

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Lots &
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on!

From the Head of School:

As I am writing this, the mist is hugging the trees with the light just peeping through, a sure sign that Autumn is with us for the next few months. This will not dampen our high expectations or enthusiasm for all of the ventures we have planned over the next few weeks!

Looking back over the past few weeks, our **Wilder Woods** Team Building outings went very well indeed, with relationships well and truly strengthened in the new classes. The Bikeability Team were impressed with us as a whole community commenting: *'We really enjoy coming back here each year as the pupils are so eager to learn and the staff are so organised!'* which is always a pleasure to hear. The **PFA Film Night** was a triumph with popcorn and PJs proving very popular from Reception to Year 6!

Miss Chadbourne has been very busy finalising the **London Residential Trip** which leaves on Monday, 5 November along with Mrs Lyes, Mrs Pengelly and Mrs Leigh. Visiting author, **Tamsin Cooke**, has created much excitement with the older children and Parrett children were very animated to find large footprints, hazard tape & beans left in their classroom by a visitor earlier this week!

I have spent most of the last week in the classrooms observing the children and teachers. I feel honoured to be in a school with such dedicated and highly skilled staff that ensure the children receive the support and guidance they need to reach their potential. The children are aiming higher than ever before and are much more able to talk about what is going well for them and where they need to improve. I have left each classroom buzzing with enthusiasm about how much progress has been made.

The children will no doubt start to show signs of tiredness at this point during such a long half term; early nights and slow weekends may be in order to

get us all to Half Term. With this in mind, if you are in doubt as to whether your child should be in school, please bring them in as children are generally much better once they are busy and, if they need to go home, we will call you.

Finally, to those parents who have very generously given their time to volunteer or to watch an assembly, we thank you for your support. Without parental support of this kind and supporting the PFA, we could not provide such wide opportunities to our children. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Staff News

Mrs Heather Barraclough will be leaving the Levels Academy Trust as Executive Principal at the end of this term. The Trustees & schools thank her for her hard work and wish her well in her new role. For the Spring and Summer Terms 2019, the Executive Principal role will be held jointly by Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis (Head of School – Huish Episcopi Primary School) and Mrs Nichola Chesterton (Head of School – Hambridge and Middlezoy & Othery) alongside their Head of School roles. (See full letter on school website.)

Message from Mrs Barraclough: "I am leaving the Levels Academy Trust at the end of this term. In the meantime, I will fulfil my role as usual. I am very much looking forward to starting my new post but will obviously miss all the staff and the communities within the Academy who have supported me during my time here. I look forward to continuing working for the Levels Academy Trust for the remainder of term."

Miss Robinson is running a marathon this month raising money for Help for Heroes. She has some rubber wristbands to sell for £1.00 if anyone would like to purchase one. See her in Northmoor Class. Please note that wristbands can only be worn out of school hours. Thank you.



School News

London Residential Trip: Thank you to everyone who came to the Information Evening last week. We had a good turnout but, if you did not attend, please be assured you have all the information you need in the letters which have been given out.

Please can I ask for any late payments to come in as soon as possible now? We need to have all payments settled before Half Term.

In addition, please make sure we have your Medical Forms back in, even if your child does not need medication. We are really looking forward to the trip. Only a few weeks to go! (Miss Chadbourne)

'Nearly New' Uniform Shop: From now on, Mrs Pengelly will open the shop in the Community Room after school on **the last Wednesday of each half term** 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.

Christmas Jumper Day: Advanced warning—Christmas Jumper Day is Friday, 14 December raising money for Save the Children. Time to organise those Christmas jumpers! (Mrs Pengelly)

Class News

Parrett Class News: Parrett Class have been busy solving a crime this week based on our topic, *'People who Help Us'*. We have been focusing on questioning, speaking in full sentences to describe, investigating evidence, writing crime reports and looking at finger printing. In Maths,



we have been looking at ordering numbers and patterns in numbers and shapes. Whilst we still have some lovely weather, there is lots of outdoor learning happening too. The children are working hard to blend the



letter sounds we have learnt so far - we enjoyed sharing this with our parents during the Phonics & Literacy afternoon earlier this week. All our children are working very hard and are making good progress in their first half term at 'big' school! Keep it up Parrett! (Miss Walker) (See other photos on page 1.)

Aller Class News: We have dived into some of our favourite Julia Donaldson books for our English

work recently and have been using 'The Gruffalo' to inspire our writing. Using adjectives to describe the Gruffalo we know from our story, we have been creating and describing our own terrible creature that lives in the deep, dark, wood. These activities have sparked imagination and ideas which we shall soon use to make our own creature in junk modelling. Additionally within English, the children have continued to work hard on practising their new handwriting in our writing and phonics activities as we continue learning and reviewing our new Phase 3 sounds. A big thank you for all of your encouragement at home - the practise is only going to make us better!

