

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL
AT HUISH EPISCOPI
PRIMARY SCHOOL!**

From the Executive Principal:

As we come towards the end of what has been a very long term, we have been impressed by the children's continued enthusiasm for all aspects of school life. The last two weeks of term have, and are, packed with Nativity Plays, Christmas lunches, Carol Services and parties. There is certainly an air of Christmas spirit across all our Academy schools. As we break up next Thursday, 21 December, may I take this opportunity to wish all our governors, staff, pupils, parents and wider school community a very relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday, 8 January 2018! (Mrs Barraclough)

Staff News

Next week we say goodbye to **Mrs Dennis, Mr Akers & Miss Wicks**. I should like to take this opportunity to thank them all for all their hard work and wish them every success for the future. We should also like to thank **Mrs Carson** for teaching Aller Class for rest of this term.

We look forward to welcoming **Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis** as our new Head of School in January who will be teaching in Northmoor Class (Thursdays & Fridays) alongside **Mrs Karen Spencer** (Mondays-Wednesdays). Interviews for a KS1 Teacher and a KS2 Teaching Assistant are taking place today and we shall keep you informed as to the result. (Mrs Barraclough)

In other news, **Mr Clements** has achieved something quite amazing. He set himself a challenge at the beginning of the year to run 1,000 miles which he has achieved and surpassed. Mr Clements has shown a lot of courage and determination to reach his goal running in all weathers. We can't wait to see what you do next year - maybe two marathons back to back (52 miles)? Who knows!

Pupil News

We should like to congratulate **Janis** in Kingsmoor Class for achieving a fantastic Distinction in his Grade 1 piano recently. Well done!

School News

Carol Singing Outside Tesco, Langport

Parrett, Aller, Sedgemoor and the KS2 Choir sung beautifully outside the Tesco store on Wednesday. They sang songs from the KS1 Nativity Play and a variety of carols and songs. The customers at Tesco were very generous and we raised **£122.17** in just one hour! All money collected will go towards buying new books for the library and literacy resources. We should like to thank Neil, Dawn and the Community Team at Tesco for inviting us to sing and for their continued support to the school.

Image Theatre Company

The whole school was treated to a great production of **'The Wind in the Willows'** by the Image Theatre Company on Monday. Children were chosen to become actors and played their roles really well. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, singing along to songs learnt in the first half of the morning and getting involved in all aspects of the production. It was lovely watching the children's faces light up with laughter. It was one of the best productions to date. We look forward to welcoming the company back in December 2018!

EAL Group



Last week we had an exciting time! On the Monday, all of the EAL (English as an Additional Language) children contributed to an amazing assembly where lots of

interesting facts about Poland, China, Thailand, Philippines, Latvia, Hungary, Mexico and Egypt were shared with the rest of the pupils.

Then last Tuesday, KS1 EAL children invited parents to a food tasting session involving lots of exciting food. We had some lovely prawn crackers and cake from China, cabbage stuffed with meat and rice, lovely chocolates and some other dishes from Poland, a taste of pork goulash and apple cake from Hungary and finally some sesame seed cakes from Egypt. We all had a great time and had really full stomachs afterwards!



Here's to a lot more exciting opportunities for the children contributing to our happy school community. (Mrs Lyes)

Christmas Jumper Day - 15 December

Today, Mrs Pengelly invited all pupils and staff to wear a Christmas jumper to school in return for a £1.00 donation to Save the Children where every pound raised can really help save children's lives. Thank you for your support. (Mrs Pengelly)

Christmas Carol Service—21 December

We should like to invite all parents/carers/family members to our annual Carol Service which will be held in St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi on the last day of term, **Thursday, 21 December** starting at **11.15am**. The service will last no longer than 45 mins-one hour when the children and staff will walk back to school. Term will finish at 3.30pm as normal that afternoon.

Class News

Isle Class News

Isle Class have given real determination this term, showing great improvement with their writing and their ability and understanding in Maths. They have developed a love of reading which we hope will continue into the New Year. The pupils have embraced all topic work and thoroughly enjoyed Huish Academy team challenges/fitness and all PE lessons. (Mr Clements)



Library Visits

Northmoor Class

Northmoor Class had a wonderful visit to the library last week. The children found lots of exciting books and were very keen to read! Not only this, they represented themselves and the school admirably – well done Northmoor! Please do visit the library with your children. They were certainly

enthused and ready to visit again soon! (Mr Akers)

Isle Class

The pupils had a great time at Langport Library where they had to do a treasure hunt around the library looking for certain books, words and even books written in another language. They also had the opportunity to read a book of their choice which they really enjoyed. (Mr Clements)



All Classes

Visit by Santa's "Elf Affiliation" Service

On Monday afternoon the children had a **HUGE** surprise when a Wildcat from RNAS Yeovilton touched down on the school field to collect all the letters and pictures the pupils had written or drawn to Santa, not knowing who was going to collect them! Piloted by Lt Rob Kenchington and ably assisted by Mrs Malor (!) the children watched in awe as the helicopter hovered overhead and then landed (Photo P1).



Parrett, Aller & Sedgemoor Classes



On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, our younger pupils performed their annual **Nativity Play**. With nearly 70 children involved, it was quite an undertaking but they produced another memorable performance hugely enjoyed by pupils, parents, grandparents and staff alike (Photos P1 & 3).

