

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



From degrees
to MBEs!

Congratulations
to
Miss Whelan,
Mrs Score
and
Mrs Ramwell's
Dad!



Some of our children opted to spend their playtime writing and illustrating stories. What enthusiasm!

From the Head of School:

It was lovely to see so many of you at last night's Autumnal Fun Night. A huge thank you to the PFA and all those who helped to make it such a good evening.

The children are keeping busy and some are beginning to step forward to organise clubs and playground activities for others to participate. The School Council have started to survey the children to see what they like about playtimes and what ideas they have for further activities.

It is wonderful to see so many of our children getting the 'reading habit'. I can't begin to tell you how much we love the beam on a child's face when they proudly tell us how much they have read or how well they did on their latest quiz. Mr Welch is impressed with the attitude of all those in his reading groups - don't forget to bring your library books back next week. We wonder what books you will recommend to each other and choose next?

Once more, a plea to any parent/carer who has not yet managed to sort out a PE kit for their child/ren. Please, please, please be aware of how hugely disruptive this is for everyone else and ensure your child/ren have their kit in school every week from now on. Thank you.

Here's to a hard-working, productive and healthy run up to Christmas! (Mrs Dennis)

Staff News

We should like to welcome **Mrs Nicola Wilce** who has joined our school community as one of our Lunchtime Supervisors.

Congratulations **Mrs Score** and **Miss Whelan** on your graduations! See photos above.

Mr Clements has been marathon running again, taking part in the Dartmoor Vale Marathon. He came 5th in his age category and 23rd overall! What makes this impressive is that he



had only run the Eden Marathon two weeks before. What an achievement, well done!

Mrs Ramwell visited Buckingham Palace on 17 October to watch her dad receive his MBE award. She said "I am extremely proud of him. The day was unbelievably amazing from start to finish. I even managed to deliver a parcel for the Queen from Lola and Autumn and they have already had a thank you letter back." See photo above & a copy of the letter from Buckingham Palace on Page 3.

School News

Head of School Appointment

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis has been appointed Head of School from January 2018. A letter was sent out yesterday to all parents/carers. We are hoping that Mrs Doughty Davis will be able to visit the school prior to taking up her post in order to meet with the school community. (Mrs Barraclough)

Arrival of our new Piano!

We were very excited to receive delivery of our new piano just before Half Term. Thank you to everyone who helped fundraise to enable us to buy it. It is in the School Hall and has already been put to almost daily use!

Poppies for Remembrance

If you would like to make a donation to the Royal British Legion, the School Office now has boxes of poppies and a collection tin for donations. We also have some wristbands & reflectors (suggested donation 50p) and some friendship bracelets & snap bands (suggested donation £1.00) available. Please come to the office if you would like any of the items or, next week, our Year 6s will have the items and collection box up on the playground for you to look at from 3.15pm. (Mrs Sams)

School Hot Meals

If you have a child in Northmoor, Isle or Kingsmoor, please remember you can order hot

meals for your child at £2.50 per meal. Order forms can be found in the School Hall lobby and there is also a secure post box there for envelopes containing orders and payments. Order forms with payment must be in by Wednesday morning for meal orders the following week. New order forms are placed in the lobby every Thursday morning. Any queries, please contact Mrs Sams in the School Office. (Mrs Sams)

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that our Breakfast Club has achieved the highest Food Hygiene Rating of '5' from the Food Standards Agency and are proudly displaying their sticker in the community room window!

Reading Initiatives

A small group of children are taken by Mr Welch to Portcullis House each week to read to the residents. Mr Welch has also set up four groups of children who visit Langport Library on a weekly basis to encourage them to read and borrow books regularly.

Class News

Sedgemoor Class News

Sedgemoor Class need your help! As part of a history topic, our children having been learning all about 'changes within living memory.' As part of their learning, we are trying to put together a museum of artefacts from the recent past. If you have anything at home that could go in our display we would be very grateful - 60s/70s/80s/90s or even before would be great. To give you an idea of the type of objects, I am bringing in an old Walkman, a Spectrum 48k, an original Gameboy and some vinyl LPs. Thank you. (Mr Stevens)

Isle Class News

Isle Class have started this half term really focussed on their reading. They have all taken the Accelerated Reader test which helps determine their reading book levels and there has been some super progress - keep up the reading of 15 minutes a day (if not more)! (Mr Clements)

Isle Class have finished their fiction writing based on the story of 'Eric' by Shaun Tan. Please come and have a look; you may need to search around the school as Eric likes to explore! It has created such a buzz around the school already. (Mrs Ramwell)

Kingsmoor Class News

This half term, Kingsmoor Class are studying the Vikings' invasion of Britain. We will be having a day of Viking fun on the Thursday, 16 November when the children are



invited to dress up as Vikings and spend the day following Viking pursuits and sampling some Viking food.

