

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Goodbye and Good Luck to all our Year 6 pupils!

From the Executive Principal:

I cannot believe that we have come to the end of another academic year! It only seems a short while ago since last September when all our pupils started this academic year in their respective schools. Now they are preparing for the next stage of their educational journey. Our Year 6 pupils should be proud of their excellent SATs results which demonstrate both their hard work and commitment, and that of their teachers. I wish them every success as they move to secondary school. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children who follow them into the Academy.

This last year has been very busy for all our teaching and support staff during which some necessary organisational adjustments have been made to enhance the pupils' educational experience. Whilst the management of change is never easy, I am impressed with how most have risen to the challenge as they strive to ensure the quality of educational in our schools.

OFSTED inspections across all our schools confirmed both strengths and weaknesses already identified by school leaders. Now it is a pleasure to see the on-going programme of improvements which is already having a positive impact on standards and curriculum provision - our pupils are all developing socially, emotionally & academically. This would not have been possible without the continued support of all the staff, governors and parents in our schools.

Finally, I know from previous professional experience that, at the end of term, many staff and governors in direct pupil and parent contact will receive personal thanks and appreciation. Those kind thoughts and words are always well received and very much deserved - I would now like to add my own personal thanks to them. Additionally, I would mention those who are less visible, the Members and Trustees who strive in their own way

to keep the organisation functioning, giving up their free time in that voluntary capacity. This fledgling Academy will only grow with that on-going input and support working in co-operation for the mutual benefit of all.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing Summer holiday. I look forward to seeing the children returning to school in September rested and ready to take up the learning challenges planned for them. (Mrs Barraclough)

From the Head of School:

Well, we have made it and it is all thanks to our fabulous children and the support they receive from parents, carers and staff. A huge thank you to you all for making this a memorable start to my time at Huish Episcopi Primary School.

We end the term and year on a high after gaining the best KS2 SAT results the school has ever received and all well above national averages. Our KS2 children have delighted us in 'Darwin Rocks!' and 'The Magnificent Time Machine' which were fabulous to watch for both amusing and thought provoking moments. Sedgemoor Class were rewarded with ice creams on the field for their presentation efforts in books and I have been so pleased that Parrett and Aller have taken advantage of such good weather by taking their learning outside at every opportunity - fabulous.

Over the Summer and into next term we will see some changes in our environment. We are decorating our main school building corridor and have delighted in rediscovering some of the hidden features underneath boards. Our reception/office area and hall foyer will also be redecorated giving them a much needed lift. I am also pleased to announce that the media hub will be fitted with new benches and 32 PCs which will allow us to take our computing provision forward with gusto! The playground will see an uplift with new construction equipment for Parrett and gym equipment on the

main playground (towards October) keeping us fit and healthy.

I am very pleased to announce that the PFA has a full complement of newly elected members who have had the baton passed to them from a fabulous team who deserve our sincere thanks for such sterling work. The amazing staff here at school are the most friendly and supportive I have ever had the honour to work with and I would urge you to pass on any kind words you may have to them.

I end this academic year wishing you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing smiling faces on Tuesday, 4 September.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

Staff News:

We are delighted to be able to share with you this lovely photo of **Miss Cardwell** and baby Felix!



Message from Mrs Ramsay (SENCO): Thank you and goodbye to all the children and families I have worked with since 2011. I have loved working at Huish Episcopi Primary and have many fond memories. Rest assured, I have had a good handover with Mrs Daymond (SENCO from September) so she is aware of all the children with additional needs. I hope the Summer Holidays are full of fun, reading and adventures! (Mrs Ramsay)

Mr Clements recently took part in the Torbay Half Marathon and ran the 13.1 miles in under an hour and a half. Given really hot conditions, he refrained this time from cartwheeling over the finish line! The following week, Mr Clements ran in the Forde Abbey 10k race, which took place in the evening. The course was extremely multi terrain and at one point he was running waist deep in water— quite refreshing we would have thought! He finished in 10th place. Great achievement Mr Clements!

