

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Lots of activities have been happening across the school!

Our pond has had a facelift.

## From the Executive Principal:

We are now almost half way through the second half of the Summer Term. As the end of another school year fast approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and pupils for their continued support for all our schools. Our Year 6 children worked extremely hard in relation to their SATs test last month and are now preparing for their transition onto secondary school. Moving schools can be a difficult time for some, however it is also an exciting time as new experiences are presented and new friendships forged alongside current ones. Change is never easy and can be challenging but open up many new, rewarding times. The poem below highlights some of those fears that children may have as they move on in this world but also encourages them to believe in themselves:

*As you go on in this world,  
keep looking forward to the future...to all  
you might be.*

*Don't let old mistakes or misfortunes  
hold you down: learn from them, forgive  
yourself- or others- and move on.*

*Do not be bothered or discouraged by  
adversity. Instead, meet it as a challenge.*

*Be empowered by the courage it takes  
you to overcome obstacles. Learn things.*

*Learn something new every day.*

*Be interested in others and what  
they might teach you. But do not look  
for yourself in the faces of others. Do*

*not look for who you are in other  
people's approval. As far as who you  
are and who you will become goes –  
the answer is always within yourself.  
Believe in yourself. Follow your heart*

*and your dreams. You – like everyone  
else – will make mistakes. But as  
long as you are true to the strength  
within your own heart... you can  
never go wrong.*

*(Ashley Rice)*

(Mrs Barraclough)

## School News

**Key Stage 2 Performance:** Hopefully you have requested and received your tickets for the production of 'The Magnificent Time Machine' on Friday, 29 June 2018 in the Auditorium at Huish Academy for either of the performances at 6.00pm and 7.00pm. A further letter with final arrangements will be sent out early next week.

### Lots going on...

Rehearsals are well under way for different things happening in school this term: 'The Time Machine', our KS2 dance production; Bridgwater Singing Festival, where children will perform original songs; and 'Darwin Rocks', our Year 6/KS2 end of year production. All the children are working really hard and their voices can be heard echoing around the school.

**CLP Debating Competition:** On Tuesday evening, the team from Huish Episcopi Primary School won the CLP Debating Competition held at the Academy. Their topic was 'Cash or digital payment methods - which is better?' Well done team! (Miss Chadbourne)

Our photo shows (L to R) our team of Emma-Jane, Rhianna & Janis.



## Staff News

This week sees us wishing **Mrs Score** farewell and good luck in her new role as lecturer at Weston College. Aller and Parrett children will be particularly sad not to see her smiley face in their classrooms.

Yet again **Mr Clements** has shown immense determination as he ran **another** ultra-marathon (52.4 miles). He competed in a race called 'Race to the Tower' where he had to run the equivalent of two marathons at once. During this run, he was faced with several difficult challenges as well as running up and down many steep hills. He finished the event with a smile on his face and even managed a cartwheel (a skill he needs to improve!) as he crossed the finishing line. Amazing work as always Mr Clements.

And huge congratulations to **Miss Robinson** who competed in a half marathon (13.1 miles) at Yeovilton. She completed the race in under two hours which is a fantastic achievement. She was presented with a lovely medal as she finished the race. Well done Miss Robinson, what's next?!

## Class News

### Aller Class News

Aller Class has been working hard to multiply and show how this is worked out by using pictorial representations. We have started our 'Under the Sea' topic, researching different elements of the ocean and the creatures that live there! As a WOW starter, the children watched a 'real life' lobster to help develop their imagination, descriptive writing, punctuation and sentence structure.



Well done to all our children for keeping focused and trying their very best last week during the Statutory Phonics Screening Checks!

We were lucky enough to have taken part in a Multi-Skills Festival held at Hambridge Primary School where Aller had the opportunity to make new friends, compete against other schools in our area and enjoy playing sports.



They were a credit to Huish Episcopi Primary School as they were well behaved, polite and focused. Well done Aller Class.

(Miss Walker)

### Sedgemoor Class News

We are racing towards the end of term with the thought that Sedgemoor children will soon be in Key Stage 2. With this in mind, Mrs Lyes and I are encouraging the children to take on an independent

role with regards to the book changing process. We now expect the children to place their book and planner into a designated red tray first thing in the morning, **when their book needs changing**. This saves on valuable teaching and learning support time that Mrs Lyes can provide to the rest of the class. It would help us enormously if you could also give your child a reminder to follow this routine when their book needs changing. I would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers that we expect children to read at least five times a week at home.

