

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



WELCOME BACK!

To classes and creators, cooks and books,
buddies and bakers, readers and writers!

From the Head of School:

If I had photographed the faces of the children walking into our freshly decorated school for the first time, I would not need to say anything else about the excitement, joy and energy that we all felt on the first day of term.

This energetic start has been carried through various events such as an introduction to our new Media Hub which gives our children the best opportunities to access the latest programmes and technology. Our Clubs Programme has received the most sign-ups ever with 80% of our children attending at least one club. Unfortunately, this means that some children have not received some of their choices as we could have filled some of the clubs four times over. 'Busy Bees', our After School Provision, has started well with **Miss Gosling** and **Mrs Sell** overseeing activities, homework and snack time until 5.30pm every day.

I was so pleased to hand out an array of Golden Tickets last week with children from every class setting high standards for their peers. I was thrilled that Isle and Aller came joint first last week both receiving 100% attendance, an excellent start to the term. Kingsmoor and Parrett have formed a wonderful buddy system which is helping everyone settle and increase our community feel. Northmoor enjoyed an ice cream on the field for the most Golden Tickets last term – well done 'old' Northmoor! Sedgemoor's presentation has been impressive this week along with the way they are moving around the school which has pleased us so much.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of parents, carers and grandparents as possible at our **Celebration Assemblies** (dates on page four) and 'Stay and Play' Sessions later this term (dates to be advised). Here's hoping for good weather for the Wilder Woods team building days!
(Mrs Doughty Davis)

Staff News: We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Jen Daymond** (SENCo), **Mrs Natalie Perry** (Class Teacher, Northmoor (with Mrs Kenchington)), **Mrs Alyssa Vogel-Lewis** (Class Teacher, Aller), **Miss Megan Gosling** (Extended School Supervisor (ably assisted by **Mrs Sell**)), **Miss Charlotte Milne** (School Receptionist) to our school community. They have all settled well and embraced this fantastic school and our children. We also welcome **Mr Mark Bradford** as he takes up his Academy role as Business Manager.

During the Summer, **Mrs Vanessa Crisp** was offered a Teaching Assistant position at another local primary which has meant she has given up her role with Breakfast Club but we are pleased she is able to maintain her Lunchtime Supervisor role.

Unfortunately, **Mrs Joanna Sams** is unable to return to work full time this term as her younger son continues his treatment at Bristol Children's Hospital but she will still be working from home/hospital with Miss Milne providing full office cover.

School News

Breakfast Club: We are unable to take any further bookings on any day for the club as it is **FULL!** To add your child/children to the waiting list, please see Miss Gosling (**Breakfast Club Supervisor**) or Miss Milne (School Office).

It is part of our safeguarding rule that all parents/carers should bring their children into the hall every morning and sign them in on the register. Please do not just drop your child off, the register must be signed by a parent/carer.

Classroom Moves: Please note that due to pupil numbers and classroom space, we have swapped the location of some classes. **Isle** and **Northmoor** class have swapped location as have **Aller** and **Sedgemoor**. The school has been redecorated and our ICT Suite completely refurbished into a fully equipped 'Media Hub'.

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

'Nearly New' Uniform Shop: Mrs Pengelly will open the shop in the Community Room on Wednesdays after school from 3.30pm. All items will be £1.00 (2 polo shirts for £1.00) and logo items £2.00. Please also give any donations (good condition please) to Mrs Pengelly.

NSPCC Assemblies & Workshops: We are delighted to be working with Tamsin Sheldrake of the NSPCC's 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme this term. Assemblies have been arranged for 15 November 2018 with follow-up workshops on 22 November 2018. A letter with more details has been sent out to parents/carers.

WaterAid: We are delighted to announce that the school was able to donate **£1,089.24** to this charity from our fundraising and sponsorship efforts. Many thanks to you all for supporting and being so generous to this worthwhile cause and to Miss Walker for organising the events.

Class News

Parrett Class News:

Firstly, thank you to all the parents and carers for allowing us to spend time in your homes with your children. It was so lovely to build up those strong home school links. We felt like we really got to know you and your children in a familiar place to them. Thank you very much! We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Well, what can I say—what a fantastic class Parrett Class are! The children are not even in full time but have settled really well, they have learnt some new rules and routines, made new friends, made playdough, tried new foods at lunchtime, solved problems, read books, worked with their new Year 5 & 6 buddies and have also taught us a few new things too! We can not wait for our learning journey to get started when we are all together for full days next week. (Miss Walker)

Aller Class News: What a wonderful start to the new school year! The children in Aller Class have been brilliant at settling in and are adjusting well to their new classroom and routines. In our first week,



we began revisiting Phase 3 of Letters and Sounds in Phonics, we have been working on place value within 10 in Maths and have been reading 'The Little Red Hen' in English. I think the children's favourite part of the week may have been baking bread! (Mrs Vogel-Lewis) (More photos on page 1.)