School News

Singing Festival: The children who sang at the McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater Singing Festival were simply mesmerising. They sang with such confidence and passion and received rapturous applause after each song. They should be extremely proud of themselves.

To see how well they performed check out Twitter.

Parent Governor Nominations: We are looking for new Parent Governors for the school. A letter will be sent out in the first week of the September Term inviting nominations. Please consider undertaking this interesting and valuable role in our school. (Mrs Doughty Davis).

Class News

Parrett Class News: Do you have any spare or old items from the kitchen or bathroom? Parrett Class needs some items for their outdoor play area such as pots & pans, spoons, plastic jugs etc and we would be very grateful for any donations. If you are able to bring anything in, could you please give it to Mrs Raymond. Thank you! (Mrs Raymond)

Aller Class News: On Monday we visited Gore Farm and woods near Sherborne and learnt all about the importance of trees in our environment.



We had a fabulous time learning outdoors. Aller would like thank all our parents who attended our TREEmendous assembly!

In DT (Design Technology), we have been using a range of tools to create a new product. The children have been expressing their own creativity to create a moving picture!



Aller Class enjoyed Northmoor's rock and fossil museum this week - we learnt many new facts! Thank you Northmoor. (Miss Walker)



Sedgemoor Class News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Morgan will be teaching Sedgemoor Class full time next term. We feel fortunate that, despite having other plans, Mrs Morgan has agreed to continue her excellent work with us. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Northmoor Class News

Loads of news from Northmoor this week

Last Thursday, we went to **Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre** where we watched a film about finding fossils at Charmouth and also had a talk from one of the Centre wardens about the Jurassic coast. The children showed great confidence in their knowledge of rocks & fossils and were able to answer all the questions that were thrown at them! We then went onto the beach to look for our own fossils - and my goodness, did we find some! All the children came back with a bag of rocks and fossils and, in many cases, found out about them from one



of the Centre's experts. Miss Robinson even found a rare fossilised sea urchin. A great day had by all!

Monday was a busy day for the children in Northmoor as they were lucky enough to take part in a Charcoal Drawing Workshop in the morning with Kate Lynch, a local artist, with the help of our ex-Headteacher, Gillian Islip. The finished work will be exhibited at LangFest18 in September.

That afternoon, Northmoor opened their classroom as a **Rock and Fossil Museum** for one day only. The children relished the opportunity to pass on their expert knowledge to other children, as well as adults, as all classes in the school visited the museum during the afternoon. They rose to the challenge and organised themselves so that they could pass on their expertise in all the areas we covered in our Science lessons this term. There were tables with exhibits and examples of the children's work in the following: **Rock Stars** (detailed drawings and descriptions of rocks and learning to identify the six most common rocks); **Rock Detectives** (learning about the three types of rock - sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous - how they are formed, the rock cycle and identifying rock by testing them for hardness, acid and permeability); **Rock Quest** (observing and identifying how and where rocks are used in buildings, both in and around school and from our recent visit to Wells); and **Fantastic Fossils** (the life and work of Mary Anning as well as exhibits of the children's finds from Charmouth). Thank you to everyone who visited the museum - we hope you had an interesting & enjoyable time!

And finally as we come to the end of another school year, Claude (Northmoor's very own yellow orangutan) has decided to make his own award to someone in the class who makes the class a better place. Claude found this a very difficult decision with so many to choose between and, in the end, could not separate two children. I am pleased to announce, on his behalf, that **Claude's Award** goes to **Chloe Y** and **Danielle** who both do so much to help in class and are always kind to others. Merci, Chloe and Danielle! (Mrs Spencer)

Message from Mrs Kenchington: It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Northmoor Class for

the second half of this school year. Every child has worked incredibly hard to be the best that they can be and should be very proud of everything they have accomplished. I wish all those children joining Isle Class every success; they will be missed. I am looking forward to getting to spend another year teaching those children that are moving into Year 4 within Northmoor. I hope you all have a happy and safe Summer Holiday! (Mrs Kenchington)

Isle Class News: Isle Class have finished the year still striving to do well. They are still achieving 100% in their Accelerated Reader tests and, as the class motto states 'don't underestimate us', have demonstrated time and again this year how well they have done. What a great year Isle Class!

