

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



'Journeys' through music, reading, science & running! Congratulations Phoebe!

From the Executive Principal:

Welcome back following the Easter break! It has been great to see the children settle back into school following the holidays. We have a busy term ahead of us but it is good to see that we are finally getting some sunshine! Our Year 6 pupils across the Trust schools are working hard in the lead up to their SATs in May and we wish them every success as they complete those tests and prepare for their transition to secondary school.

There have been several staff changes within the Levels Academy Trust. At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Mrs Quine, Head of School at Middlezoy & Othery and Miss Creed from Othery and wish them both well for the future. We have appointed two Senior Teachers to the Academy team - Mr Prinn, currently based at Middlezoy School, and Mr Thompson, currently based at Hambridge Primary School. We are in the process of recruiting staff at Huish Episcopi Primary School and continuing recruitment for Othery School. We also welcomed Ms Brine, our new Clerk to the Trustees and Local Governing Bodies, earlier this year and wish Mrs Chesterton every success in her new role as Head of School across Hambridge, Middlezoy and Othery. (Mrs Barraclough)

School News

Tesco Bags of Help

We were delighted to welcome Dawn from the Community Team at Tesco, Langport this afternoon to make the official cheque presentation for £2,000.00 from the Bags of Help scheme which will be used to make improvements to our Outdoor Area. We should like to thank them for their continued support of our school.

Outdoor Area—Help Required!

Now Spring is finally upon us, we are going to reattempt our clearing day in the area around

TESCO
Bags of Help

Parrett Class! As we would like to involve parents and children in the process, I am looking for volunteers for this on **Saturday, 21 April**, from **2.00pm-4.00pm** 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 children in school then please do come along on Saturday. Thank you for your continued support. (Mrs Score)

Sport Relief

Thank you to all of you who took part in the design a T-shirt competition for Sport Relief. Your entry fees raised £20.00 for the charity.



Pupil News

Champion Music's Pupil of the Year Award nominations included **Phoebe** from Isle Class. Her nomination read: *"It's not very often that learning an instrument comes naturally and Phoebe has had to work extra hard to learn the skills for playing flute. But she has been determined and has made some excellent progress as a result of her perseverance and positive attitude. She is now working towards her Grade 1 exam which will be an enormous achievement of which her tutor [Catherine Grice] is very proud."* We are very proud of you, Phoebe—well done! (see photo above)

Staff News

Yet again **Mr Clements** has surpassed himself! He ran in a 10k race at Combe St Nicholas and came an amazing second out of 72 runners. And as if that wasn't enough, he came first in his age category - a great achievement to come first and second in the same race. You never cease to amaze us!

Class News

Parrett & Aller Class News

KS1 had a visit from Rev Jess Pitman where she talked about the resurrection of Jesus. We did some

role play about Mary and how she felt. We also made resurrection rolls to represent Jesus ascending. It was very yummy indeed!! Thank you very much Jess. (Miss Walker)



Visit from School Nursing Team

Jennifer and Holly from the School Nursing Team visited KS1 last week to talk to pupils about keeping healthy. Firstly, they discussed a healthy daily menu emphasising on things being in moderation, 'five-a-day' and drinking water. Next was dental health – the importance of brushing teeth for two minutes – followed by hand washing! They talked about when we need to wash our

hands, a demonstration of how to wash and then all the children had the opportunity to try the 'glow box' to show what germs are still left after washing hands.



Aller Class News

A great start to the summer term in Aller Class. We have begun our journey, travelling to imaginary places through the aid of a picture book. We have been practising writing our own stories, writing at greater length and remembering our capital letters and full stops. In Maths, we are looking at place value and using coins in real life contexts. Thank you for all the reply slips for the 'Stay and Learn' Phonics Session. I look forward to seeing you all there. (Miss Walker)

Sedgemoor Class News

Sedgemoor Class have been working extremely hard in their English lessons. They have been focusing on a book called 'The Journey' and have used some great descriptive language to start to retell the story. In Maths, they have been learning about position and direction which has linked nicely with their ICT lessons on coding. They have all been able to manoeuvre an object from a straight line using different commands.



