

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



The School Council (above) with some new playground equipment! And we celebrated World Book Day in style! Golden Tickets on P3.

From the Head of School:

A rather grandiose, but very much respected, Headteacher told me some years ago that there were three things that every Head should avoid at all costs: commencing a school part way through the year, snow and Ofsted! Well, despite all three meeting me head on in my first term, we are marching on regardless. When you are placed amongst such committed and focused individuals, there is little that stands in the way of progress.

The last few weeks have seen the children step up to the new challenges which have been set around teaching and learning. The introduction of the children selecting their own tasks has challenged their usual way of working. Within this short space of time, they are more aware of where their strengths lie, what they need to work on and can articulate this much more ably than before. This understanding is crucial as we set aspirational targets in both the short term and over a longer period of time.

One of the many highlights of the past few weeks was opening the doors to parents and carers last Friday afternoon for the World Book Day Poetry Recital Assembly. It was great to see the enthusiasm right the way through the school and the obvious pride the children were taking in their performances. Studies have shown that performing from a young age instils confidence, empathy, compassion and higher academic achievement which is why it will be forming an integral part of our English programme through recitals and the celebration assemblies.

I have been so pleased with the offers of support we have received in emails and in person over the past few weeks; on Friday, I was so pleased to be approached by a dad offering a club activity. If you have some time you could offer us or a particular skill, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us. It was great to see so many of you at the Parents'

Evenings this week. Thank you for supporting your child's learning over this term. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Staff News

We welcomed back **Mr Welch** at the end of this week after a long period of illness. It was great to have him back in school.

Mr Clements braved the snow, ice and chilling wind to run the Seaton Grizzly, a 20 mile multi-terrain run. Due to the extreme weather, the run was reduced to 10 miles (which probably still felt like 20 due to the weather conditions). At some points, he ran through 6" of snow and could not see very far in front due to a 'white out'. Around 1,300 people took part in the race with Mr Clements coming an incredible 31st! Very inspiring, dedicated and maybe a little bit mad to run in those conditions?! What's next, two marathons in one day maybe?

School News

School Uniform & Hairstyles: We should like to remind parents that we expect pupils to wear full school uniform at all times and adhere to the School Uniform Requirements as outlined in our joining information and agreed to by parents/carers in signing the Home School Agreement. This includes flat black shoes (not boots or trainers), only small stud earrings (no other jewellery) and hair tied back with suitable ties/bands. *Please could you avoid using the large 'Jo-Jo' bows that many girls are currently wearing as they are not appropriate for school. We also discourage extreme hairstyles (eg shaving writing into heads) including the dying of children's hair.* We are proud of how smart our children look and wish to maintain standards. Thank you. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

School Hall—Toilet Facilities: There will be a change in the toilet facilities in the hall area. **The toilet in the hall lobby is now for Staff/Adults only with the toilets at the back of the**

community room for children's use only.

This applies at all times, not just during the school day.

World Book Day: What a fantastic day we had on Friday for World Book day! This time we narrowly avoided the snow and managed to celebrate in the sunshine. The Book Swap went down well, with many children discovering new authors to read. We had a welcome visit from author, Gill Lewis, who donated over a hundred books for our library. In the afternoon, the children performed their poems brilliantly; thank you to all parents and carers who came to support them. (Miss Chadbourne)



Book Fair: Our Book Fair (with The Book People) raised over £600.00 this year; many thanks to those who came to support it. We'll be spending our commission on new books for our shelves after the Easter break. (Miss Chadbourne)

School Council: Our School Council delivered a wonderful whole school assembly on Tuesday afternoon all about the wonderful work by WaterAid. They have sent a letter out this week asking for sponsorship from family and friends for this wonderful charity. I really hope you support us with anything you can – every £1.00 buys cement for a new toilet! As a school, we will be walking laps around the field which represents what many children walk daily to collect dirty water, not forgetting the lack of washing and toilet facilities in some communities. Tony Clutten a WaterAid Volunteer, came into school last Thursday, to deliver workshops for each class. It was extremely interesting learning about educating communities, building wells, filtering water, health and hygiene as many families become very ill. All things that we really take for granted. Teachers are now encouraging our children to wash their hands to the tune of Happy Birthday to You! Hopefully, we will also have less 'bugs' in school. (Miss Walker)

In support of  WaterAid



Exemplar Education Leaflets: Next term, on Monday, 16 April, all pupils will bring home a letter & leaflet about this Maths & English online programme aimed at helping parents & pupils



complement schoolwork. We would ask that you return the reply slip (even if you are not interested) as this qualifies the school for free resources! Thank you. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Class News**Parrett Class News**

After Easter, we will be asking the children in Parrett Class to line up on the playground in the morning, rather than come into the classroom. This is in order to support transition into Year 1. Thank you. (Miss Cardwell)

Aller Class News

Once again, Aller Class have been budding artists this half term! We have tried to recreate artwork from Giuseppe Arcimboldo based on healthy eating. We have also learnt the names of many new vegetables. What vegetables can you spot in the photo?! In RE, the children have been discussing key stories from the Bible—The Good Samaritan created lots of thought provoking scenarios! We continue to work on our writing especially writing at greater length plus adding in both conjunctions & adjectives to improve and add interest. We are also developing our speed when adding and subtracting in Maths with our daily TEN calculations. We have been looking at 3D shapes, vertices, faces and edges – what 3D shapes can you find at home and within the local area? Can you describe their properties? (Miss Walker)



