

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Our Basketball (top left) & Hockey (top right) teams; the School Council (above) plus Isle's 'crazy inventions' (left, far right & above right) and one of Aller's hard workers (right).

## From the Head of School:

As we launch into the second half of the term, we are hoping for some kinder weather and an occasional sunny spell. Whilst we have been kept inside, we have made great use of the time getting to grips with new routines and revisiting the high expectations we hold.

This week we unveiled our new Golden Ticket board in the hall which the children were very keen to see. In addition to the House Point system, we are awarding Golden Tickets (certificates) to those children who particularly excel in an area of school life. These children will have their photos displayed in the hall on our golden board and will be mentioned in the next edition of the newsletter. We have excellent behaviour in our school but occasionally there are slips: our policy manages these occurrences too. Do take a look at our Behaviour Policy on our website for more information.

We have introduced a new assembly programme which will see the children celebrating their work on a rota basis on Friday afternoons. My expectation is that parents will be invited in to join us after Easter so do look out for the dates in the next newsletter. Having the assemblies at the end of the day will ensure that I am able to greet parents and families as children are collected, so please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns.

Having met with the children, various parents, members of the local community, each member of staff and observed each class on many occasions, I feel I now have a deeper understanding of where we are and where our focus needs to be going forward. In order for us to secure further improvement and have challenge from 'critical friends', we will be looking to recruit new members for our Governing Body. More information will be sent out shortly which I hope will encourage you to consider this

exciting community role which can make a real difference to our children both now and in the future.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next few weeks. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

## School News

### KS2 Showcase Performance—Date Change

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. The new date is **Friday, 29 June 2018**. Rehearsals with the KS2 children will re-commence after SATs week in May. Further details will be sent out next term.

### World Book Day (1 March)

On World Book Day (Thursday, 1 March), staff will be dressing up as their favourite book characters. We'd like as many pupils as possible to join us so please get searching through the dressing up box for a suitable costume!

We're also holding a **Book Swap** afternoon, where children can bring in a book they would like to exchange with another pupil. It must be a book they have read and they need to be able to explain why they are recommending it. A bookmark will be sent home for your child to fill in with their comments and can be tucked into the front of the book they bring to school.

As a grand finale to the day, we'd like to invite parents to come and see us perform some of the poems we have been learning by heart. The recital starts at 3.00pm in the school hall (the top gate will be opened at 2.50pm). We hope to see many of you there. (Miss Chadbourne)

### School Council

Our School Council has reformed and we have some new members (see photo above). The purpose of the School Council is to work together as a team. They are elected to represent the views of all pupils and to improve their school. We are currently looking at

developing both our playtime and wet playtime equipment and supporting litter picking on our school grounds. This term, for Lent, the children are starting to develop ideas for ways they could support families in another country and teach our children about the lives of people in the wider world. I hope all parents will support our future School Council projects - if you can help in anyway such as donating any games you no longer use at home, then please contact Miss Walker on behalf of the School Council Team (**Parrett:** Alfie & Lexi; **Aller:** Jaycob & Matthew; **Sedgemoor:** Oliver & Amy; **Northmoor:** Layla & Olivia; **Isle:** Phoebe & Lucy; **Kingsmoor:** Brooke & Janis). Thank you. (Miss Walker)

## Pupil News

Congratulations to **Tommy-Lee** in Northmoor Class who was spotted by a football 'scout' during a half term soccer school and has been invited to attend a development squad for the next six weeks.

## Class News

### Aller Class News

A huge thank you to those parents who helped their child complete the Half Term homework about China. The children presented it very well & were so proud of what they had achieved. We shared the information amongst our peers & it was lovely watching the children teaching each other what they had learnt. This has been a great start to our project & the children are already really engaged. Noah even taught us to say 'hello' in Mandarin - wow!

Before Half Term in History, we learnt all about Mary Seacole. The children were really interested in her role as a nurse and questioned why she believed in what she did - fantastic Aller Class! I wonder if any of the children can remember any of the key facts about Mary? Based on the work we have covered in Science about our healthy body, food and how we use our senses from last half term, I am hoping that we will be able to have a visit from the nurse this half term to reinforce things we have learnt.



The children are progressing well and are keen to work hard so please keep encouraging this at home. I look forward to seeing you at the March Parents' Evenings. (See also photos on P4) (Miss Walker)

### Sedgemoor Class News

Sedgemoor Class were proud to perform the first class assembly of the half term. The children

showcased some of their learning over the last few weeks. This included some fantastic poems, some of them being rather cheeky! Check out our class webpage to read some for yourself. (Mr Stevens)

### Isle Class News

Isle Class have written some fantastic explanations to go with their 'crazy inventions'. Their explanations and diagrams of their inventions are proudly on display in the classroom. The children were challenged to create their inventions at home and have started to bring them in. They are absolutely brilliant. Please come and have a look! (Mr Clements)



### Kingsmoor Class News

In the next couple of weeks, our Year 5 pupils will be busy learning about the Stone Age. Here they are below in their initial research lesson, using IT to find out key facts. (Miss Chadbourne)



### KS2 French Lessons

Bonjour tout le monde! KS2 children have now begun French lessons on a weekly basis. Children in Kingsmoor and Isle Classes have been performing short role plays in which they greet each other, introduce themselves by name, ask how the other person is, respond themselves and finally say goodbye. Northmoor Class are very enthusiastic about learning French and have been practising how to say hello and goodbye. They also amazed me by remembering the song I taught them at Christmas! A bientot! (Mrs Spencer)

### Breakfast Club

Thanks to a fabulous donation from **Tesco Langport**, our children thoroughly enjoyed making pancakes one morning this week!



