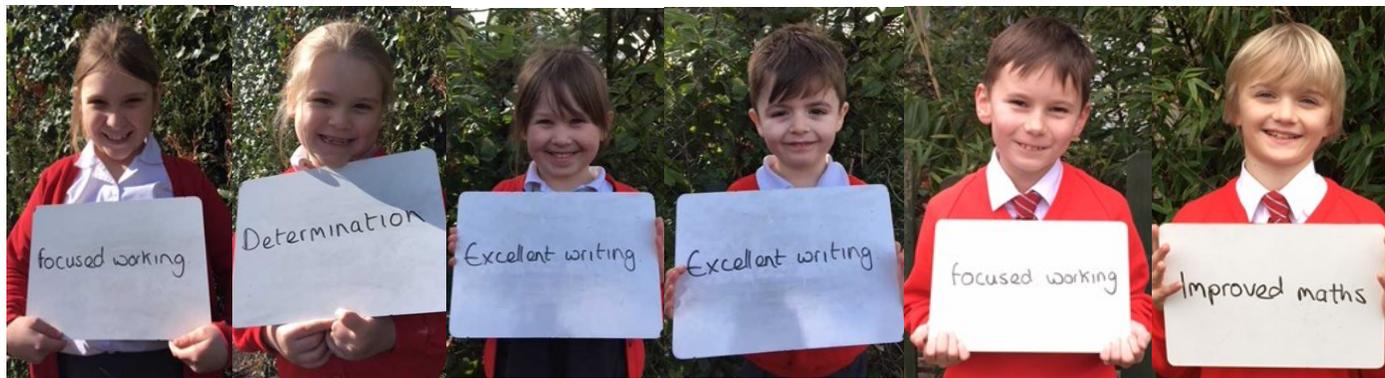


HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Golden Ticket Winners: Ava & Sophia (Northmoor), Lexi & Noah (Parrett), Maks (Isle) & Alfie (Kingsmoor)

From the Executive Principal:

Thank you to all our parents/carers for all their support in the last few weeks especially during the period where Ofsted visited! Now the inspections of all the Trust's schools have been completed, we are able to continue to build on current good practice and put into place improvements that are required, alongside each school's Development Plan.

Looking towards the future, we are excited about how the Trust's structure is evolving which takes us collectively forward into next term and the new academic year.

Thank you for your understanding last week when our schools had to make the decision to close due to the snow for the safety of pupils and staff. We are looking forward to the many activities in the last two weeks of term before we break for Easter.

(Mrs Barraclough)

School News

World Book Day (Friday, 16 March): With the snow affecting our World Book Day activities last Thursday, we have now arranged to celebrate the day on Friday, 16 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 has

been 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)

'Book People' Book Fair: The book fair has started & will be held in the hall at 3.30pm every day until next Tuesday afternoon. See you there!

Celebration Assemblies: As promised, we have now started Celebration Assemblies on a rota for each class and would welcome any parents/carers to attend and celebrate the children's achievements with us at 3.00pm (gates open at 2.50pm) on Fridays during the Summer Term. **Please see the dates on Page 4.** Our assemblies on Thursdays now have a programme of visitors coming in to talk to the children about various topics including Sign Language, Water Aid, Langport Library and Wessex Water plus visits from our local vicar (Rev Jess Pitman).

Hot School Meals—Summer Term 2018: The new menu sheets will have come home via your child this week. Please return your child's choices as soon as possible and no later than Friday, 16 March. For paid for meals, orders for the first week of the Summer Term need to be received in the School Office by Wednesday, 21 March latest! If you wish to pay monthly, half termly or termly in advance please see Mrs Sams. (Please see Page 4 for school meal week dates.)

Staff News: Mr Clements took on the 'Slay the Dragon' 10k run at Hinton St George. He came an amazing 4th out nearly 200 runners and knocked an incredible 40 secs off his time from last year - all that training is really paying off.



Pupil News

Golden Ticket Winners

As part of our Behaviour Policy, as well as House points, pupils can now be awarded a Golden Ticket for substantial or sustained good behaviour/progress, excellent work or fantastically kind deeds. Golden Ticket pupils will have their name entered into the 'Golden Book' plus their photo displayed on the board in the hall and in this newsletter. So we are excited to announce that our first set of Golden Tickets have been awarded to: Lexi & Noah (Parrett), Ava & Sophia (Northmoor), Maks (Isle) and Alfie (Kingsmoor). **See photos on front page.** (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Class News

Parrett Class News

We have arranged to join up with the Levels Nursery for some activity sessions in the coming weeks. The next two are Singing on Wednesday, 21 March and Crafts on Tuesday, 1 May.

