

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



A Royal Wedding in Aller one day; chicks visiting the next! Northmoor pupils search for natural and man-made rocks around the school; Isle Class write persuasive letters and some of our older girls play cricket!

## From the Head of School:

This last half term of the school year has already started with academics and adventures aplenty!

We have an abundance of trips booked over the next few weeks which take our children off site and further afield to experience an array of cultural and educational experiences that can only be found beyond our borders. In the Autumn Term, we will see all classes participating in a team-building day off site during the first half term with our teachers already excited about the prospect. It's amazing how much you learn about children when they are out of the classroom, out of uniform and facing physical challenges.

The children have already been asking about teachers and class moves for next year and whilst much of this cannot be finalised until 2 July, I am pleased to relay some staffing news. I am so very pleased to confirm that **Miss Chadbourne** will be teaching Kingsmoor Class, **Mr Clements** will be teaching Isle Class and **Mrs Kenchington** will be teaching Northmoor Class alongside **Mrs Perry**. Mrs Perry comes to us very highly recommended with several years' experience in teaching following a successful legal career. **Miss Walker** will be moving to Parrett Class where we will benefit from her years of experience teaching this age group. **Mrs Vogel** will be joining us as a Newly Qualified Teacher in Aller Class after impressing us immensely during her time in our school to date. Both current and new teachers are looking forward to Move-up Day on Wednesday, 4 July.

**Miss Cardwell** has returned to us after the half term break looking radiant. With only three weeks to go until baby Cardwell is due to appear, she has not relaxed her high standards even in the heat. We all wish Miss Cardwell and her family the very best for the next few weeks and months ahead (baby photos will be tweeted!).

Many parents, staff and children spoke with our School Improvement Partner this week during his annual visit. His final comments were extremely positive about recent improvements to teaching and learning, relationships, behaviour and how articulate our children were when speaking about their learning. Whilst we never stand still in the education sector, we are very much looking forward to some stability and embedding the changes we have made to date. I have appreciated the thoughtfulness and support of carers, parents, staff and the children since January – thank you.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

## School News

**Key Stage 2 Performance:** Rehearsals for the production of 'The Magnificent Time Machine' have recommenced. Lou Barrett, from GingerFred Studios, was very impressed with how much the children had remembered from last term and how well the whole of KS2 behaved during each class's rehearsal. The production will take place on Friday, 29 June 2018 in the Auditorium at Huish Academy with two performances at 6.00pm and 7.00pm. A further letter with more details about tickets will be sent out shortly.

**Class Photos:** If you ordered your child's class photo (taken by Tempest Photography recently), you should have received it via your child's book bag this week.

## Other Staff News

Unfortunately, **Mrs Sams** will not be in school for the rest of this term, as her younger son is seriously ill. However, she will be working, as much as possible, from home/hospital and will come into school as and when she can. **Ms Brine**, Clerk to the Trustees, has kindly agreed to cover the School Office in the mornings until the end of term.

We welcomed **Mrs Thompson**, Music Teacher,

back from maternity leave this week.

**Mrs Ramwell** has continued her superb progress by completing the Race for Life 10k. Running in incredibly hot conditions, she finished the race with a personal best time for 5k and 10k! A super personal achievement. Onwards and upwards to the next event, Mrs Ramwell!

Equally, **Mr Clements** never disappoints when it comes to pushing the boundaries of running. He took part in the South West 50 mile ultra-race. Not only did he have to run, but navigate, the course over multiple terrains and to his credit only got lost once! He completed the race in an amazing time of 8hrs and 26mins and came an incredible 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Truly inspirational!

## Class News

### Aller Class News

Aller Class have been busy, busy, busy with their phonics activities and reading comprehension over the last few weeks. We have been looking at those trickier phonemes such as au, ou, ew, ie, oa, ey as well as all the split diagraphs a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e whilst also looking for clues in our reading text to answer more complex questions.

This week, I brought in my nine chicks (before they grew!) giving all the children a turn to hold and interact with them. We wrote about our favourite chick using adjectives and adverbs. In Maths, we are continuing to secure our number facts and are beginning to multiply and divide using objects to support us. As a class, we are beginning to discuss our learning journey from this year and start to think about our transition into Year 2.



