

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Aller Class hard at work (L), Northmoor Class (R) visit the church plus cross country runners (above & R) mastering the mud!



From the Head of School:



What a great start to this term! So many welcoming and friendly faces have greeted me during my first two weeks at school. Here's what I have discovered so far: the children are very polite and respectful of each other and the adults in the school; the older children set fabulous examples to the younger ones; this is a very caring community; all of the adults spend their days (and many nights!) considering the best path for each and every one of the children in their care – it has been a pleasure to see this over the past two weeks. At the end of last week, I congratulated the children in the Friday assembly for great attitudes towards their work. In particular, Aller Class impressed me with their independence under some new routines with Miss Walker. In general, children are walking calmly but with purpose around the school and burning off plenty of excess energy in a lively playground.

As this continues to be a time of year when bugs and sniffles are flying around, please ensure your child comes into school with a coat, hat and gloves. And, just a reminder that attention grabbing hair accessories such as bows, bands and clips are not permitted – save them for the weekend or after school.

I would like to encourage you to come and say hello to me in the playground before or after school as it would be great to put some names to faces and start making those strong connections. I look forward to a short and sharp term full of good news and great attitudes! (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Staff News

We welcome **Miss Katy Walker** (Class Teacher) & **Mrs Elaine Leigh** (Teaching Assistant).

Congratulations to **Miss Cardwell** and her partner who have announced they are expecting a baby.

School is Film Location Shoot!

Just before the beginning of term, the school was used by a local film maker, David Smith, as a location shoot for his upcoming film 'Bear'. *'The film is about Charles Meyer, who is a homicide detective and the deteriorating relationship with his daughter and him trying to make it right. He does this whilst trying to solve his latest murder case, which just makes things ten times harder for him.'* Look out for more details later in the year as parents/carers may have the chance to attend the private premiere of the film (rated 15) at Yeovil Cineworld once it's finished! (Mrs Sams)

School News

Christmas Jumper Day

£139.35 was raised for Save The Children thanks to our National Christmas Jumper Day efforts on 15th December. Thank you for your support. (Mrs Pengelly)

School Council's 'Pay to Play' Event

Last term, the School Council members (along with Mr Akers) organised this event and raised a fantastic £53.00 which has been donated 'bibic', their nominated charity. The remaining £53.35 will be spent on new play equipment for the school. Thank s to all who took part.

Breakfast Club

Last year the Club joined with Tesco, Langport to take part in their FoodShare Scheme. From the boxes of bread and other foodstuffs, not only have the children enjoyed eating some of the items but the staff have also been donating to 'buy' any remaining products. Last term £51.00 was raised from donations and this has been used to purchase magnetic building blocks and some new Lego which has been a fantastic asset to the children who attend Breakfast Club. (Mrs Crisp)

Twitter Feed

Look out for the school's Twitter feed appearing on the front page of our website very soon. Mrs Doughty Davis will be posting regular tweets!

Community Visits

Pupils from Isle Class visit Portcullis House weekly with Mr Welch and read to residents. Each week Mr Welch also takes groups of children to Langport Library to encourage their love of reading and literacy. We thank the staff of both places for their support for these initiatives.

KS2 Showcase Performance—16 March

Pupils from Northmoor, Isle and Kingsmoor will be performing 'The Magnificent Time Machine' at the Huish Academy Auditorium on the evening of Friday, 16 March, masterminded by Lou Barrett of GingerFred Studios. *"You will be able to come and join the children as they fling themselves back in time with this all singing, dancing and acting theatre show. Where will the time machine stop? No one knows!!!"* More details will be sent to parents at the beginning of February.

Class News

Aller Class News

What a fantastic start to the Spring Term! Aller Class seem to have settled well, as have I! Thank you for making me feel very welcome in my first two weeks. We have started a new topic all about Our Brilliant Body and have already learnt how we can make our brain grow stronger each day. Through the teaching of Growth Mindset, we have decided that in Aller Class we have colourful rainbow brains ☺ which will grow and develop through perseverance, determination and a positive learning attitude – we will never give up even when it is tricky!