The children were re-tested on their knowledge of the common exception words at the beginning of June. I am so pleased with the concentrated practice that many children had obviously carried out to make brilliant progress. The results are now in your child's planner and ask that they continue to practise the pink highlighted words for a re-test at the end of term. The results will be given to their next teacher. The green ticks show your child's progress since the last test at the beginning of May. (Mrs Morgan)

### Northmoor Class News

On Monday, 11 June, Northmoor Class had a Maths Day – yes, that means that they did Maths **all** day!

They started by thinking about what the questions could be if the answer is 100. Then they became Maths Detectives and set out to solve the 'Handshake Problem'. How many handshakes would there be if everyone in the class shook hands with everyone else? (You are only allowed to shake hands once with the same person.) The children got as far as working out how many handshakes there would be for six people and were beginning to think about the pattern and how to predict how many handshakes there would be for seven people.

They also had another problem to solve: "A farmer has to get a fox, a chicken and a bag of grain across a river. He has a rowing boat which can only carry him and one other thing but, if he leaves the fox and the chicken together, the fox will eat the chicken. If he leaves the chicken and the bag of grain together, the chicken will eat the bag of grain." Can you work out how it's done? Northmoor children could!

In the afternoon, they did a variety of different activities, ranging from Bart Simpson's money problems and Superheroes' introduction to algebra to Yoda's Challenge. The children all enjoyed the Maths Day and asked when we will have another one! (Mrs Spencer)

**Northmoor** have also been working hard at developing their writing over the last few weeks. We have taken time to work on elements of a fairytale story and have focused on improving our description and use of correct punctuation.

The children have shown real enjoyment as well as determination and courage when it comes to writing and then sharing their work with the entire

school (photo on front page). I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them and am looking forward to our next writing challenge! (Mrs Kenchington)

**Isle Class News**

Isle Class produced another outstanding assembly showcasing what it means to be a member of this class and Huish Episcopi Primary School. Well done everyone! They have continued their work on 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and produced some excellent pieces using the skills of writing in the first person as well as using great description. They have presented their work beautifully and it is now on display outside the classroom. (Mr Clements)



**Kingsmoor Class News**

This week, Kingsmoor Class has been working on a new writing unit based on Shakespeare. We have listened to the story of Macbeth and the children have been creating a storyboard. They are going to do some debating based on the story and we hope to see 'Lady Macbeths' and 'Banquos' battling it out in the courtroom to decide who is to blame for King Duncan's death.



We have finished our photo frames in DT and been working on extended pieces writing, evaluating our work. (Miss Chadbourne)

**Other News**

**Pond Refurbishment**

For the last few weeks a group of hard working children, members of our Pond Club, and I have been giving the pond area some positive attention. We have cleared what feels like a mountain of debris including sticky weed, brambles and bind weed with numerous trips to our composting zone. The result has been a few wet toes and soggy socks, lots of bemused newts, confused water snails but unfortunately no fish! The children all think that the area looks better and ready for classes to be inspired by the space on the warm sunny days ahead. They have done a great job (see photo on front page). (Mr Driver)

**Wessex Water Assembly**

This week we welcomed Wessex Water back into school to talk about the importance of understanding what can and can't be flushed down the toilets. We were all giggling, and at times slightly uncomfortable when talking about sewage and what should and shouldn't be sent down the plughole. With regards to flushing much beloved pets down the toilets, it was a clear 'yes' to fish but a definite 'no' to gerbils! (Mrs Doughty Davis)

**Safeguarding & Health News**

**Visitors to School**

Please can we remind all adults, including parents/carers that, apart from dropping off and collecting your children, if you need to visit the school between these times you are required to come to the front entrance, sign in and wear a badge. We do not allow visitors to enter the site via the top gate during the school day.

**Any adult found on the site without a badge will be challenged.**

**After School Clubs**

**Outdoor Adventure Club**

The children who go to the Outdoor Adventure Club had a go at 'Slacklining', which is like tightrope walking, on the school field. All the children showed



great enthusiasm and bravery as they worked with a partner who helped them to stay balanced as they attempted to walk across the slacklines. Their partners helped guide them across and ALL the children had a go at trying



on their own, some with more success than others, but this did not deter them from trying. They supported each other very well and thoroughly enjoyed the activity. (Mrs Ramwell)



**Sports News**

**PE Lessons:** Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit which is black shorts, red t-shirt and PE shoes. Their PE kit needs to be in school every Monday and, if they take part in an After School Club, it must come back the next day. Thank you.

