmoor Class News

##### Bikeability (2-3 October 2017)

*'On Monday and Tuesday, the majority of Year 6 did Bikeability. The teachers were extremely friendly and positive and impressive to work with.*

*We all checked our bikes every session to make sure that our bikes were road-worthy but had fun learning the ABCCD (Air, Brake, Control, Chain, and Drop). I personally enjoyed going around the roundabout road.'* (Brooke)

#### House Captains & Vice Captains

We should like to announce that the following Year

6 children have been appointed as follows:

**House Captains** are: Chloe (Yellow), Kyla (Blue), Sam (Red) and Luke W (Green). **Vice Captains** are: Hatty (Yellow), Janis (Blue), Theo (Red) and Ellis (Green). Congratulations!

#### Reading Books—can you help?

We have recently made a large purchase of new reading books for Parrett, Aller & Sedgemoor classes. They are beautiful and we can't wait to get them on the shelves! If any parent, grandparent or carer could help us to stamp, band and cover the books so that we can get them into classrooms, we would be so grateful. I'll provide the coffee & cake! If you are free on the mornings of Tuesday, 16 and Wednesday, 17 October & would like to help please let the office know. Thank you. (Miss Chadbourne)

### School Admissions

#### Starting or moving schools next year?

If your child is due to start school for the first time (if they turned four between 1 Sept 2013 & 31 Aug 2014) or is set to transfer to secondary school next September, then you must make sure you get your applications in on time. To download the primary or secondary school booklet for parents, to make an online application or for more information, visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions) and select either 'Apply to Start School' or 'Apply to Transfer School'. Or, if you need a paper application form or further advice, phone 0300 123 2224. **Deadline for secondary admissions is 31 October 2017; Deadline for primary admissions is 15 January 2018.**

### Safeguarding

#### Data Collection & Annual Permission Forms

There are still a few Data Collection and Annual Permission Forms outstanding. Please return them to the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you. (Mrs Sams)

#### Throat Pastilles and Soothers

We are aware that some children are coming to school with throat pastilles to sooth sore throats. Could you please ensure that these are NOT kept in school bags but given to the Class Teacher who will store them securely and monitor consumption. (Mrs Dennis)

### Sports News

#### Football League

The football team played their final three matches of the Football League this week. They have improved with each match they have played. Luke P, Alfie, Luke W, Ellis, Theo, Sam, Euan and Oliver demonstrated excellent sporting qualities throughout all the matches played. Oliver showed

great team spirit and even though he was injured for the last three games he still turned up to support the rest of the team giving support and encouragement. The whole team voted for 'Player of the Tournament' which was Sam. Well done!

### Cross Country

The cross country team took part in the second race of the season at Hambridge. It was the first time running for some of the team and they all gave an excellent performance. The team ran the challenging course with determination and smile on their faces as well as producing fantastic sprint finishes at the end. Special mention must go to **Layla** in Year 3 who, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond her control, missed her race but competed in the Year 5-6 race instead and running the race of her life to finish half way up the field. Fantastic Layla!

### Witness the Fitness!

The whole school is becoming fitter with our Friday morning fitness session. They are motivating each other to try their best and keep on going; when asked for volunteers to be at the front to help demonstrate and lead the way there is no shortage of volunteers. Keep up the amazing effort!



### PE Lessons

Please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school **every Monday**. For your child's safety, long hair needs to be tied up and all jewellery removed including earrings. If your child cannot take out their own earrings please make sure they have tape/

plasters to cover them with. Thank you for your support in this matter. (Mrs Ramwell)

## PFA News

Thank you to all of you who came to **Film Night** which was enjoyed by over 100 pupils. Other activities coming up 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).

**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,** Langport Arms.

**23 Nov: Isle Book Sale**

**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

### Angel Café, Langport

The next Angel's 'TGIP' free tea for the children event is this afternoon, 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 or Deborah Knight.

### 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/>

### Remembrance Day Service 2017

The Royal British Legion invites all members of the school community to attend this year's Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, 12 November at 10.50am at the War Memorial, Huish Episcopi followed by a service in St Mary's Church.

**Saints Southwest** are running Soccer Schools during Half Term from £7.50; 10am-3pm in Langport. Ages 7-12: 10am-3pm; ages 4-6: 1.30pm-3pm. To book please call 01803 206350 or visit [www.saintssouthwest.co.uk](http://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk).

### 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)

**Monday, 16 October:** Harvest Festival Assembly for the pupils; donations of produce to the hall in the morning please.

**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, 3 November:** Mufti Day; donation of £1.00 per child towards PFA Bingo prizes.

**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.

**Thursday, 23 November:** Isle Class Book Sale; 3.30pm.

**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.

**Monday, 8 January 2018:** Term Starts

**Autumn Term Free Reading Fridays:**

3 & 17 November; 1 & 15 December.

**Next Issues of this Newsletter:**

Will be on 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, 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 (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 (16, 30 Oct; 6, 13, 20 Nov & 4 Dec) for Years 1 & 2. **Chess Club** with Mr Clements & Mrs Ramwell (all term; lunchtime) for Isle Class.

**Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

**Tuesdays: 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 (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 (19, 30 Oct; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov; 7 Dec) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Computing with Mr Stevens (all term; 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.*

**CARS.... CARS.... CARS....**

If you have any toy cars your child/ren are no longer playing with that could be used at playtimes or lunchtimes, please could you take them to the School Office where they will be VERY gratefully received. Many thanks. (Mrs

**PFA Sales next term:**

**25 Jan:** Northmoor School Uniform Sale

**22 Feb:** Sedgemoor Toy Sale

**22 Mar:** Aller Soft Toy Sale

**26 Apr:** Parrett Cake Sale



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