Safeguarding

Online Safety Talk

Pupils from Northmoor, Isle & Kingsmoor classes had a visit on Monday from Police Community Support Officers, Amy and Mal, who showed them a video on how to protect themselves whilst online, followed by an opportunity to have a question & answer session with the PCSOs in their classrooms. The children understood the importance of reporting & telling an adult if something made them feel uncomfortable or if they knew something was wrong. (Mrs Ramwell)



Buying at Christmas Time

If you are thinking of buying technology for your children at Christmas, then you might like to read the advice from the UK Safer Internet Centre which includes buying guides to help you choose the best device. See: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

Hot School Meal Orders Spring Term

Parrett, Aller & Sedgemoor: Thank you to all of you who have returned your child's menu choices for next term. If you haven't, please ensure you return the sheet by **MONDAY** morning. If you don't want your child to have hot meals, please return the opt out slip (we need one for each term). If we do not hear from you then meals will be ordered for your child automatically.

Northmoor, Isle & Kingsmoor: If you normally order and pay for meals each week please note that orders for the first week of next term need to be returned by **Wednesday** morning, 20 December, as the order has to be submitted before the end of this term.

Sports News—Sport Relief

We have received a letter from diver, Tom Daley, informing us that Huish Episcopi Primary School is officially a 'Sport Relief Super School' and have been sent a shiny plaque to display in school. There will, no doubt, be more events in school next March during Sport Relief week!

After School Clubs—Running Club

It was the final Running Club of the year last week and even though it was extremely cold this did not deter the Running Club from turning up and enjoying the run. The last session finished with a well-deserved hot chocolate and a cookie as well as a chat on how much they had all improved. Well done Running Club—I will be looking forward to seeing you all run next year. (Mrs Ramwell)

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

PFA News: Activities coming up include:

19 Dec pm: Santa's Grotto (during party time).

25 Jan: Northmoor Class School Uniform Sale.

22 Feb: Sedgemoor Class Toy Sale

22 Mar: Aller Class Soft Toy Sale

26 Apr: Parrett Class Cake Sale

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

Langport Library—Storytime

During January, Langport Library has decided to have a Storytime on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 10.00am – 10.30am, to gauge which day is best for most people and ask for parent's views in general. Please support your local library! For more information ring 01458 250152.

Langport Community Christmas Lunch

On Christmas Day, Monday 25 December, a small group of locals will be offering a traditional Christmas lunch & good company to anyone who may be spending Christmas Day on their own. Transport available. Please ring to book or offer help by contacting Jo Stradling on 01458 252388 or email jostrads@yahoo.com.

Saints Southwest: Soccer Schools running during the Christmas Holidays in Langport & Taunton at just £7.50 for a full course (10am-3pm)! Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm; ages 4-6 1.30pm-3pm. To book please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.



Parrett,
Aller &
Sedgemoor
- Nativity
Play 2017

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Monday, 18 December: Isle Class Carol Singing at Portcullis House; 1.45pm-3.00pm.

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; service starts at 11.15am (pupils to return to school afterwards for rest of the day); Term Ends at 3.30 pm.

Spring Term 2018:

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.

Friday, 16 March: KS2 Showcase Performances 'The Magnificent Time Machine', Huish Academy Auditorium; evening (more details to follow).

w/c 19 March: Sport Relief Week.

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

Thursday, 22 March: Wessex Water Assembly.

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

Friday, 23 March: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Summer Term 2018:

Monday, 9 April: Term Starts

Thursday, 12 April: Tempest Photography; Class Photos.

Thursday, 26 April: PFA Parrett Class Cake Sale.

Monday, 7 May: Bank Holiday (school closed).

Monday, 14 May: Aller Class Trip to Gore Farm, Trent.

w/c 28 May: Half Term.

Friday, 22 June: Levels Academy Trust Olympic Sports Day, Yeovil Athletics Arena.

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

Friday, 20 July: Term Ends

2017-2018 INSET Days:

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

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

19 Jan, 2 Feb, 23 Feb, 9 Mar, 23 Mar 2018

School Meals Menu Weeks:

Week 1: w/c 8 Jan, 29 Jan, 26 Feb, 19 Mar 2018

Week 2: w/c 15 Jan, 5 Feb, 5 Mar 2018

Week 3: w/c 22 Jan, 19 Feb, 12 Mar 2018

Sports Match Dates 2018:

Thursday, 18 January: Cross Country; Huish Academy 2.00-3.00pm.

Monday, 22 January: Hockey Taster Festival; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

Tuesday, 6 February: Basketball Competition; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

More dates to follow.

After School Clubs:

Details of next term's clubs will be sent out in the first week of the Spring Term and clubs/sessions will start w/c 15 January 2018.

Mondays: tba

Year 6 SATs Maths Booster Session with Mrs Spencer (all term; 3.30pm-4.30pm).

Tuesdays: tba

Wednesdays: tba

Thursdays: tba

Year 6 SATs Maths Small Group Session with Mrs Kenchington (all term; 3.30pm-4.30pm).

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.

HOT SCHOOL MEALS—SPRING TERM 2018
DEADLINES

Deadline for menu choices for Parrett, Aller & Sedgemoor—Monday, 18 December 2017

Deadline for paid-for meals for Northmoor, Isle & Kingsmoor—Wednesday, 20 December 2017



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The Levels Academy Trust

Raising Aspirations, Realising Potential TOGETHER