Yesterday, Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic performance from a group of drama students currently studying at Huish Sixth Form. The focus was on transition up to Year 7 and the children thoroughly enjoyed watching the older students, as well as taking part in a workshop afterwards. Their behaviour, as well as their willingness to get involved, was exceptional and they definitely made a super impression! (Mrs Kenchington)

Vote of Thanks!

Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Wickham who gave up so much of their time to back the new school reading books for KS1. We really appreciate all their time and support. These books should last a long time thanks to their efforts.



(Miss Chadbourne)

Sports News

After School Clubs

Please note that **Football Club** finishes at 4.15pm from now on due to fading light.

Dodgeball Club will only now run on 28 November and 5 December—please pick up your child at 3.30pm on the Tuesdays when Dodgeball isn't running. Thank you.

Running Club will continue until 7 December but, due to fading light, we are asking that the children bring in a head torch or small hand torch for running on the field.

Girls Football Tournament

The girls football team took part in the CLP Girls Football Tournament at Huish Academy; the team played extremely well considering they had not played altogether before. They supported each other well and demonstrated excellent teamwork qualities. Well done girls!



Witness the Fitness!

Witness the Fitness Friday this morning saw every child participating and we have noticed a huge improvement in their stamina. The staff are also actively involved and seeing the benefits!

PE Kit

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on a Monday ready for their PE lessons during the week. Also as the weather gets colder, children can wear jogging bottoms for outside PE.

School Team Sports Kit—PLEASE RETURN!

If you have ever represented the school at a sporting event, you may have been given sports kit to wear. Unfortunately we seem to be missing a few sports kits. Please can you check if you have any at home and bring into school as soon as possible - thank you. (Mrs Ramwell)

Safeguarding

Reporting Absence & Attendance

Please ensure that you ring the School Office if your child is going to be absent to give the reason and keep us updated should the absence continue.

We are also concerned about several children who are regularly coming into school late—this is disruptive for their class and detrimental to the child who misses the start of the school day. We have also had a few occasions recently when children have not been picked up on time at 3.30pm. Please make sure your child is dropped off and collected on time. Thank you.

PFA News

The **Bag2School** collection produced 140kgs of clothing etc which provided £56.00 for our funds—thank you to all who donated.

Thank you to all of you who came to the **Autumn Fun Night**—it was a great evening!

Other activities coming up this term include:

18 Nov: Bingo Night, Langport Arms (thank you for your Mufti donations today in aid of the prizes).

23 Nov: Isle Class 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.

Community Notices

Voices Young & Old—10 November

A gathering of Voices Young & Old featuring children from Huish Episcopi Primary School and other local schools with the Langport Community Choir, Liberty Goodswen and the Somer Singers will take place on Friday, 10 November from 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi. Free entry; refreshments; donations to local charities. Please come along!

Remembrance Day Service—12 November

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.

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



20th October 2017

Dear Autumn

The Queen wishes me to thank you for your card and for the lovely box of presents which you have sent for Her Majesty.

The Queen was very pleased to hear from you and your friend, Lola James, and although unable to reply to you personally, Her Majesty greatly appreciated your kind thought for her.

I hope you are enjoying the new school term, and I am to thank you and Lola once again for your special gifts.

Yours Sincerely
Philip de Pese

Lady-in-Waiting

Miss Autumn Lane

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Wednesday, 8 November: Open Morning for prospective parents and children due to start school in September 2018; 9.15am-10.30am.

Friday, 10 November: 'Autumn Voices Young & Old Concert'; pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to take part; St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi; 6.30pm-7.30pm (approx.); letter was sent out on 2 Nov 2017 to parents/carers; all welcome to attend; free entry; refreshments; donations to local charities.

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.; **consent forms being sent to parents w/c 6 Nov.**

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

Monday, 27 & Wednesday, 29 November: Parents Evenings; 3.30pm-6.30pm; **Mrs Ramsay (SENCo) available on the Wednesday evening; more details to follow.**

Friday, 1 December: Huish CLP Advent Concert; St Michael's & All Angel's Church, Somerton; 1.30pm.

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.

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.

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

Monday, 19 & Wednesday, 21 March: Parents' Consultation Evenings; 3.30pm-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.

Autumn Term Free Reading Fridays:

17 November; 1 & 15 December.

Sports Match Dates:

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 (6, 13, 20 Nov & 4 Dec until 4.15pm) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Lego Club** with Miss Wicks/Miss Cardwell (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 (28 Nov; 5 Dec) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Homework Club with Mr Welch.

Wednesdays: Gymnastics with Premier Sports (8, 15, 22 Nov; 6 Dec) for Years 3, 4, & 5.

Homework Club with Miss Whelan.

Thursdays: Running with Mrs Ramwell (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.

2017-2018 INSET Days:

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

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



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