

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



It's been a busy couple of weeks—flags, gardening, travel, brass lessons, cricket trip & much more!

From the Head of School:

The sun has remained a little shy up until now but it has not dampened our spirits here. The children reminded me of cows seeing grass for the first time after winter when they ran onto the field – a wonderful sight!

This week has also made me consider how fortunate we are with our school site when showing candidates around for our teaching posts; they all seem so impressed with the condition of our buildings and spaces as well as the learning and behaviour of our children. We are looking forward to welcoming new teachers into our team to cover the maternity leave for Miss Cardwell and to work alongside Mrs Kenchington in September.

There are lots of tired faces this week after a visit from the fair at the weekend. With lighter nights approaching fast, I will be speaking with the children about bedtimes and the importance of a good night's sleep.

Children often resist bedtimes regardless of the time we set so it is beneficial to take guidance on the subject to ensure their behaviour isn't affected negatively. Whilst there isn't a rigid amount of sleep required for a particular age, it is suggested that our youngest children should be going to bed at 7.00pm with our older children staying up no later than 8.30pm. More important than that though is a calm bedtime routine enjoying a book with parents, older siblings or simply alone.

With children full of energy and enthusiasm we are looking forward to the remainder of the term which sees our children having an opportunity to exhibit the learning which has been taking place. Although SATs are often spoken of in a negative manner, we embrace them here as an opportunity to shine and be proud of our progress. We wish our lovely children the very best of luck.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)



School News

Have any of your Details Changed?

As part of the new the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we are obliged to check with you regularly that the details we hold about your family are correct. **If any of your details have changed recently** (address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, updates to your child's medical conditions etc) **please contact the School Office** so we can update our records. Thank you. (Mrs Sams)

School Flag

Children and teachers from across the school, in conjunction with Langport Youth Club, have been working together to design and paint a flag ready to be displayed in Langport later this month (see more information on Langport Flags in our Community Section on page 4). Our design incorporates some of our daily activities at Huish Episcopi Primary School. Well done to all of those involved! (Miss Cardwell/Mrs Score)(see photo above)

School Council

Unfortunately, due the weather conditions, we had to cancel our WaterAid sponsored walk last week. However, with the weather looking bright, we rearranged it for today, Friday 4 May. Please keep collecting your sponsor money. Your child will come home with a certificate if they have completed the walk. This means that they are ready to collect any outstanding money and bring it into school please. Thank you for your help and support. (Miss Walker)

Outdoor Area

Many thanks to the parents, children and staff who came in to make a start on clearing the Outdoor Area; it is looking so much better already! And a special thank you to Mr



Richards for supplying us with some logs to place in the forest area, much appreciated. The old play equipment is due to be removed soon and this will make way for new resources to be installed - very exciting! I will keep everyone informed of any future activities - if you would like to contribute in any way please let me know. (Mrs Score)

Kelly from Tesco, Langport presenting the Bags of Help cheque to pupils in Parrett Class.



Class News

Parrett Class News

Wow—what a busy couple of weeks we have had! We have enjoyed learning about the Life Cycle of a Frog and have been watching the tadpoles in the classroom change into froglets. We have started to create our own mini books which we



are hoping to share with other children around the school. In Maths we have been doing some brilliant learning surrounding doubling and halving. (Miss Cardwell)



Aller Class News

Our Travel Agent is now open for business, as we learn about different countries and enjoy stories from different cultures. We have been looking at using adjectives in our writing to describe tropical fruit during fruit tasting and when looking at animals from Africa. Aller Class are getting really good at using punctuation marks and are learning how to use different word types - such as nouns, verbs, adjectives and compound words along with many more. We are continuing to look at place value in Maths so we have a solid understanding of how to use number in different situations (at least up to 50). Could I ask if all the children could use coins at home and at the shops to become familiar with the value please. This will really increase their understanding.