Sedgemoor Class News: A big welcome to Sedgemoor Class pupils and your parents or carers. The children have had a fantastic beginning to the new academic year. The first two weeks are mainly taken up with new learning routines and the understanding of expectations in class, but I have been so impressed by their positive and mature attitudes. On Monday afternoon, they enjoyed their first PE lesson on the field, which will be the usual PE slot, and are looking forward to learning about 'The Great Fire of London', our topic this half term.



Next week, you will find Common Exception Words (tricky words) for reading and spelling in your child's book bag. These will be a part of your child's weekly homework routine to develop a quick recognition of words to support fluency and stamina in reading and writing. (Mrs Morgan)

Northmoor Class News: Northmoor Class has had a fantastic start to the new school year. The children have been focused, determined and have shown a real enjoyment of their learning. We have already made huge progress in presentation and they are taking pride in their own work and achievements. Well done! (Mrs Kenchington and Mrs Perry)

Isle Class News: Isle Class started their English work this week with a very unusual start to the day. Mr Clements was 'missing' and the class had to go and find him. Eventually, they found him asleep behind the shed in Parrett Class! With great concern, the class went to write about their experience of finding him. The writing produced was fantastic, caring, thoughtful and used some beautiful description. Thankfully, Mr Clements does not normally live behind the shed and everything is okay! Hopefully, it will inspire more great writing as we delve into our text 'Way Home' by Libby Hathorn.

(Mr Clements)





Kingsmoor Class News: This week, we have been learning about place value for numbers up to ten million in Maths; revising use of punctuation in Literacy; practising common exception words in spelling & beginning our new topics.

We have held our school elections for the House Captains and Vice Captains and begun the serious business of allocating jobs to monitors and leaders within the school. Kingsmoor children have also taken on the roles of buddies to our new intake of Reception children.



(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.

Flu Vaccinations (R & Years 1-5): This school based programme will start in Somerset from October. Consent forms will be sent direct to your home address which you need to return to the School Office please. If you do not receive a form please let the school know or ring the Nursing Team on 0300 323 0032 with any queries.

Reporting Absence: If your child is absent please ring the School Office as soon as possible giving the reason. If we do not hear from you, we shall ring to find out why your child is not in school. Any absence without a valid reason will be logged as unauthorised. Thank you.

Data Collection Sheets: In the next few weeks, parents/carers will receive a copy of the contact information that the school holds about their child. Please check it carefully and update as needed. To comply with both the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and recommendations by Somerset County Council, we ask that all pupils have a minimum of three emergency contacts nominated. This is important for your child's safety.

School Admissions

For children starting school for the first time or transferring to secondary school in September 2019, the admissions process for on-line school

place applications is now live on the county website (www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions or ring 0300 123 2224).

The closing date for 'children starting school' applications is 15 January 2019 (with the national offer day being 16 April 2019). **The closing date for children 'transferring to secondary' applications is 31 October 2019** (with the national offer day being 1 March 2019). Due to budgetary constraints, Somerset County Council no longer write to individual parents so **please make sure you apply by the deadlines** and make any family/friends aware.

After School Clubs:

We have had a fantastic response to the Autumn Term After School Clubs, with all clubs completely full! We look forward to seeing them taking part in their chosen activities. (Mrs Ramwell)

Clever Constructors: The children have been creating using their imaginations and working together to build something purposeful. Follow us in the weeks to come when there will be problem solving challenges and outdoor adventures! (Miss Walker)

Sports News

School Games Award: We have had it confirmed that we have been awarded, for the third year running, the **GOLD** School Games Award. The school has demonstrated excellent participation in PE lessons and competitive sports. All children have shown a great enthusiasm during lessons and when representing their school with outstanding sporting values. Well done!



House Colours Intra Competition: The whole of KS2 took part in a 'House Colours' distance run competition. The children ran really well, supporting and encouraging each other during the run. 'Green' House were the overall winners this time. Well done! (Mrs Ramwell)



Music Tuition: Champion Music Group has spaces for private tuition available in the following instruments: flute, clarinet, piano, violin, ukulele, 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

PFA News: This year's committee is Rachel Jones (Chair), Lyndsay Hardwick (Treasurer) & Kirsty Lock (Secretary).