They are all reading well and had a paired reading session with Northmoor Class.

Some children have moved onto the Accelerated Reader

programme which is used in KS2. Well done Sedgemoor, keep up the good work!

(Mrs Ramwell & Mrs Morgan)

Northmoor Class News

Northmoor children worked very hard last Thursday and Friday to create lovely descriptions based on the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We explored the story that is told using pictures and then did lots of thinking and talking about how we could describe the story in our own written words. The children demonstrated super ideas and interest. (Mrs Kenchington)

Isle Class News

Isle Class have been taken on a journey over the last few weeks. They looked at different images that were drawn on windows around school and had to use their imaginations to transport themselves into a magical world to create a story of what was happening or might happen. Their word choices and use of adjectives and clauses have really brought their writing to life.

In PE, they were challenged to collectively run the London Marathon, 26.2 miles. They ALL rose to the challenge motivating each other as they ran. Each child ran just under a mile and the whole class completed the challenge in 14mins 39 sec. Great effort Isle Class. (Mr Clements)

Kingsmoor Class News

This week, Kingsmoor have been researching our new author of the term, Katherine Rundell. We will be reading her books over the coming weeks. Year 6s are working incredibly hard at the moment, in preparation for their SATs. We have been so proud of their determination and motivation. Keep up the excellent effort children! (Miss Chadbourne)

Uniform Summer Ordering

Just a reminder that if you require uniform items for September, please order online from Brigade by 30 June for items to be delivered into school by the end of this term. Full details available on the school's website under the Parents tab/Uniform and leaflets were sent out in book bags earlier this week. (Mrs Sams)

After School Clubs

The After School Clubs have had a great response. ALL clubs are oversubscribed, if your child did not get a place, their name has been added to a waiting list and will be informed if a place becomes available. (Mrs Ramwell)

Science Club

Science Club had the chance to make super gliders this week. They had to



work with a partner, read instructions, gather equipment and create their gliders. They then got to test their gliders to see how they performed. Next week they see at what they can change to improve the performance of their gliders.



Golden Tickets



Awarded to (L to R) Chloe-Mai (Parrett), Ethan (Northmoor), Dylan D & Kane (Sedgemoor), Corey, & Layla (Northmoor), and Aaron, Isabel & Phoebe (Isle).



A Golden Ticket has also been presented to Jaydon (Aller) for excellent progress.

Safeguarding

The Sun has got his hat on!

We do not want to tempt fate (!), but with the hot and sunny weather upon us, please could we remind all parents/carers to send their child to school with sun cream applied, with a sunhat and water bottle.

Data Protection—the laws are changing

On 25 May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into effect. This will allow you to have more control over how your data is used and to protect your personal data. As a school, we have always been aware of the sensitive data we hold, keep it secure and check with you regularly, through the Data Collection Sheet updates, that you are happy for us to hold this information and we shall continue to safeguard your data in this way. Please visit our School Website and view the school's Privacy Notice which can be found under the Parents Tab/Policies for more information. (Mrs Sams)

Health News

'SLAPPED CHEEK': Please note that we have had a couple of cases of 'slapped cheek' in school. This is highly contagious (especially in the 3-5 days before the rash appears), spread by respiratory droplets, & has an incubation period of 6-11 days. Symptoms include 'flu-like' illness followed by bright red 'slapped cheeks' rash which can last up to three weeks. Sufferers can also experience joint pain, headache, mild fever and a sore throat. As a child is no longer infectious once the rash appears, there is no need to keep the child off school as long as they feel well enough to attend.

HEAD LICE: We are still getting reports of head lice in school. **PLEASE** check and treat your child as necessary. And all long hair must be tied back at school.

First Aid and Medication Policy: This policy has recently been updated and can be viewed on the Policy page of our website.