Don't underestimate us!



(Mr Clements)

Kingsmoor Class News: In this last week, Kingsmoor have been busy preparing for the end of year show, Darwin Rocks! They gave superb performances and should be incredibly proud of their hard work.

The Year 6 leavers had a wonderful time at the Year 6 CampOut last Friday. They received their hoodies from the PFA; had great fun bouncing on the bouncy castle; trounced the teachers at rounders; had a wonderful barbecue; and finished off with songs and marshmallows round the campfire. A huge thank you must go to the PFA for running and financing this wonderful event. The children will treasure those memories. (Miss Chadbourne)

Safeguarding & Health News

Pupils' Haircuts: We ask that all pupils come to school with an appropriate haircut (no shaved-in patterns, shapes or letters) with hair colour of a natural colour, not dyed. We shall speak to parents about correcting this, should any child come into school with an inappropriate style from September.

Routine Appointments: We should also be grateful if you could arrange for any routine appointments with dentists, opticians, doctors, hairdressers etc to be made in school holidays and half terms so please consider booking them now with six weeks of holiday in front of us. Thank you.

After School Clubs: A letter regarding After School Clubs for the Autumn Term 2018 will be sent out in the first week of term with clubs commencing from w/c 10 September 2018.

GingerFred Dance Studio: We are delighted to be working again with Lou Barrett from



GingerFred Dance Studio, Langport. Lou will teach Parrett & Kingsmoor (Autumn Term 2018); Northmoor & Isle (Spring Term 2019) and Aller & Sedgemoor (Summer Term 2019).



Music Tuition: Champion Music Group has spaces for private tuition available in the following instruments: flute, clarinet, piano, violin, guitar & singing. If anyone would like their children to have lessons in any of these instruments, please call 01458 741697, email championmusicgroup@hotmail.com or apply online at www.championmusicgroup.co.uk

Sports News (Mrs Ramwell)

School Games Mark: We have, for the third year running, achieved the **GOLD** School Games Mark for all the PE and sport provision within school. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. More news to follow in September about this award.



CLP Rounders Tournament:

The Rounders Team played really well. They ALL demonstrated outstanding sporting qualities as well as batting and fielding skills. Well done everyone!

Summer Term Sports Report: The Summer Term has, as always, been very exciting. The After School Clubs (cricket, rounders, athletics & outdoor adventure etc) have shown a very strong attendance. Intra-competitive sport has been played in all classes during PE lessons and as whole school events. Inter-competitive sport has been played by a

large number of children this term. The children have taken part in CLP competitions as well as inter-area competitions. Four children progressed to the inter-area Cross Country Team and some children were picked up as gifted and talented by Saints SouthWest (Southampton Football Club). We held a fantastic sports day at Yeovil Athletics Arena where ALL children threw longer, ran faster, jumped further and demonstrated outstanding sporting values. All the children who have taken part in an After School Club and/or intra/inter-sport have really taken on board the school's games' sporting values. Thank you to everyone who has supported the events throughout the year.

2018-19 Swimming: From September 2018, all classes in Key Stage 2 will get the opportunity of swimming lessons at Huish Academy's pool. It will be Year 3s in Sedgemoor & Northmoor's turn in the Autumn Term 2018, followed by Kingsmoor during Spring Term 2019 and then Isle in the Summer Term 2019. Dates will be advised in September.

PFA News: A huge thank you to all who attended the recent meeting. A new committee has been appointed with Rachel Jones (Chair), Lyndsay Hardwick (Treasurer) & Kirsty Lock (Secretary). The committee is planning next year's fundraising and social activities so they have a programme ready for September. To help with planning they want to know what you want from the PFA and how you would like to help. Please click on this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NGWP5Q5>) to fill in a short survey. All ideas and offers of help are welcome. Visit their FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

Community Notices



Aller Park Rovers: Feeling inspired after the World Cup?! Aller Park Rovers U10s are looking for players for next season - passion and pride essential! Training Thursday evenings, matches most Saturday mornings. Contact Tom on 07805 470108 or Paul on 07702 631105.