**Sedgemoor Class—Gymnastics**

Sedgemoor Class took part in a very successful gymnastics PE lesson. They produced excellent jumps, showed imaginative ways of travelling over, across and through the blue climbing frame and demonstrated great strength and balance when using different pieces of equipment. They were able to put into practise the skills already learnt to enhance their gymnastic ability. (Mrs Ramwell)



**CLP Football Tournament**

The Year 3-4 Football Team took part in the CLP Football Tournament at Huish Academy. The children played really well demonstrating excellent sporting qualities. They came second in their group, which was a great achievement considering they had never played as a team before.



Well done everyone!  
(Mrs Ramwell)

**School Uniform**

**2018 SUMMER ORDERING DEADLINES:**

**Option 1:** Order by SATURDAY, 30 JUNE 2018 for delivery into school before the end of the Summer Term 2018.

**Option 2:** Order by TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2018 for home delivery between 1 July – 3 September 2018. Standard delivery charges will apply.

**September Rush:** Please note that orders placed in September will take up to 21 working days for delivery into school.

**Buy School Uniform Online from Brigade:**

Customer Services 024 7642 1083  
[brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com](http://brigadeuniformdirect.uk.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

**PFA News & Diary Dates:**

**Year 6 CampOut:** Friday, 13 July.

**We Need YOU!** In order for the PFA to continue their work organising events and help fundraise for the school, we need more parents to join the committee and/or help with and at events.

If we do not get more members, the PFA will have to be closed down at the end of this term. If you are interested, please contact Emma Cook: [emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk) or 07927 398277.

Visit their FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

**Community Notices**

**Carymoor Holiday Activities**

Summer Holiday Nature Activities at Carymoor Environmental Centre near Castle Cary include Family Fun Days during August on Meadows and Minibeasts, Woodland Survival Day, Ahoy There! Pond & Pirate Day & Viking Experience; ages 4-11 and parents/carers; 10.00am-2.00pm; £8.00 per person or £25 for a family of four. To book call 01963 351350 or email [education@carymoor.org.uk](mailto:education@carymoor.org.uk). Further details at <https://www.carymoor.org.uk/families>.

**LangFest 18**

The second Langfest will be held between 14–16 September 2018. This is a community led event and they are looking for people to run family-friendly activities on the Saturday and Sunday in a marquee on Cocklemoor. If you'd like to get involved please get in touch. No payment but you can charge people to take part in your activity and it is a good chance to promote your small business or community group to the people of Langport and Huish. Open to all ideas. The LangFest18 organising team can be contacted on [langfest18@gmail.com](mailto:langfest18@gmail.com)

**ISLE CLASS**

Pupils in Isle Class have been busy—both with activities and showcasing their work to the rest of the school.



## Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

**Monday, 25 June:** Northmoor Trip to Wells.

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

**Monday, 2 July:** Vision Screening Service; Reception pupils (Parrett); 1.30pm.

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

**Wednesday, 4 July:** 'Move Up' Morning: pupils to spend the morning in their class for September 2018.

**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.

**Wednesday, 11 July:** Pupils' Reports to Parents.

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

**Thursday, 12 July:** Assembly—Summer Reading Challenge, Langport Library.

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

**Monday, 16 July:** Charcoal Drawing Workshop (Northmoor Class) with artist, Kate Lynch, for LangFest18 display.

**Monday, 16 July:** Parents' Open Evening (re: Pupils' Reports); 3.30pm—4.30pm.

**Tuesday, 17 July:** Year 6 Show; 2.00pm—3.30pm; parents welcome.

**Wednesday, 18 July:** Years 6 Show; 6.00pm—7.30pm; parents welcome.

**Friday, 18 July:** Whole School Celebration Assembly; 2.00pm-3.30pm.

**Friday, 20 July:** Term Ends at 3.30pm.

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

**Monday, 3 September:** INSET Day—No children in school please!

**Tuesday, 4 September:** AUTUMN TERM STARTS.

## Kingsmoor Swimming Dates

### REVISED 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):**  
(gates open at 2.50pm)

**6 July:** Sedgemoor

**13 July:** Aller

**20 July:** Whole School  
Celebration  
Assembly  
(2.00pm)

## Sports Match Dates 2018:

### Summer Term:

**Monday, 2 July:** Cricket Match; King Ina Primary School; 4.00pm; more details to follow.

**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.

## 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).

## Next Issues of this Newsletter:

6 & 20 July.

## School Meals Menu Weeks:

**Week 1:** w/c 9 July

**Week 2:** w/c 25 June, 16 July

**Week 3:** w/c 2 July

## Free Reading Fridays:

6 July



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