In Science, we have been very busy in the 'Aller lab' dissecting animal faeces (it's pretend and harmless ... may I add!) as we are classifying animals which are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. I wonder if your child could tell you their findings? In Geography, we are



learning about the United Kingdom and have drawn large maps on the playground. Now we are looking forward to making our own in the following weeks. Overall a great start to the Summer Term! (Miss Walker)



Sedgemoor Class News

Sedgemoor Class has been extremely busy preparing for their Celebration Assembly today. The children have painted wonderful seaside pictures, whilst thinking about the physical features of this landscape. As a class, they have learnt a poem to perform and also written their own poems based on their senses. The teddy bear writing has been a great success and the winner of the naughtiest teddy bear competition was revealed in today's assembly. (Mrs Morgan)

Northmoor Class News

Northmoor Class held their celebration assembly last Friday (27 April). Some of the children demonstrated their Science observation skills and showed their detailed studies of rocks, drawn in pastels and labelled with distinctive features. In class, the children have been working on writing poems entitled 'The Sounds in the Evening' and a number of children read out their wonderful poems. In our Music lessons, we have been listening to a piece of music called 'The Hoe-Down' by Aaron Copland, which captures the atmosphere of the lively parties held by cowboys and girls after the rodeo. A group of eight children then performed a traditional square-dance to this piece of music. It certainly got everyone's feet tapping! (Mrs Spencer)



Isle Class News

Isle Class produced yet another great assembly, which encompassed Maths, Geography, Music and English. The entire school was held spellbound during the retelling of The Journey – the story the whole school has been studying. They watched transfixed as Anna (Molly) drew the red door and listened intently to the amazing descriptive writing. Well done! They have also been learning how to write a balanced argument, with a great debate that took place in the classroom; they all became very passionate about what they thought and could give fantastic reasons and arguments to support their views. The week ended with some amazing writing, convincing Mr Clements to reveal the end of the story, which itself started another great debate. (Mr Clements)



Kingsmoor Class News

Kingsmoor have been busy writing newspaper reports about one of their favourite films: Star Wars! We've had some great writing and there are clearly budding journalists in the class. In PE, we have been focusing on athletics and the children have been working hard on their skills and techniques.



Year 6 have been revising for their SATs and are thoroughly enjoying trying to beat their previous scores. We are so proud of the way the children have been keen to do their best and everyone can see the progress they have made this term. They have rewarded with ice cream! (Miss Chadbourne)



After School Clubs

Gardening Club

We have had some very enthusiastic children from Parrett, Aller and Sedgemoor in Gardening Club over the last few weeks. So far we have planted beans, sunflowers and herbs. The children have enjoyed watching their plants grow! Any donations of plants for Gardening Club would be gratefully received. (Miss Cardwell)



Art Club

We really do love ART ... we have started off with some graffiti art work and we are now attempting some origami in the following weeks. We are hoping we can create something special! (Miss Walker)

Science Club

Over the past two weeks, Science Club have investigated how to make paper spinners stay in the air longer and what happens when you add water to Skittles (sweets). They found that their spinners stayed up longer when they adjusted the rota blade length. They were amazed to see the colours appear, but not merge, when the water touched the Skittles and made a colour wheel and patterns. (Mr Clements)



Safeguarding & Health News

Take Care Out There! With Summer hopefully upon us, & the weather getting hotter, please make sure you send your child into school with sun cream applied, a sun hat and water bottle. Also, with the lighter evenings, please make sure your child is safe if they are playing outside later in the day.

Head Lice: Yet again, we have reports of head lice in school. Please, please check your child's hair and treat as necessary. All long hair to be tied back at school please.



Golden Tickets

Awarded to Noah & Lilly (Aller), Alfie, Amy & Christa (Sedgemoor), Danielle, Ava, Tommy-Lee & Chloe Y (Northmoor), Molly & Lewis (Isle) and Bella (Kingsmoor).



Sports News

Inter Area Cross Country Championships

A huge congratulations to **Lola, Oliver, Hatty and Theo** for being part of the Huish and Langport Area Cross Country Team. They ALL ran superbly over a very long, tough course in windy conditions. They did their team, school and themselves proud.

Visit to Somerset County Cricket Ground

Isle Class were extremely lucky to be selected to visit the Somerset County Cricket Ground for the afternoon this week. They had a tour of the ground and a great coaching session plus a question and answer session with Eddie Byrom, the opening batsman for the Somerset team. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see what a professional venue was like and experience playing there. Hopefully it has inspired some of the children to join the local Huish & Langport Cricket Club, who came and talked to the pupils at our assembly yesterday.



QuadKids

The QuadKids Team took part in the first round of events on Tuesday; they produced excellent jumps, amazing throws, determined distance runs and outstanding sprints. At the end, a very exciting relay race finished in a dead heat between Huish and King Ina. A huge thank you to



all the sports helpers from Kingsmoor Class who, at the last minute, made up another team and helped run the events; you all demonstrated excellent sporting leadership skills and qualities. Equally, thank you to the staff that came out to help and support - it was very much appreciated. (See photo below.) (Mrs Ramwell)

School Uniform

Many children are coming into school wearing trainers—this is NOT part of our school uniform. Please could you make sure your child wears a proper pair of black school shoes. Thank you.