Aller Class News

We thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Emperor's Great Race and Chinese Zodiac Signs during our China topic last week. Our dragon dance was impressive and very loud - especially for rest of the school who were busy working as we danced in and out of classes playing musical instruments and wishing everyone a Happy New Year!!



Aller Class would like to say a **BIG, BIG** thank you to **Happy Garden Chinese Takeaway, Langport** for the delicious food they gave us. We tasted spring rolls, crackers and we even had our very own 'fortune cookie'. My fortune said 'I will be rich' ... so if I don't appear at school one day, you know why!

In English, we have been looking at different suffixes (ed, ing, er). Can you find any when you are reading at home? We are also learning to spell the days of the week and have spoken about compound words due to the snow! Snowman is a compound word, how many more do you know? Although World Book Day was postponed Aller Class still

enjoyed sharing a range of books and we spoke about our likes and dislikes. In Science, due to the weather, we are struggling to find wild flowers; however, I'm sure some will be in bloom soon! We will be doing some planting indoors for now. Can your child/ren remember all of the parts of a flowering plant and can they explain why each part is important & what job does it do? Test them! (Miss Walker)

Northmoor Class News

Northmoor Class has been learning about Forces in their Science lessons this half term and this week, they began the task of designing and making a parachute to land an egg without breaking it. The children have considered what they want to achieve and which forces are at work when a parachute is deployed. They have recorded what they are doing and have drawn diagrams of their designs. Construction of the parachutes is well underway but the prototypes have yet to be tested! Weather permitting, we will do this in the playground next week so look out for an update in the next newsletter. (Mrs Spencer)

Isle Class News

In English, Isle Class have been looking at the text of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. They have focused on retrieving information from the text to answer relevant questions and building



the skills needed to write a non-chronological report, with the end aim to write their own report on a mythical creature. In Maths, they have been

building on the skills already learnt in previous years on fractions. They have been able to find equivalent fractions, what improper fractions are, as well as what mixed number

fractions actually mean. In PE, they have shown great enthusiasm for gymnastics and activities where bravery and self-belief was needed to complete the tasks. All children rose to the challenges set which has given them confidence to have a go even when things seem difficult.

(Mr Clements)



Young Writers' Competition

Isle Class took on the challenge of writing a short story in 100 words. The competition was run by Young Writers and an amazing twenty-three children have been chosen to have their work published. Great achievement Isle Class! (Mrs Ramwell)

Kingsmoor Class News

In Kingsmoor Class this week, the Year 5 children have been learning about Stonehenge. They have been using clay to make their own models.



In Year 6, we have started our topic on ratio & proportion and algebra. The children have been working hard to answer mastery questions.

We have also just started our unit on persuasive writing. The children will be writing their own letters to show their support for our library services in the region. (Miss Chadbourne)

Huish Academy—'Treasure Hunt'

The date for our Year 6 pupils to go up to Huish Academy and take part in their **'Treasure Hunt'** to get to know the Academy has been confirmed as **Thursday, 12 April** after school. Year 6 pupils were sent home with a letter containing further details earlier this week. (Mrs Sams)

Ofsted Inspection

By now you will have received the letter relating to our recent inspection. We remain a 'good' school which is pleasing but we are very much focused on raising our standards further. Although change can sometimes be a challenge, it is inevitable in order to upgrade our provision and give our children the very best opportunities available to them. If you would like to discuss anything in the report, or school related, please don't hesitate to speak with me at the parents' evenings. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Outdoor Area

As you know, we recently received a grant of £2,000 from **Tesco Bags of Help, Langport** to improve our outdoor provision. Now Spring is upon

TESCO Bags of Help

us, we would like to make a start on revamping the area around Parrett Class. As we would like to involve parents and children in the process, I am looking for volunteers on Saturday, 17 March at 2.00pm to help clear the area in preparation for new resources. If you are able to give up a small amount of time to help improve this valuable resource for all of the pupils, then please see me on a Thursday/Friday or leave your details with Mrs Sams in the office and I will get back to you. Thank you for your continued support. (Mrs Score)

School Council

The School Council has been busy preparing a PowerPoint presentation for the whole school assembly they are leading next week about WaterAid and their own ideas for learning about people who are less fortunate. We decided that water is something we take for granted and would like to support those who have very little or no access to clean running water. The Council has been busy researching and deciding on how we can help and educate others about people's differing lifestyles. Further details will follow.