Sports News

Cross Country Success

Huge congratulations to Lola, Hatty, Theo and Oliver who have made the CLP Huish and Langport Area Cross Country Team. They will be part of a 60 strong team who will race against children from different parts of the county. Good luck to all of you! (Mrs Ramwell)

London Marathon Challenge

Kingsmoor, Isle and Northmoor Classes were challenged to run the distance of 26.2 miles collectively. They all had to complete five laps of the field. The children supported and motivated each other to complete the challenge. Kingsmoor achieved a time of 13mins 21secs, Isle achieved a time of 14mins 39secs and Northmoor completed their run in a time of 14mins 35secs. They will all get the opportunity to do the challenge again and hopefully beat their collective times. Great effort from everyone! (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. (continued)

PFA News (continued):

Bingo Night: Thank you to those who helped and came to our Bingo Night on 14 April—we raised a great sum of £203.50.

PFA Diary Dates:

SATs Treat: A treat is being planned for our Year 6 pupils (and their teachers & TAs) on Friday, 18 May. Look out for more details soon.

Year 6 Hoodies: The PFA sent out a letter yesterday to all Year 6 pupils regarding Leavers Hoodies. Please return your order by Monday, 30 April. Thank you.

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

LangFest18 Launch

On Monday, 23 April from 7.00-9.00pm, you are invited to the Public Launch of LangFest18 at Kitchen at the Wharf, Langport TA10 9PN. LangFest18 takes place from *Friday, 14 to Sunday, 16 September 2018* and it promises to be another fun weekend of diverse creative events for the people of Langport & Huish Episcopi. Please come along to air your views and comments, to volunteer to help or just come along and listen to the ideas for the community-run events.

Tuning in to Kids Parenting Group

A free six week course for parents and carers of children aged 4-11; to help you talk & understand your child, manage and prevent behaviour problems etc; Tuesdays (24 April, 1, 8, 15 & 22 May & 5 June); 9.30am-midday; The Angel, Bow Street, Langport; contact Parent & Family Support Advisers, Nicky Buckler 07825 833556 or Claire Kelly 07500 882411.

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.

Lost and Found

Watch Found: A watch with a leather strap has been found in the School Hall. Please see Mrs Sams in the School Office if you think it may be yours.

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



Parrett's Springtime activities (above & left) and KS1 making Resurrection Rolls with Rev Jess Pitman (below)



Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Saturday, 21 April: Outdoor Area Working Party; near Parrett Class; 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Friday, 27 April: WaterAid Sponsored Walk; School Field; 1.30pm-3.00pm.

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

Wednesday, 2 May: 'Stay & Learn' Phonics Session; Aller Class parents/carers; 2.45pm-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.

Friday, 18 May: PFA SATs Treat for Year 6 pupils (and their teachers & TAs); more details will follow.

Friday, 25 May: Somerset Music Singing Session; 1.30pm-3.00pm.

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):

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

Cleaner (4 hours per week-Grade 17 Point 6)

We have a vacancy for a cleaner to work under the supervision of our fantastic cleaner, Mrs Harding. The hours can be split across the week to suit. There may also be an opportunity for additional hours to assist with deep cleaning during the holidays. If you are interested in the post please speak to Mrs Meredith by noon on **Monday, 30 April 2018**.

Huish Episcopi Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to disclosure through the Criminal Records Bureau.

Sports Match Dates 2018:

Summer Term: (Dates provisional)

Thursday, 1 & 8 May: Quad Kids; 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:

Mondays (first half of term): **Science** (KS2) with Mr Clements (lunchtime); **Gardening** (R&KS1) with Miss Cardwell (3.30pm-4.15pm); **Netball** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.15pm).

Mondays (second half of term): **Chess** (Yrs 1-6) with Mr Clements (lunchtime); **Outdoor Adventure Activities** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Tuesdays (first half of term): **Badminton** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Tuesdays (second half of term): **Cricket** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Wednesdays (all term): **Athletics** (R&KS1) with Premier Sports (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Thursdays (first half of term): **Athletics** (KS2) with Mr Clements & Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Thursdays (second half of term): **Rounders** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Fridays (lunchtime): **Art** (R&KS1) with Miss Walker.

There are not any After School Clubs on a Friday.

Homework Club: Runs Mon-Wed from 3.30pm-4.30pm and is by invitation only. Please speak to your child's teacher.

School Meals Menu Weeks:

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

Week 2: w/c 17 May, 4 June, 25 June, 16 July

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

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

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

Free Reading Fridays:

4 May, 18 May, 8 June, 6 July



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