Aller Class have been budding artists, learning about Picasso and enjoying mixing water colours to make self-portraits. In Maths, we have been ensuring we know our number bonds to 10 and 20. Please practise as much as you can at home. In English, the children are acting out and ordering stories using lots of story language. We are looking forward to continuing this learning journey for the rest of the term. So far, I am very proud of the children's achievements. Keep it up Aller Class!



I look forward to meeting you at the parents' 'Stay and Play' session next Thursday, 25 January at 2.45pm.

(Miss Walker)

Northmoor Class News

On Wednesday, 17 January, Northmoor Class visited St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi to learn more about what is important to Christians, as part of their RE topic. They had a very interesting time and were able to ask the Reverend Jess Pitman all sorts of questions, such as "Has God died?", "How did God make everything?" and "What do Christians believe?" to name but a few! They also did some drawing of some of the important features in the church, such as the pulpit and the font. All the children would like to say a big thank you to Rev Pitman for her warm welcome to Northmoor Class. (Mrs Spencer)



Isle Class News

Isle Class have done some fantastic writing based on part of the story, 'Flotsom' by David Wiesner, which they looked at last year. It is now proudly displayed outside the classroom. As well as the fantastic writing, they have created some brilliant photographs which has caused quite a buzz around the school with even Mr Stevens asking how they created them! If you get the chance please come and have a look. Great work Isle Class.



Safeguarding

With a new Head of School, our Safeguarding Designated Leads have changed. Mrs Meredith is now the Designated Safeguarding Lead with Mrs Doughty Davis the Deputy. If you have any concerns please contact them via the School Office.

Medicines in School

Please remember that staff can administer prescribed medicines in school but only if we have a form which parents can download from the website (Parents tab, School Forms) or obtain from the School Office. You are welcome to come into school to administer over-the-counter medicines yourself to your child but these medicines should not be sent in with your child. If necessary, they can be kept in the School Office. Any queries, see Mrs Sams.

Sports News

Indoor Athletics

Congratulations to the Indoor Athletics Team who took part in two events last year. They came 4th out of ten teams in the relay event with only a few seconds separating the top four teams. Also a big well done to Theo who came third overall in the

speed bounce competition. The whole team performed really well.

Hockey Taster Session—22 January

Children in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in a hockey taster session at Huish Academy on Monday, 22 January on the AGP (astro turf). They will need shin pads, football boots and gum shields are advisable. You just need to take your child along at 4.00pm and the session should finish around 6.00pm.

CLP Cross Country Championships

The Cross Country Team took part in the Huish Academy race yesterday. **ALL** the team produced fantastic runs over a very challenging and muddy course - they all managed to keep their shoes which couldn't be said for some children from other schools! Runners showed real determination to do well, excellent sporting qualities, supporting and congratulating one another after each race. Special mention to Lola, Hatty, Theo and Oliver who produced outstanding runs coming in the top ten of their races. Thank you for the great support from everyone. Well done team!



Mr Clements' Running Challenge

Mr Clements has set himself a new challenge to run 1,500 miles in 2018. Last year he ran over 1,000 miles and has inspired many children to take up running. Good luck!

After School Clubs

The After School Clubs started this week and it is great to see so many children taking up the

opportunity to participate in sport. There are still a **few spaces left on Tag Rugby** for any interested children in Years 4-6. Please make a note of the dates your child's club is running—hopefully you kept the letter?! Otherwise you can find full details on Page 4 of this newsletter and on the school's website (After School Clubs/'Learning' tab).

PFA News: Activities coming up include:

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

Memorial Field Play Area

Langport Town Council plans to install new equipment for younger toddlers at the play area. To help raise funds, they are taking part in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme and ask you to support this project by voting with the blue tokens when you shop at Tesco Langport during January & February.

