

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



## From the Executive Principal:

Huish Episcopi Primary School is due for their next Ofsted inspection this term so there is much beavering in the background preparing for this possibility. As and when the call comes, we get half a day's notice and parents will be sent a letter asking them to give their views about the school on the ParentView section of the Ofsted website. I would encourage as many parents as possible to take part in this survey to support the work that the Ofsted inspectors undertake during the inspection.

As you will have all read from the letter you received earlier this week from the Chair of Trustees and myself, the Levels Academy Trust is making some changes to their structure after Easter. This is a very exciting time within the Trust to drive our schools forward whilst giving staff the opportunity to enhance their professional development and share their expertise more widely.

We recognise that some parents may have questions about the changes and so if you would like to meet with Mrs Doughty Davis and myself, we shall be available at school on Monday, 5 February between 2.15pm and 3.15pm. Please come to the School Office via the front door. (Mrs Barraclough)

## School News

### Staff Car Park

Please could we remind all parents/carers that the Staff Car Park is just that—for staff! Please do **not** park or drop off there—one morning staff members had to wait for four cars to leave before being able to park. The staff are always busy in the mornings before school starts and need to park promptly so they can get into school. The disabled parking spot should always be left clear. Please park in the Recreation Ground car park and walk to the top gate when either dropping off at Breakfast Club or at the start/end of the school day. Thank you.

## World Book Day

All classes will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 1 March by dressing up as their favourite Literary character. We may also have a book swap that day. Look out for further details which will be sent out by letter nearer the day.

We shall also be having our annual **Book Fair** from Wednesday, 7 March until Tuesday, 13 March in the School Hall. Again, more details to follow.

## Fire Safety Talks

On Monday, Silja Swaby, a Community Fire Safety Officer gave Fire Safety Assemblies to our younger and older children separately. You should have found a 'Fire Safety for Families' booklet in your child's book bag. Ms Swaby was very impressed with how helpful, polite, respectful, engaged and well behaved our children were. She said this school was the best she had been to and thanked the whole school community for making her feel so welcome. She fielded some very interesting questions from the pupils and was particularly impressed when one of the children replied to one of her questions using the word 'flammable'! A credit to you all.

## Portcullis House—Readers

We are delighted to report that we have received a letter from a gentleman who listened to our children who read at Portcullis House. He stated that *'You have no idea of the pleasure their reading afforded us.'* Well done girls!



## Class News

### Parrett Class News

The children in Parrett Class have enjoyed lots of learning surrounding the book 'Supertato'. Some strange things have been happening



within the classroom and the children have been great detectives—we think it may be down to ‘Evil Pea’! The children have done some great story telling with props, art work and writing around the story. Come and have a look at our display in the classroom! (Miss Cardwell)

### Aller Class News

We have continued to explore our Brilliant Bodies and are learning so much about our skeletons, naming parts of our body and creating story maps based on Funny Bones by Allen Albert. We are now looking deeper inside our bodies to find out what we are made of and how we work - it's amazing what we have found! In addition to this, the children are looking at healthy eating and the ‘eat well’ plate. In Multi Sports they have been exploring and developing a range of skills such as under arm throwing, catching and bouncing to a partner to receive. During our topic work, we have been on a senses walk around school to understand how our five senses help us. As you will all be aware (I'm sure), we have been ordering instructions to make a pizza using adverbials & imperative verbs - fantastic job Aller Class! We are seeing some fabulous writing. In Maths, we have practising how to count on from one number to another using a number line. Please keep practising at home.



I would like to thank all parents who attended our first ‘Stay and Play’ session. I thought it was very successful and it was wonderful to meet you all. I look forward to seeing you for another session but this time it will be ‘Stay and Learn’. (Miss Walker)



### Northmoor Class News

The children in Northmoor Class have been enjoying their Music lessons recently. They have been learning to listen to a piece of music with attention to detail and to recall sounds. We have been listening to 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' by Edvard Grieg and have learned that we can tap out the beat using 'spider fingers' and then in other ways, using both hands. We have also moved to the beat, using different sized steps, listening carefully to the music. When listening, we noticed that both the tempo and the volume changed and that the beat also changed towards the end of the music. The children have used clapping as well as their own voices and musical instruments to recall the music

and have also improvised their own arrangements using different instruments. If you have a child in Northmoor, ask them to tell you about this piece of music - ‘ti ti ti ti ti ta, ti ti ta-a .....’! (Mrs Spencer)

### Isle Class News

Isle Class have worked hard on problem solving this week - they were really challenged with different activities but showed great resilience to solve the problems! Keep up the great effort Isle!



(Mr Clements)

### Kingsmoor Class News

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who attended our SATs Information Evening on Monday. We hope you found the session useful. If you missed it and want to know more, please see either Miss Chadbourne or Mrs Kenchington.

### KS2 Showcase Performance

Unfortunately, we have had to take the decision to move the performance to the end of the Summer Term due to issues/clashes at the venue. We are currently working towards a date (end of June/early July) and will let you know more details as soon as we have them.

