

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



From the Executive Principal:

It has been lovely to see our children across all our schools enjoying a varied curriculum, focusing on the foundation subjects and applying their Maths and English skills in the wider sense. By exposing children to different experiences across subjects, it allows them to make links with the past, think about the future, engage in competition and become thoughtful and well-rounded learners. Developing creativity in children can spark their imaginations and enable them to see strengths in their own ability rather than a narrow focus on the core subject areas.

We look forward to meeting all our parents at the forthcoming parents' evenings and talking to you about the progress your child/children are making. (Mrs Barraclough)

Staff News

We should like to welcome **Miss Joanne Robinson** who has joined our school community as one of our Teaching Assistants.

Mr Richard Akers will be leaving us at Christmas—we wish him well for the future. **Mrs Karen Spencer**, a qualified and experienced teacher, and currently a Higher Level Teaching Assistant at the school, will be teaching Northmoor Class alongside Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis, the new Head of School, from January 2018 until the end of the academic year.

Many congratulations to **Mr Tom Stevens** and his family on the birth of their second daughter, Charlotte.

Mrs Mandy Ramwell continues to make great strides in running. She has recently completed the Dame Kelly Holmes Running Challenge and a Virtual Running challenge by setting herself a running target and surpassing it! Superb work Mrs Ramwell—keep it up, a super inspiration to us all!

School Uniform

Following a discussion at a recent Academy Senior Leadership Team meeting, we should like to remind parents that we expect pupils to wear full school uniform at all times and adhere to the School Uniform Requirements as outlined in our joining information and agreed to by parents/carers by signing the Home School Agreement. This includes flat black shoes (not boots or trainers), only small stud earrings (no other jewellery) and hair tied back with suitable ties/bands. Please could you avoid using the large 'Jo-Jo' bows that many girls are currently wearing as they are not appropriate for school. We also discourage extreme hairstyles including the dying of children's hair. We are proud of how smart our children look and wish to maintain standards. Thank you.

School News

Carols at Tesco, Langport

We are delighted that Tesco, Langport has invited the children to sing carols at the store on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 from 9.30am until 10.30am. We shall be fundraising again with our buckets, this time for Literacy books and resources. Please come along to listen to the children. With many thanks to the Community Team at Tesco, Langport for their continued support.

Class News

Parrett Class News

Parrett & Kingsmoor Classes joined together last week to help move the woodchip that was very kindly delivered by Mr Richards (Frank's Dad!). The children worked together to load buckets and wheelbarrows before transporting it to Parrett Class. The children showed great determination and teamwork! A big thank you to all the



parents who helped. Most of the woodchip has now been placed in the outdoor area that will soon have a mud kitchen, water wall and outdoor writing resources which will develop the children's learning. (Miss Cardwell)



Sedgemoor Class News

Sedgemoor Class have had a great few weeks creating a class museum of artefacts (thank you to everyone who has sent something in). They have really enjoyed finding out what things were used for and how old they were.



They also took part in a paired reading session with Isle Class where both classes read their reading books to each other. It was amazing to see the interaction between the children (see photos on page 1). The class also collectively wrote a poem for Remembrance Day and performed to people around the school (see poem on page 4). Super work Sedgemoor! (Mrs Ramwell)

Northmoor Class News

Northmoor Class has recently been learning about the Stone Age. We have been immersed in our class book, 'Stone Age Boy', and written our own stories going back in time. We have looked at the early tools of humankind and answered the question 'Why was it called the Stone Age?' The children have been amazed (and slightly revolted!) by the diet of Stone Age people and what they had to do to survive. We even tried eating our very own berry and nut stew (this received a mixed reaction!).

Next week we will need to have our brains in top gear as we review and practise everything we have learnt so far this year.

Finally, we are seeing some excellent progress in our reading. Some children have already reached their termly targets. Please continue to read with your children at home – it really does make a huge difference. (Mr Akers & Mrs Dennis)

Isle Class News

Isle Class are really embracing the times tables challenge they do every Friday. They are completing the challenge in well under five minutes and some in fewer than three minutes, showing their recall knowledge is really improving. Keep up the hard work Isle Class! (Mr Clements)



Kingsmoor Class News—Viking Day!

See the fantastic photos on Page 1; two pupils said: *'On Thursday, 16 November Kingsmoor Class had a Viking Day which we had to dress up for. In the morning, we started by parading through Northmoor Class; they were impressed by our costumes. Then, we came back to our classroom and split in to two halves. One half of the class made bread whilst the other made longboats. Then we swapped. In the meantime, we started writing about dragons and decorating shields for the boats. After lunch, we got in our boats and sailed (walked) through Langport. When we got back we had a feast of our bread and Miss Chadbourne's stew and mead. It was an amazing day!'* (Janis)



'On Thursday, 16 November we had a Viking Day. On this day we got to dress up as Vikings. We painted Longboats, made our own bread, drew our own dragons to write about in our Literacy books, went around Langport in our Longboats and last but not least, had a Viking feast.' (Kaia)
(Mrs Kenchington & Miss Chadbourne)

Langport Library Visits

Over the next few weeks, each class will be taking a trip to Langport Library. The children will be learning about how to locate and reserve books they want to read, in addition to seeing what resources are available. Children can bring their library card from home so they can take books out. If you can support a class by offering to accompany them to the library, please let your Class Teacher know ASAP. The dates of the visits are as follows:

Northmoor: 11.00am Monday, 27 November;

Kingsmoor: 11.00am Thursday, 30 November;

Parrett: 9.30am Monday, 4 December; **Isle:**

9.30am Thursday, 7 December; **Sedgemoor:**

11.00am Thursday, 7 December; **Aller:** a trip is planned for early in the Spring Term 2018.