Dairy Dates: Friday, 14 September at 3.30pm—Open Meeting (meet the committee); Mrs Doughty Davis will show any parents around the newly decorated school at 4.00pm.

Sunday, 16 September: Retro Fun Fair, Cockle Moor (part of LangFest18) from 1.00pm – 3.00pm; think Splat the Rat, Hoopla, Hook a Duck...!!! Do come and join us.



Survey: 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/join their FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

Community Notices

LangFest18 (Fri 14 – Sun 16 Sept)

LANGFEST18 This weekend there are so many exciting activities to enjoy at LangFest for children and families...what is even better is most of them are free! Hopefully, you have seen the programme that was sent home in book bags and been inspired to take part.....

Why not help get the festival off to a resounding start by joining the Walking Carnival and savour the magic of the Blackdown Samba Band. If you wish,

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

come in fancy dress, using our theme of 'time' as inspiration. Meet at the Recreation Ground next to the school just before 6.00pm.

Calling all Northmoor Class pupils taught by Mrs Spencer & Mrs Kenchington last year: Your beautiful charcoal drawings which you did in the July workshop with artist, Kate Lynch, have been professionally mounted and will be on display in the Shakspeare Glass Gallery, Westover. Families—do come along to see your child's work, all of the drawings look amazing!

There is so much to enjoy this weekend so wander down on Saturday or Sunday for fantastic activities going on in the family tent on Cockle Moor as well as other venues around the town. (Miss Islip)

Huish Academy Open Evening: There will be an Open Evening for parents/pupils currently in Year 6 on Wednesday, 19 September; 5.00pm until 7.30pm; refreshments available; Main Hall.

CLP Information Sessions for Parents/Carers: On-line Safety & Social Media (support your child to enjoy technology safely & responsibly); with Julia Briggs; Wed 17 October; 6.30pm; Main Hall, Huish Academy; to book <https://goo.gl/forms/6SlcHjgsExBLwR2> or call 01458 272587.

Levels Scout Group: THANK YOU! The school would like to thank the group very much for lending their equipment to us for the Year 6 campout back in July. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Drayton Woods – Forest Fridays After School Club: A club for 7-14 year olds, exploring the woods through play, games, challenges, crafts, woodwork, den building etc with themes of wood, fire and clay; campfire-cooked supper snacks, soft drinks, fruit & biscuits; sessions 4.30pm to 7.00pm; six week course £50.00 per child or £10.00 per individual session; concessions for siblings; half price places for 12-14 yr olds who come as helpers; all children welcome, whatever their needs; site is accessible by wheel/pushchair; to book call 01458 252463 or email Hannah@wilderwoods.org.

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 **Friday, 21 September 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.

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Autumn Term 2018:

Wilder Woods Trips: Kingsmoor, Wed 19 Sept; Northmoor, Thurs 20 Sept; Aller, Fri 21 Sept; Isle, Wed 26 Sept; Sedgemoor, Thurs 27 Sept. Trip letters have been sent.

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

Monday, 13 May: SATs Week; Year 6 pupils.

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 (Wednesdays):

Autumn Term 2018: Northmoor & Year 3s in Sedgemoor:

19, 26 Sept; 3, 10, 17, 24 Oct; 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov.

Spring Term 2019: Kingsmoor: 16, 23, 30 Jan; 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb; 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar.

Summer Term 2019: Isle: 24 Apr; 1, 8, 15, 22 May; 5, 12, 19 26 Jun; 3 Jul.

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

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

Sports Match Dates 2018:

Autumn Term 2018: Dates to be advised.

After School Clubs: Clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Mondays (all term): Chess (all classes) with Mr Clements (1.00pm—1.30pm); **Clever Constructors** (KS1) with Miss Walker; **Kickboxing** (KS2) with Mr Odierno (*please note small charge for belts, all other equipment provided*).

Tuesday (all term): Booster Groups (KS2) with Miss Chadbourne.

Tuesday (first half of term): Invasion Games (KS1) with Mrs Lyes.

Tuesday (second half of term): Gymnastics (KS1) with Mrs Lyes.

Wednesdays (all term): Football (KS2) with Mrs Lyes; **Netball** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell.

Thursdays (all term): Story Hunters (KS2) with Mrs Kenchington; **Badminton** (KS2) with Mrs Lyes.

Fridays (all term): Running (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell; **Keen Cooks** (KS1) with Mrs Vogel; **Code Breakers** (KS2) with Mrs Morgan.

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

School Meals Menu Weeks:

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

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

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



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The Levels Academy Trust

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