Aller Class children recreated the Royal Wedding in relation to our RE work about *'How people celebrate the important events in their lives?'*

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 1 children the best of luck in their phonics screening session next week. I am proud of each and every one of you for your effort and the progress you are making all round! Keep it up. (Miss Walker)

### Sedgemoor Class News

I am so proud of every child in Sedgemoor Class. They have sat government SATs tests recently and each child has approached the tests with

concentrated effort and a hard working attitude.

In addition, we have been continuing in our topic on the Seaside and are in the process of a 'recount' unit in English. Before Half Term, our children really enjoyed their walk into Langport for a teddy bears' picnic and trip to the library. They have since been writing a recount based on this experience. In Science, we have been looking at the life cycle of plants and eagerly awaiting for our cress seeds to germinate in class! (Mrs Morgan)

### Northmoor Class News

The children in Northmoor Class have been busy becoming rock and fossil experts and have been thinking about how different types of rock are formed. They enjoyed Mrs Spencer's demonstration, using Starburst, of how small pieces of rock can form sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks.

Recently, the children honed their observation skills by looking around the school for places where rocks, both natural and man-made, are used. They discussed the properties of rocks that make them suitable for building. (Mrs Spencer)



### Isle Class News

Isle Class were lucky enough to be one of the first classes to use a new interactive teaching board. They liked it so much that they wrote letters to Mrs Doughty Davis to try and persuade her to purchase some for the whole school (see one of the letters on page 4). They constructed their letters using a good balance of facts and opinions and hope they will be able to persuade Mrs Doughty Davis to get them.

Isle Class's homework for over Half Term was to create, design and write about mountains/volcanoes. They have started to bring their projects in and they are fantastic!

We are proudly displaying them on the classroom windowsill.

(Mr Clements)



## Kingsmoor Class News

Kingsmoor children have had a great week. Our play rehearsals for the final year show have begun in earnest and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Thompson back from maternity leave to help us with the show.

We have had the fortune of working with Mrs



Robertson, a DT teacher from Huish Academy, who has helped our Year 6 children create beautiful picture frames as part of their transition to Year 7. Thank you

to Mrs Robertson and her technician, Miss Twitchen.

The Year 5 children have been working on painting beautiful pictures based on work by artist, Yvonne Coomber. They have also been pond dipping and creating an exhibition of pond life to show the rest of the school.

We have started our Science unit on light. The children have been learning how light helps us to see.



(Miss Chadbourne)

## Term Time Leave

With the holiday season upon us, please note that we are unable to authorise any term time leave apart from in exceptional circumstances. Please note that as from September 2018, any holidays taken during term time will be notified to the Education Attendance Service at Somerset County Council and this could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Service to parents; the fines currently stand at £60.00/£120.00 per parent, per child. For further details, please see the Attendance Policy on the school website (under the Parents Tab/Policies). (Mrs Doughty Davis)

## Safeguarding & Health News

### Pupils' Emergency Contacts

One of the main safeguarding documents, issued by the Department for Education, which schools adhere to, is 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and a new update comes into force from September 2018. One of the requirements is ensuring that

every school has at least two emergency contacts for every pupil, with Somerset Council County recommending that we hold three. Over the course of the next few weeks, we shall be checking our records and contacting any parent where we hold less than three contacts. In the meantime, if you wish to update or add to your emergency contacts, please contact the School Office with details – please remember that your contacts should always include anyone that regularly drops off or collects your child on your behalf too.

## Sports News

### Girls' Cricket Festival

Eight girls took part in a Cricket Festival at the Huish and Langport Cricket Club. They were coached during the morning by Sophie Luff, Somerset Ladies Captain, and in the afternoon put the skills they had learnt



into practise in game situations. ALL the girls showed great teamwork and demonstrated excellent batting and fielding skills.

(Mrs Ramwell)

### Football Coaching

Northmoor Class are having football coaching from Simon Lyons, a FA qualified coach.

This will be a great opportunity for them to learn different skills to put into a game situation.