We are also lucky enough to have arranged a WaterAid volunteer to come into school to deliver some workshops and an assembly next week! To find out more about WaterAid click this link <https://www.wateraid.org>



Safeguarding

Nut Allergies: We have a few children in school with a nut allergy (some more severe than others). Please could we ask that parents/carers refrain from putting any nut products in their child's lunchbox. As part of promoting healthy lifestyles, we ask that you ensure your child's packed lunch contains a nutritionally balanced meal and do not include sweets, chocolate, fizzy & highly-flavoured drinks as part of a lunch box. Please also keep packaged and processed foods to a minimum. Thank you.

Communication: Most of our communication is now via our email service (though some parents/carers still receive hard copies of letters etc by choice). Letters that require completion and return of permission slips are still sent out in hard copy (as well as via email) to save parents/carers having to pay for printing. All letters (with the exception of some sports/group letters that only go to specific pupils) are also available to view on the school's website (see News & Events Tab, then Letters to Parents/Carers). Mrs Sams also has the ability to send emergency texts to inform parents if a club has

had to be cancelled at the last minute, for example. Obviously, all these systems only work if we have up-to-date mobile numbers and email addresses for you—so please contact the School Office if you have changed your details recently. Thank you.

Please also remember that news items are posted on the website regularly (Home Page under Announcements) and you can also find copies of this newsletter too. Don't forget to keep an eye on Mrs Doughty Davis' Twitter feed (also on the Home Page)!

Sports News

Badminton

Kingsmoor Class have had the opportunity to learn a new sport, badminton, in their PE sessions. Each session has been run by Jane Lipton from Yeovil Badminton Club. They have learnt the different techniques of forehand and backhand and how to send and receive the shuttlecock. All the children



have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and this sport will now be included within the PE curriculum. If your child enjoyed the sessions, why not consider sending them to Yeovil Badminton Club—see details below.

Tag Rugby Club

Well done to the Tag Rugby Club who braved the bracing cold weather to keep up their training. The children are becoming confident with the rules and

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

now, having mastered the art of passing backwards, they are able to play the game. They are starting to learn the importance supporting each other and this is really showing when playing small sided games. They have been very fortunate in having Ben Lyes, a former pupil at the school, help with their training. Not only has he helped in developing their skills, he has been an excellent role model to all the children.

(Mrs Ramwell)

PFA News:

Easter Bingo: The PFA is holding their annual Easter Bingo 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!

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

Summer Fete: Please put the date in your diary—Saturday, 23 June!

Year 6 CampOut: After the hugely successful event last year, the PFA will be running a campout again on the evening/overnight of **Friday, 13 July**.

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.

Community Notices

Mothering Sunday Service

St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi; Sunday, 11 March at 4.00pm; you are invited to stay afterwards for High Tea in the church. (Rev Jess Pitman)

Langport Town Clock

The Langport Town Clock needs a face lift so the Langport Town Trust has started a Crowdfunding Campaign to try & raise the £7,000.00 needed to refurbish it.



To donate (cheque or BACS) visit www.langport.life/town-clock.

'Time is ticking thank you for your support.'

Want to play badminton?

Yeovil Badminton Club is looking for new junior members (aged 9-16) and offering six weeks of free coaching. Juniors play on Mondays (6.00pm-7.00pm) at Westlands Sports Centre, Yeovil. Contact Jane Lipton: 07411 044071 or email contact@yeovilbadmintonclub.co.uk

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Wednesday, 7–Tuesday, 13 March: ‘Book People’ Book Fair this week.

Friday, 9 March: ~~Postponed: 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–6.30pm.

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.

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

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.

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!

Free Reading Fridays: 23 Mar 2018

School Meals Menu Weeks:

Week 1: w/c 19 Mar 2018

Week 2: w/c 5 Mar 2018

Week 3: w/c 12 Mar 2018

Summer Term 2018

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 postbox for orders/payment in the lobby of the School Hall.

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

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

Sports Match Dates 2018:

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 Tournament, Huish Leisure; 2.00pm–3.30pm.

Thursday, 22 March: Cross Country (KS2); Somerton Playing Fields; 4.00pm–5.00pm.

Summer Term: (Dates provisional)

Thursday, 1 & 8 May: QuadtKids; 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.

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

After School Clubs:

Mondays: Year 6 SATs Maths Booster Session with Mrs Spencer (all term; 3.30pm–4.30pm). **Dodgeball** with Mrs Ramwell (12 Mar) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Tuesdays: No more sports clubs on Tuesdays this term.

Wednesdays: Football with Mrs Lyes (14 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Multiskills** with Premier Sports (14 Mar) for Reception, Years 1 & 2.

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

No more sports clubs on Thursdays this term.

Fridays: No clubs run on a Friday.

All clubs run from 3.30pm–4.30pm unless otherwise stated.

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