Northmoor Class News

Northmoor children have been completing their science investigation into the forces of gravity and air resistance and took their parachutes out onto the playground on Monday for their maiden test flights. Encouraged by the children, Mrs Spencer climbed to the top of the climbing frame in order to launch the parachutes! Unfortunately, some of them did not survive the test but this generated plenty of discussion as the children wrote up their findings. Layla's parachute was the most successful and descended gracefully to the ground without breaking her chocolate egg. (Mrs Spencer)

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their best and this has shown in abundance. Well done!

Also, it was Isle Class's Celebration Assembly which included a grammar sketch, human Maths and also their amazing inventions, eagerly shared with Mr Stevens during the assembly - and this was all set to music. ALL the children spoke and performed brilliantly. In the words of Mrs Doughty Davis 'What a way to end the week!' (Mr Clements)

Kingsmoor Class News

This week, some of us have been writing persuasive letters to company CEOs and the government in a bid to stop the plastic pollution that is choking our oceans. Others chose to target the government and the County Council to persuade them to keep our local libraries open. We'll be posting our letters this week. We have also been learning about Iron Age dwellings and settlements in History, and drawing our own cave paintings in Art. (Miss Chadbourne)

Golden Tickets

Golden Tickets have been awarded to George (Parrett), Millie (Aller), Megan (Sedgemoor), Amelia, Chloe L & Chloe P (Northmoor), Michael & Phoebe (Isle) and Sam (Kingsmoor).



Safeguarding—Health News

School Milk is available for ALL children! If your child is currently under five, we're delighted to confirm that we have arranged for them to receive free milk at school, funded by the UK Government's Nursery Milk Scheme. When your child turns five or if they are already over five, you have the option to pay for their milk. We have made arrangements with the UK's leading school milk supplier, Cool Milk, to supply milk at a small subsidised daily cost. To register, visit www.coolmilk.com and select "Register your child for milk", then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay (or ask at the School Office for a registration form). A portion of fresh, chilled milk at mid-morning break provides protein, calcium and other vital nutrients, important for your child's growth and development. It's also a great way to bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch, re-hydrating your child and helping them to concentrate in class. If you have any queries about your child's registration or milk supply, contact Cool Milk on 0844 854 2913 or customerservices@coolmilk.com.

Cool Milk

Sports News

PE Kit: PE is a very important part of the school curriculum but more and more children do not always have their PE kit in school or do not have the correct PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school namely: black shorts, black track bottoms (outdoor PE), red/white T-shirt, trainers/PE daps & school jumper or sweatshirt.

Spare PE & Sports Kit: We seem to be missing a lot of the school's spare PE kit - please can you check at home for any black shorts and burgundy T-shirts; they are labelled HEPS. Also please check if you have any sports team kit (red shorts, shirt, socks) which has not been returned after representing the school and bring back any as soon as possible. Thank you!

Tag Rugby: The team took part in the CLP Tag Rugby Tournament held at Somerton RFC. Even though they only had three after school club sessions, they played extremely well together, supporting & encouraging each other as if they had been playing together all year. They were a credit to themselves and the school demonstrating excellent sporting values.



Cricket: Great news! Huish Episcopi Primary School has been awarded 'Somerset School of the Month' from the County Cricket Ground. It has

been recognised for how much the school values the sport cricket from being included in the PE curriculum, cricket days for boys and girls at Huish & Langport and Curry Rivel Cricket Clubs, as well as taking part in summer competitions. Well done everyone!

Cross Country: The Cross Country Team took part in the last race of the season at Somerton Rec. It was the longest course the team had run and the conditions were extremely cold. Lola and Oliver had excellent runs coming in the top five of their respective races and there were some fantastic sprint finishes and inspiring runs from the whole team. Well done! (Mrs Ramwell)

PFA News:

The PFA is looking for someone to take over the position of **Treasurer**. The person does not have to be a full time member of the PFA. If you are interested in looking after our accounts/money please contact Emma Cook on 07927 398277 for more details. Emma can also be found in the school playground on most days. Thank you for your continued support.

PFA Diary Dates:

Re-Scheduled **Bingo Night:** Due to bad weather we ended up cancelling our Easter Bingo last Saturday. New date is **Saturday, 14 April**.

SATs Treat: A treat is being planned for our Year 6 pupils (and their teachers & TAs) in May.

Summer Fete: Saturday, 23 June!

Year 6 CampOut: Friday, 13 July.

Further PFA events will be in the next newsletter or join their FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>. Or contact Emma Cook: emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk/07927 398277.

Community Notices

GingerFred Easter Holiday Theatre School: James & the Giant Peach; 3-6 April; 10am -3pm; £60.00 per child; ages 4-16; show 2.30pm on Friday; info@gingerfredstudio.com/07539 543559.