(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)

## PFA News & Diary Dates:

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

**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

### 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 Cockle Moor. 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)

### 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.



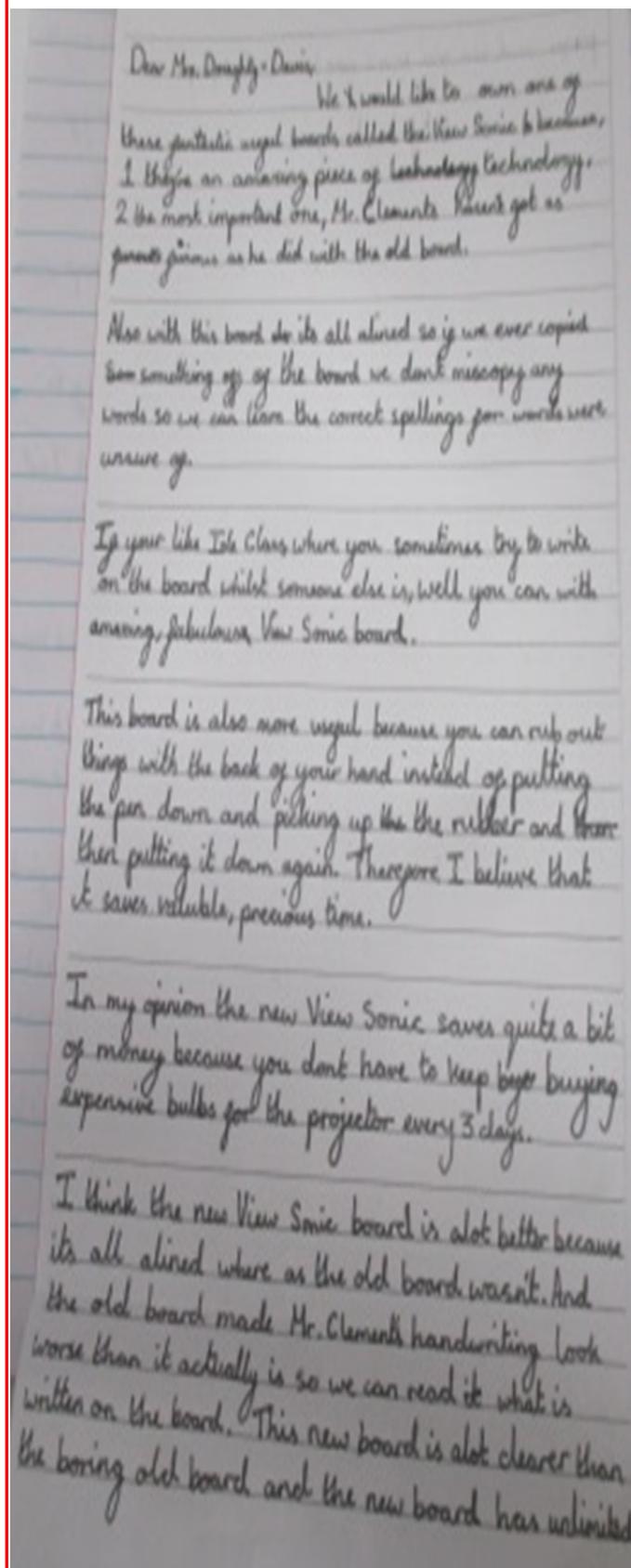
**Designated Safeguarding Lead:**  
Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis (photo R)



**Deputy DSL:**  
Mrs Joan Meredith (photo L)

**Safeguarding & Child Protection  
Governor:**  
Mrs Lou Ward

Letter written by Amy (Isle Class) to try and persuade Mrs Doughty Davis to purchase the new interactive whiteboard, that was recently trialled at the school, for all the classes!



## Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

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

**Tuesday, 19 June:** CLP Public Speaking Competition; Huish Academy; 4.30pm–**6.00pm** (more details to follow).

**Thursday, 21 June:** School Nursing Term; Heights & Weights; Reception & Year 6 pupils; 9.30am (**letter to parents sent out; opt out form on letter**).

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

**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:** 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

**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)

**15 June:** Northmoor

**6 July:** Sedgemoor

**13 July:** Aller

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

## Sports Match Dates 2018:

### Summer Term:

**Tuesday, 12 June:** CLP Football Tournament (Yrs 3&4); Huish Academy 3G pitches; 4.00pm–**5.00pm**.

**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.

## 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:

22 June; 6 & 20 July.

## School Meals Menu Weeks:

**Week 1:** w/c 18 June, 9 July

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

**Week 3:** w/c 11 June, 2 July



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