## Safeguarding

**Late Arrivals to School:** Any child that arrives at school after the top gate has been locked must be accompanied and signed in at the School Office—this is both for the safety of your child and because an explanation as to why the child is late is required to be recorded on the register.

**Illnesses:** During & since Half Term, we have had further cases of **Chicken Pox & Scarlet Fever** reported. Children with Scarlet Fever usually have a sore throat, high temperature and a rash (which normally breaks out on the second day and lasts between 3-6 days). It most often affects children between two and ten years of age, but can affect any age group. Scarlet Fever is infectious especially in the home environment passed to close contacts by touching and via contact with respiratory secretions. If antibiotic treatment is prescribed, you do not remain infectious for long. Pregnant women who have had significant contact with any person with a rash for a period of 15 minutes or more should seek advice from their midwife or general practitioner. Should you be concerned that your child may have the disease, please see your doctor and mention that there have been cases in school. For more information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

**Dental Health:** Some staff have noticed some poorly teeth amongst our school community recently. If you haven't had your child's teeth checked by a dentist recently, perhaps you could consider booking an appointment now for during the Easter Holidays?

### 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 Tiffany Doughty Davis (photo R)

**Deputy DSL:**  
Mrs Joan Meredith (photo L)



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

## Sports News

### CLP Basketball Tournament:

Two teams took part in the CLP Basketball Tournament at Huish Academy. Both teams performed really well considering they never play the sport at school. They supported each other and shot some spectacular baskets. Well done to both teams. (Mrs Ramwell)



**CLP Hockey Tournament:** The Hockey Team took part in the CLP Tournament at Huish Academy on the 3G pitches which was a great experience for them. We also fielded a Levels Academy Team which was made up of two players from each school. The teams played well demonstrating excellent team work and determination, with both getting through to the knock out stages. Well done children - you were a credit to yourselves and your schools. (See team photos on the front page.) (Mrs Ramwell)

### PFA News:

**School Disco—Friday, 23 February:** The PFA will be holding a whole school disco tonight, 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.)

**Class Sales:** Unfortunately, the PFA have had to make the decision not to run any further class sales due to the lack of support. Instead they will be allocating an amount of money from their funds to each class which the teachers will be able to spend on extra resources.

**Easter Bingo:** The PFA will be holding their annual Easter Bingo evening on Saturday, 17 March in the School Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Soft drinks and nibbles available or bring your own. Fabulous hampers to be won!

Further PFA events will be 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 [emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk).

## Community Notices

**Huish & Langport Cricket Club:** If your child is interested in playing cricket regularly, why not consider joining the local cricket club? Junior membership for 2018 is just £30.00 for the first child (plus £20.00 for one additional sibling with any other siblings £10.00 each). For more information contact their Secretary, Toby Strang on 01458 272191 or 07783 134498 or email [toby.strang69@gmail.com](mailto:toby.strang69@gmail.com).

## Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

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

**Thursday, 1 March:** World Book Day; dress up as your favourite character!; bring a book to swap; parents/carers invited to Poetry Performance; School Hall; 3.00pm (top gate will open at 2.50pm).

**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.

**Saturday, 17 March:** PFA Easter Bingo; School Hall; doors open 7.00pm; eyes down 7.30pm.

**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 for World Water Day.

**Friday, 23 March:** Term Ends at 3.30pm.

## Summer Term 2018:

**Monday, 9 April:** Term Starts

**Thursday, 12 April:** Tempest Photography; Class Photos.

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

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

**w/c 14 May:** SATs Week for Year 6 pupils.

**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.

**Friday, 29 June:** KS2 Showcase Performances of 'The Magnificent Time Machine'; Huish Academy Auditorium; 6.00pm & 7.00pm; more details to follow.

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

**Friday, 20 July:** Term Ends

## Free Reading Fridays:

9 Mar, 23 Mar 2018

## School Meals Menu Weeks:

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

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

**Week 3:** w/c 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.

## Next Issues of this Newsletter:

9 Mar, 23 Mar 2018

## 2017-2018 INSET Days:

Monday, 23 & Tuesday, 24 July 2018.

**No children in school please!**

## Sports Match Dates 2018:

**Thursday, 1 March:** Cross Country (KS2); Somerton Recreation Ground; 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 (26 Feb; 5, 12 Mar) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

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

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

Members of Aller Class  
working hard and proudly  
showing off their  
achievements!



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