Cake Sale: A cake sale is being held all day tomorrow, Saturday, 24 March at Shires Garage, Langport to help raise money for the family of Tessa Edwards who sadly passed away recently.

Soccer Schools: Saints Southwest are running Soccer Schools during the Easter Holidays from just £7.50; 10.00am-3.00pm (ages 7-12); 1.30pm-3.00pm (ages 4-6); Langport & Taunton. Visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or 01803 206350.

ADHD Yeovil: A support group for anyone living or supporting someone with ADHD. Morning meetings at The Courtyard Café, Market Street and evening meetings at The Manor Hotel, Hendford, Yeovil. See poster on school noticeboard for further details and dates.

Drayton Woods: Easter Holiday activities include the Woodland Inclusive Adventure (Tues 27 March; 8yrs +; £15.00) & the Woodland Playscheme (Wed 28 March; 4-10yrs; £5.00). Email hannah@wilderwoods.org or 07970 883264.

Carymoor Environmental Trust: Our Feathered Friends! Thurs, 29 March; 10.00am-2.30pm; ages 5-11 & their parents/carers; free event. Go WILD@ Carymoor! Tues, 3 April; 10.00am- 3.00pm; an egg-tastic day; 7-10 year olds (unaccompanied); £30.00 per child. Brilliant Birds! Thurs, 5 April; 10.00am-12 noon; ages 8-12 year olds (unaccompanied); £6.00 per child. To book 01963 351350 or email education@carymoor.org.uk

HOST UK: A UK wide charity whose mission is to offer intercultural friendship and understanding. Volunteer host families offer a day or weekend short-stay visit to international students, with a warm welcome, shared meals, joint activities and conversation. Always looking to enrol new hosts - offers of hospitality are entirely at your convenience, as often or infrequently as suits. See www.hostuk.org/hosts/ and leave a message.

Online LEGO Rental Club: This rental club, like Love Film but for LEGO, lets you select a wish list and then receive a set by post. Once finished with it, you send it back and another set is sent. No time limits, no deadlines and ideal if you are unable to buy/keep/store it. www.welovebricks.com

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

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Friday, 23 March: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Summer Term 2018:

Monday, 9 April: Term Starts

Thursday, 12 April: Tempest Photography; Class Photos.

Thursday, 12 April: Year 6 Treasure Hunt; Huish Academy; 3.45pm-5.00pm; letter given out to pupils on Wed 7 March.

Saturday, 14 April: PFA Bingo Night.

Tuesday, 1 May: Isle Class Trip to Somerset County Cricket Ground, Taunton; 12 noon-3.30pm.

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

Date TBC: Aller Class Trip to Gore Farm, Trent.

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

Thursday, 17 OR Friday, 18 May: PFA SATs Treat for Year 6 pupils (and their teachers & TAs).

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.

Saturday, 23 June: PFA Summer Fete.

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, 13 July: PFA Year 6 Campout; School Field; overnight.

Friday, 20 July: Term Ends

Monday, 23 July & Tuesday, 24 July: INSET Days—**No children in school please!**

Celebration Assemblies:

Parents/Carers invited (Fridays at 3.10pm):

13 April: Parrett

20 April: Isle

27 April: Northmoor

4 May: Sedgemoor

11 May: Aller

18 May: Parrett

25 May: Kingsmoor

8 June: Isle;

15 June: Northmoor

6 July: Sedgemoor

13 July: Aller

20 July: Whole School Celebration Assembly

Free Reading Fridays:

20 April, 4 May, 18 May, 8 June, 6 July

Relief Caretaking Duties

We are looking for someone who would be willing to cover caretaking duties across the Academy during staff absences. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Meredith in the School Office.

Sports Match Dates 2018:**Summer Term: (Dates provisional)**

Thursday, 1 & 8 May: Quadkids; Huish Episcopi Primary; 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Friday, 18 May: Girls' Cricket Day; Langport Cricket Club; 10.00am-3.30pm.

Thursday, 24 May: CLP Cricket Tournament; Curry Rivel CC; 10.00am-3.00pm.

Tuesday, 12 June: CLP Football Tournament (Yrs 3&4); Huish Academy 3G pitches; 4.00pm-5.15pm.

Thursday, 14 June: KS1 Multiskills Festival: Hambridge Primary; 9.30am-11.00am.

Thursday, 21 June: CLP Athletics; Huish Academy; 1.30pm-3.20pm.

Tuesday, 17 July: CLP Rounders Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

After School Clubs:

w/c 9 April: NO clubs will run this week (including Homework Club). A letter will be sent out early in this week about clubs for the term.

w/c 16 April: Clubs start.

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

20 April; 4 & 18 May; 8 & 22 June; 6 & 20 July.

Snow Day—Monday, 19 March

If you paid for a school meal on this day you are in credit by £2.50 - please set this amount against your next order.

School Meals Menu Weeks:

Week 1: w/c 9 April, 30 April, 21 May, 18 June, 9 July

Week 2: w/c 16 April, 7 May, 4 June, 25 June, 16 July

Week 3: w/c 23 April, 14 May, 11 June, 2 July

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



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The Levels Academy Trust

Raising Aspirations, Realising Potential TOGETHER