### Safeguarding

#### Attendance at After School Clubs

**If your child has signed up for an After School Club, we expect them to attend every week. If, for any reason, your child is not staying to their club one week please contact the School Office to let us know or send in a note marked for the attention of Mrs Ramwell. If we have not been informed, and especially if it is an older child who normally walks home, we shall not let them leave (walk home) until we have established that an adult is at home expecting that child.**

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

#### Dodgeball Club

A reminder that Dodgeball Club will now NOT run on 19 February but there will be an extra session on 26 Feb instead. (Mrs Ramwell)

### Sports News

Good luck to the Basketball teams who will be playing next week and also the Hockey Team who will be playing the first week back after Half Term.

#### Sports Organising Crew

We now have a ‘Sports Organising Crew’ who will be helping with anything sport related. They will

take on the duties of refereeing, organising and creating events in school. The crew are Brooke, Lola, Hattie, Chloe, Erin, Sam, Ellis, Alfie, Luke W and Theo (Kingsmoor Class).

### Inter House Colour Competitions

Well done to the Yellow team from Kingsmoor who won the **Inter House Dodgeball** competition. The whole team played extremely well and deserved to be house colour champions.

Well done to the Yellow teams in Kingsmoor and Isle who have also won the **Inter House Quadball Invasion** competition. This was a game

devised by one of the Sports Organising Crew, Erin, from Kingsmoor.

Sixty one children played the game and thoroughly enjoyed it. Yellow team were

worthy winners again. (Mrs Ramwell)

### PFA News:

#### School Disco—Friday, 23 February

The PFA will be holding a whole school disco on the evening of Friday, 23 February, with Parrett, Aller & Sedgemoor pupils at 5.45pm-6.45pm followed by Northmoor, Isle and Kingsmoor pupils from 7.00pm-8.00pm. (Parrett pupils need to be accompanied by an adult.)

Activities coming up include:

**22 Feb:** Sedgemoor Class Toy Sale

**22 Mar:** Aller Class Soft Toy Sale

### 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

### 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](mailto:emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk).

### Community Notices

#### Mental Health Week (5–11 February 2018)

There is a lot of information about keeping healthy mentally and physically. Mindfulness can play a part in keeping healthy mentally. **Mindfulness** is: paying more attention to the present moment – to your own thoughts and feelings, and to the world around you – it can improve your mental wellbeing. Mindfulness can help us enjoy life more and understand ourselves better. It is about dealing with worry, managing our thoughts, dealing with difficult emotions, kindness & resilience.

There is an app that can be used for mindfulness: <https://www.headspace.com/kids> or try this short video on youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N32dOgiTqQA>

We are also in the process of setting up a small sensory area in school. This will be an area where children can engage with their senses and 'BE' – a good mindfulness aim! (Mrs Ramsay)

#### Huish & Langport Cricket Club

Opportunities for ages 8-16 years to receive coaching and take part in [the Taunton Youth League and Mid-Wessex Youth League](#); trial training sessions available; Open Morning on **Sunday, 25 March** from 10.00am (cricket ground, Field Road, Langport TA10 9SR. Contact: Toby Strang 01458 272191 or 07783134498 or Alison Banks 01458 899431 or 07503159649.

#### Carymoor Environmental Trust

Lots of activities for February Half Term including 'Go Wild at Carymoor', 'Terrific Trees!' and 'Wonderful Woodlands!'; 13-15 February; booking essential; charges apply; contact 01963 351350 or e-mail [education@carymoor.org.uk](mailto:education@carymoor.org.uk) or [www.carymoor.org.uk](http://www.carymoor.org.uk)

#### Soccer Schools & Multi-Sport Camps

Saints Southwest will be running their popular Soccer Schools & Multi-Sport Camps during February Half Term with prices from just £7.50 for a full course; Langport & Taunton; ages 7-12: 10am-3pm; ages 4-6: 1.30pm-3pm. To book please visit [www.saintssouthwest.co.uk](http://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk) or call 01803 206350.



**Diary Dates:** (Updates in red)

**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.

**Friday, 23 February:** PFA School Disco; School Hall; KS1 5.45pm-6.45pm; KS2 7.00pm-8.00pm.

**Wednesday, 1 March:** World Book Day; dress up as your favourite character!

**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.~~ **Postponed until end of Summer Term.**

**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 Aller 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:** Aller Class Trip to Gore Farm, Trent.

**w/c 28 May:** Half Term.

**Friday, 8 June:** 'Choice & Consequence' Talk; Year 6 pupils; PCSOs; 1.30pm-2.30pm.

**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:**

23 Feb, 9 Mar, 23 Mar 2018

**School Meals Menu Weeks:**

**Week 1:** w/c 26 Feb, 19 Mar 2018

**Week 2:** w/c 5 Feb, 5 Mar 2018

**Week 3:** w/c 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.

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**Sports Match Dates 2018:**

**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 (5, 19, 26 Feb; 5, 12 Mar) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

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

**Wednesdays:** Football with Mr Welch (7, 21, 28 Feb; 7, 14 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Multiskills** with Premier Sports (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 (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.*

**Health News**

We have had a few cases of head lice reported this week— please check and treat, if necessary, your child's hair regularly and keep it tied back when at school if long.

For your information too, a couple of pupils have been diagnosed with Scarlet Fever and Rubella recently.

**2017-2018 INSET Days:**

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

**No children in school please!**

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