Class Photos

The proofs of the class photos recently taken by Tempest Photography were sent home in book bags yesterday and today. Framed full sized photos are on display in the School Hall lobby to view. Please return any orders to school by Friday, 11 May.

PFA News & Diary Dates:

SATs Treat

An outing to Hollywood Bowl, Taunton for our Year 6 pupils (and their teacher & TA) is on Thursday, 17 May. A letter was sent to parents on Monday—**please send back your reply slip!**

Year 6 CampOut: Friday, 13 July; details to follow.

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.

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

Community Notices

Langport Runners: Langport North Moor RUN FOR FUN; Sunday, 6 May 2018; registration 9.45am for 10.00 am start; FREE for all children 4 - 14 years; 400m dash, 1km, 2km or, if you're over 11, try the 3km run; all timed; parking at Tesco Langport; Contact: David German 01458 259688 or email: davidgerman555@gmail.com

Langport Youth Club—come & join us!

The first Saturday of the month we run Super Saturday. It runs from 11.00am - 1.00pm. It is a fun Saturday Club where we have circus skills fun and we make things together. It costs £2.00 and this includes anything that is made and taken home plus either fresh fruit or a toast snack. It is best suited for ages 9 and upwards. This Saturday, 5 May, we are planting seeds for the Summer, doing tie-dye T-shirts, circus skills fun and finishing off painting the flags. Contact Annie or Val on Facebook: Langport and Huish Youth Group or twitter @Langporty.

Langport Flags

The Youth Group started making the flags in 2012 as part of an art project and to brighten up the town in summer. This has evolved over the years and on Thursday, 24 May, Langport and Huish Youth Group will be hanging over 45 flags in the main streets! This year's theme is colour. Hung in time for Oak Apple Day, the march of The Langport and District Friendly Society marks that Summer is beginning and the flags are flying!

This year funding from Tesco Bags of Help enabled the group to replace some flags and purchase new poles. Supported by local businesses and flag sponsors, a leaflet is published about flag names and who has designed and painted them. This year 31 new flags have been made, designed by a host of different groups from Huish Episcopi Primary School to Ashley House and Portcullis House. Many of our flags are designed and painted by our local young people (aged 8 to 25) plus some fantastic local arty people and artists. A lot of dedication goes into this project, so please appreciate them the next time you drive through Langport!

Our QuadKids Teams who competed this week—next event on Tues 8 May (4.00pm) at Huish.



Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

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

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

Thursday, 17 May: PFA SATs Treat for Year 6 pupils (and their teachers & TAs); **Hollywood Bowl, Taunton; 5.00pm for 5.20pm start.**

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.

Monday, 11 June: New Parents Information Meeting; Reception intake (Sept 2018); 6.00pm; School Hall.

Thursday, 12 June: School Nursing Term; Heights & Weights; Reception & Year 6 pupils; 9.30am (letter to parents to follow).

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.

Wednesday, 4 & Thursday, 12 July: Play Sessions for new Reception (Sept 2018) pupils; 9.30am-11.30am (Wed); 1.45pm-3.00pm (Thurs).

Friday, 6 July: Kingsmoor Trip to Glastonbury Abbey.

Friday, 6 July: Isle Trip to Bridgwater YMCA.

Monday, 9 July: Aller Class Trip to Gore Farm, Trent.

Monday, 9 July: Singing Festival, McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater; 1.00pm-8.15pm.

Thursday, 12 July: TBC Northmoor Trip to Charmouth Heritage Centre.

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!**

Term Dates 2018-2019

Term dates for next year, including INSET (staff training) days are now available on the school's website (under the Parents Tab).

Kingsmoor Swimming Dates

Mondays: 11, 18, 25 June; 2 July

Tuesdays: 3, 10 July

Wednesdays: 13, 20, 27 June; 11 July

Celebration Assemblies:

Parents/Carers invited (Fri at 3.00pm):

11 May: Aller

25 May: Kingsmoor

15 June: Northmoor

13 July: Aller

18 May: Parrett

8 June: Isle

6 July: Sedgemoor

20 July: Whole School Celebration Assembly

Sports Match Dates 2018:

Summer Term: (Dates provisional)

Tuesday, 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; 9.10am-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 21 May, 18 June, 9 July

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

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

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

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

Free Reading Fridays:

18 May, 8 June, 6 July



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