Drayton Flower, Produce & Craft Show (Drayton Village Hall): Mon, 20 Aug; entries in place 2.30pm- 3.15pm; hall opens 6.00pm; prize giving 6.30pm; member no charge; 50p non-members; classes for young people. Contact John johnhighnam@gmail.com/01458 252398.

Share Foundation: A registered charity operating a scheme, with the Dept for Education, to locate Looked-After children born between 1/9/02 & 2/1/11 to re-link them to their Child Trust Funds (now Junior ISA). Click on this link: <https://www.shares4schools.co.uk/useful-resources/find-ctf/>

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

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)**Autumn Term 2018:**

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

Tuesday, 4 September: AUTUMN TERM STARTS.

Thursday, 8 November: School Vision Screening; Year 1 pupils; 1.30pm.

Thursday, 4 October: Tempest Photography; individual pupils & siblings photos; 8.30am.

Monday, 8 & Tuesday, 9 October: Bikeability; Year 6 pupils.

w/c 29 October: Half Term

Monday, 5 November: INSET Day—No children in school please!

Monday, 5—Wednesday, 7 November: Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip to London.

Wednesday, 21 November: 'Play in a Day'; Year 5 pupils; Taunton School.

Tuesday, 18 December: 'The Selfish Giant'; Image Theatre; 8.30am.

Friday, 21 December: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Term Dates 2019:

Monday, 7 January 2019: Term Starts.

Thursday, 24 January: SATs Information Evening; Year 6 pupils & parents/carers.

Friday, 15 February: INSET Day—No children in school please!

w/c 18 February: Half Term.

Thursday, 7 March: World Book Day; theme of 'Books Around the World'.

Thursday, 4 April: 'Together in Music & Song' Concert; Levels Academy Trust (Isle Class); McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater; 12.30pm-6.15pm.

Friday, 5 April: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Tuesday, 23 April: Term Starts.

Thursday, 2 May: Tempest Photography; Class Photos; 9.00am.

Monday, 6 May: Bank Holiday

w/c 27 May: Half Term.

Friday, 21 June: Levels Academy Trust Olympic Sports Day; Yeovil Athletics Arena.

Monday, 8 July: Bridgwater Singing Festival; McMillan Theatre; pm/evening.

Thursday, 18 July: School Sports Day; Huish Primary Sports Field.

Friday, 19 July: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

KS2 Swimming:

Autumn Term 2018: Year 3s in Sedgemoor & Northmoor.
Spring Term 2019: Kingsmoor.

Summer Term 2019: Isle.

Actual dates will be advised in September.

Sports Match Dates 2018:

Autumn Term 2018: Dates to be advised.

After School Clubs: Clubs do not run in the first & last week of term; a letter will be sent out to parents/carers w/c 3 Sept 2018 regarding signing up to clubs.

Mondays: tbc

Tuesday: tbc

Wednesdays: tbc

Thursdays: tbc

Fridays: tbc

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

14 Sept; 28 Sept; 12 Oct; 26 Oct; 16 Nov; 30 Nov; 14 Dec.

School Meals Menu Weeks:

Week 1: w/c 3 Sept, 24 Sept, 15 Oct, 12 Nov, 3 Dec

Week 2: w/c 10 Sept, 1 Oct, 22 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 Dec

Week 3: w/c 17 Sept, 8 Oct, 5 Nov, 26 Nov, 17 Dec

Celebration Assemblies:

(Fridays at 3.00pm; top gate opens at 2.50pm; parents/carers welcome)

21 Sept: Isle Celebration Assembly

5 Oct: Sedgemoor Celebration Assembly

19 Oct: Parrett Celebration Assembly

26 Oct: Kingsmoor Celebration Assembly

16 Nov: Northmoor Celebration Assembly

30 Nov: Aller Celebration Assembly

**Wishing you all a very happy
Summer Holiday!**

**We look forward to welcoming you back
into school on
Tuesday, 4 September 2018!**



Leaf recognition
by a member of
Aller Class at
their recent visit
to Gore Farm,
Trent.



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