(Miss Jenny Chadbourne)

Voices Young and Old Concert

Over a third of all of KS2 pupils came together to form the Huish Episcopi Primary School Choir and took part in the 'Voices Young and Old' concert at St Mary's Church last Friday. The children sang with such pride and passion. Their voices echoed around the church as they sang. The audience gave a



tremendous round of applause after each song. The children were accompanied by Mr Clements on the piano and what with his amazing musical talent and their beautiful voices, it was just stunning. We had so many compliments at the end of the concert. Well done to everyone—it was an amazing evening.

(Mrs Ramwell)

Children in Need

The children looked fantastic dressed up in their spotty clothes. They thoroughly enjoyed the 'Jog on the Spot' challenge and bought a well-deserved cake for their efforts during play and lunch time.



(Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the Spotty Cake Sale). Also, we had a brilliant response to the Pudsey Colouring Competition and the winners were:

Parrett: **Noah**; Aller: **Tiana**; Sedgemoor: **Leonie**; Northmoor: **Thomas**; Isle: **Lily**; Kingsmoor: **Kaia**.

Sports News

Sports Hall Athletics

The Sports Hall Athletics Team took part in the first round of the CLP Competition at Huish Academy. They competed in numerous events but shone in the long jump and relay racing. They were a credit to themselves and to the school. Well done!



Badminton

The Badminton Team (Luke, Sam, Theo and Ellis) took part in the CLP Badminton Competition at

Huish Academy. Even though it is a sport they do not get to do very often, they ALL played extremely well. Luke and Ellis made it through to the semi-finals and then Ellis went on to finals where he was finally beaten by one point. The whole team demonstrated excellent sporting qualities. Well done boys!



FA Football Coaching

Sedgemoor and Isle Classes have had their first few lessons of football coaching with Simon Lyons, a FA football coach. They have been learning the importance of finding and using space and how to control the ball. Simon said both classes had made a great start to the sessions and that the children were really enthusiastic. He is looking forward to the next four sessions with the children.



Safeguarding

Gaming Information

We know how popular gaming is for children but please make sure your and your children are playing safe online by checking the game's content, making sure your child knows how to 'mute, block & report' and share safely. Activate safety settings and have regular conversations together about the games they are planning. For more information see <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/gaming-%E2%80%93-resources-parents-and-carers>

Please also find Childnet's Online Gaming information leaflet attached with this newsletter.

PFA News

Activities coming up this term include:

18 Nov: Bingo Night, Langport Arms (thank you for your Mufti donations today in aid of the prizes); doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.00pm.

23 Nov: Isle Class Book Sale (please bring your donations of books in on the morning of the sale and leave in the Community Room, School Hall).

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.

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)

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

Monday, 27 & Wednesday, 29 November: Parents Evenings; 4.00pm-7.00pm; Mrs Ramsay (SENCo) available on the Wednesday evening. Appointment slips will be sent out next week.

Friday, 8 December: Mrs Robinson from Huish Academy visiting Year 6 pupils.

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: Carols at Tesco, Langport; all classes singing to raise funds for Literacy; 9.30am-10.30am.

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

Friday, 15 December: Christmas Jumper Day! (more details to follow)

Tuesday, 19 December: Whole School Christmas Lunch; School Hall; pm class parties with the PFA's Santa's Grotto.

Thursday, 21 December: Carol Service, St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi; (time tbc); Term Ends at 3.30 pm.

Monday, 8 January 2018: Term Starts.

Thursday, 25 January: PFA Northmoor Class School Uniform Sale.

Tuesday, 6 February: Safer Internet Day.

Friday, 9 February: INSET (Staff Training Day) - no children in school please!

w/c 12 February: Half Term.

Thursday, 22 February: PFA Sedgemoor Class Toy Sale.

Wednesday, 1 March: World Book Day

w/c 5 March: 'Book People' Book Fair this week.

w/c 19 March: Sport Relief Week.

Monday, 19 & Wednesday, 21 March: Parents' Consultation Evenings; 4.00pm-7.00pm.

Thursday, 22 March: Assembly by Wessex Water for World Water Day.

Thursday, 22 March: PFA Aller Class Soft Toy Sale.

Friday, 23 March: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Monday, 9 April: Term Starts

Thursday, 12 April: Tempest Photography; Class Photos.

Thursday, 26 April: PFA Parrett Class Cake Sale.

Summer Term 2018

Wednesday, 4 July: Year 6 Induction Day at Huish Academy.

Autumn Term Free Reading Fridays:

1 & 15 December.

2017-2018 INSET Days:

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

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

Will be on 1 & 15 Dec 2017.

Sports Match Dates:

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

After School Clubs:

Mondays: Football Club with Mr Akers (20 Nov & 4 Dec until 4.15pm) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Lego Club** with Miss Wicks/Miss Cardwell (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 (28 Nov; 5 Dec) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Homework Club with Mr Welch.

Wednesdays: Gymnastics with Premier Sports (22 Nov; 6 Dec) for Years 3, 4, & 5.

Homework Club with Miss Whelan.

Thursdays: Running with Mrs Ramwell (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.

Lost Wrist Watch

A black and orange 'Limit Chrono Drive' watch has been found on the playground. It does not seem to belong to one of our pupils so if an older sibling has lost a watch please contact the School Office. (Mrs Sams)

Sedgemoor Class Remembrance Poem**Remember**

We remember the people that died for us
We remember the people that helped us
We remember the people that protect us
We remember!

**Poppy Appeal**

We should like to thank all children and parents who so generously donated to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year.

A special vote of thanks to the Year 6 pupils who stood up in the playground in all weathers with the items & collection tin. We shall let you know how much was raised.



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