Taunton School

One our partners, Taunton School, is holding an Open Morning on Saturday, 3 February from 9.30am until 12.30pm where families can learn about their Prep School (Years 7 & 8) and Senior School (Years 9-13). For more information and to register please visit www.tauntonschool.co.uk

Diversity Voice

Diversity Voice is a local, professional and accessible service to individuals and organisations, based in Bridgwater, providing translation & interpretation services for individuals and organisations across Somerset and the South West. Contact: 03000 750 105 or diversityvoice.org.uk

Learning Support Centre

The Centre based at Selworthy School, Taunton is having an Open Morning on Wednesday, 24 January from 10.00am until midday. Anyone with an interest in Special Educational Needs and/or Disability is welcome to pop in for a coffee, a chat and to have a look at the resources that can be borrowed from the centre. Contact: 01823 335935 or email SelworthyLSC@selworthy.somerset.sch.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 Joan Meredith (photo L)

Deputy DSL:

Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis (photo R)



**Safeguarding & Child Protection
Governor:**
Mrs Lou Ward

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Thursday, 25 January: All Class parents' 'Stay & Play'; 2.45pm-3.20pm.

Thursday, 25 January: PFA Northmoor Class School Uniform Sale; 3.30pm.

Monday, 29 January: Fire Safety Assembly (all pupils).

Monday, 29 January: Poetry Reading Session (all pupils).

Monday, 29 January: Year 6 SATs Information Evening; Kingsmoor Class; 5.00pm-6.00pm.

Thursday, 1 February: Parrett Class—Parents' Profile Sharing Morning; 9.15am-10.00am.

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; 3.30pm.

Wednesday, 1 March: World Book Day.

Wednesday, 7—Wednesday, 14 March: 'Book People' Book Fair this week.

Friday, 9 March: Road Safety Talk by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs); all pupils; 1.40pm-2.40pm.

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.

Wednesday, 21 March: Parrett Class—Parents' Profile Sharing Afternoon; 2.45pm-3.25pm.

Thursday, 22 March: Wessex Water Assembly.

Thursday, 22 March: PFA All Class Soft Toy Sale; 3.30pm.

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; 3.30pm.

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

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

w/c 28 May: Half Term.

Friday, 8 June: 'Choice & Consequence' Talk; Year 6 pupils; PCSOs.

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

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

Friday, 20 July: Term Ends

Free Reading Fridays:

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

Paid for meals need to be ordered by Wednesday morning for meals to be provided the following week. Order forms and postbox for orders/payment in the lobby of the School Hall.

Sports Match Dates 2018:

Monday, 22 January: Hockey Taster Session; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.00pm; Years 5 & 6.

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

Monday, 19 February: Hockey Tournament (KS2); Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Thursday, 1 March: Cross Country (KS2); Long Sutton; 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Tuesday, 13 March: Tag Rugby Tournament; Somerton Rugby Club; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Thursday, 15 March: Cross Country (KS2); Curry Mallet; 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Monday, 19 March: Football/Netball Tournament, Huish Leisure; 1.00pm-3.00pm.

After School Clubs:

Mondays: Year 6 SATs Maths Booster Session with Mrs Spencer (all term; 3.30pm-4.30pm). Chess with Mr Clements & Mrs Ramwell (until Half Term; lunchtimes) for Isle Class. Dodgeball with Mrs Ramwell (29 Jan; 5, 19 Feb; 5, 12 Mar) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Tuesdays: Hockey with Mrs Ramwell (23, 30 Jan) for Years 4, 5 & 6. Tag Rugby with Mrs Ramwell (20, 27 Feb; 6 Mar) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Wednesdays: Football with Mr Welch (24, 31 Jan; 7, 21, 28 Feb; 7, 14 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Multiskills with Premier Sports (24, 31 Jan; 7, 21, 28 Feb; 7, 14 Mar) for Reception, Years 1 & 2.

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

Running with Mrs Ramwell (25 Jan; 1, 8, 22 Feb; 8 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Fridays: There are not any clubs on a Friday.

All clubs run from 3.30pm-4.30pm unless otherwise stated. Please contact Mrs Ramwell.

2017-2018 INSET Days:

Friday, 9 February 2018; Monday, 23 & Tuesday, 24 July 2018. No children in school please!

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The Levels Academy Trust

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