An additional high note is that it is Week 6 and the children have been impressing Mrs Ramwell week upon week with their fantastic gymnastics and quickly learned ICT skills. The children have been lucky to have Kingsmoor pupils support them in ICT with logging into the Media Hub, learning Smartie's E-safety tips and how to use programming apps. Keep up all of your hard work, Aller! (Mrs Vogel-Lewis) (See other photos on page 1.)



Sedgemoor Class News: The class are coming to the end of the topic on the 'Great Fire of London'



and I was so proud of the way they presented themselves and the information they have learnt in the Class Assembly last Friday. In other areas, the Year 3s are excited to begin Accelerated Reader. We are also extremely lucky to have **Mrs Sell** as a volunteer on a Wednesday afternoon. She works with the Year 2s on their High Frequency Word Booklets. **A note for the diary — I will be testing Spelling Challenge levels next Friday, 19 October.** (Mrs Morgan)

Northmoor Class News: Northmoor Class have continued to work incredibly hard in class and have embarked on new and exciting areas of their learning. In our English lessons, we have been planning, and then writing, our own persuasive letters - I wonder if they could tell you who they are writing to?

As a class, we have been thoroughly enjoying our

swimming lessons on a Wednesday afternoon—every child has been putting in so much effort and have shown great progress already. Well done Northmoor! (Mrs Kenchington and Mrs Perry)

Isle Class News: Isle Class continue to make good progress in their Accelerated Reader. Please ensure your child continues to read every night and records it in their planners. (Mr Clements)

Kingsmoor Class News: Our Year 6 children have been fortunate enough to have their Bikeability training this week. The sun shone for the



two days the trainers were with us and the children learnt how to stay safe on the roads. They will receive their certificates in the next few weeks.

A big thank you to our parent helpers: **Mrs Korbal, Mrs Davis and Mrs Lyes.** We could not have run the sessions without parent support so thank you!



The children who remained at school worked on projects of their own, creating a theme park! They had to use all their skills in Maths, ICT and Literacy to cost, plan and advertise their own theme park idea. (Miss Chadbourne) (See photo on page 1.)

Safeguarding & Health News

North Street Pedestrian Crossing: Please, please take care when crossing the road between the school and Tesco. We have been made aware of more cases of vehicles driving too fast and not stopping for pedestrians. Stop, look and listen!

Data Collection Sheets/Annual Permission Forms: Please return updated/completed sheets to the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you. (Miss Milne)

Vision Tests (R & Year 1): These tests (postponed from last term) will be undertaken in school by the School Nursing Team on **Thursday, 8 November 2018.**

Flu Vaccinations (R & Years 1-5): This school based programme will take place in school on **Friday, 9 November 2018.** Consent forms have been sent direct to your home address which you need to return to the School Office please.

If you do not receive a form please ring the Nursing Team on 0300 323 0032.

School Admissions

For children starting school for the first time, or transferring to secondary school, in September 2019, the admissions process for online 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:

Clever Constructors: Last week, the Clever Constructors were challenged with making a boat out of Lego that would float on water! We really were challenged as we found it quite tricky indeed. Lots of experimenting and exploring helped us to recreate different designs.



This week, large construction pieces have been used and, working together, we made a castle with a moat and cannons.



We then acted out a battle on horses with bows and arrows - it was so much fun. We evaluated our construction after the event took place! (Miss Walker) (See further photos on pages 1 & 5.)

Sports News

Cross Country: The Cross Country Team took part in the first race of the season at Long Sutton Recreation Ground. All the children ran with strong determination and produced excellent runs. **Oliver**, who ran in the boys Year 3-4 race, had an outstanding run coming **third** overall, and **Layla**, who should have ran in the girls Year 3-4 race but missed it, ran with the Year 5 & 6s and came an incredible **13th** place.! Well done to everyone, what a great start to the season. (Mrs Ramwell)

Football/Netball Leagues: The Netball and Football Teams played their last league matches at Huish Academy. Both teams have shown excellent teamwork and sporting qualities over the last three weeks and have improved with every game. Great effort from everyone. Player of the League as voted by the teams were: **Netball – Faith, Football – Lukasz.** (Mrs Ramwell)



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

Film Night: 120 happy children, 120 bags of popcorn and 120 hot dogs! As well as the films, there was giggling and wriggling, singing and dancing. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and to all the wonderful parents who either helped or offered to help. Special thanks to **Mrs Sell** and **Mrs Doughty Davis** who gave up their time at the end of a long week. We've made a healthy profit towards the outdoor learning area.

Diary Dates: Friday, 26 October: Fancy Dress Disco; School Hall; Reception/KS1 6.15pm–7.15pm; KS2 7.30pm–8.30pm; Tickets £1.50 on the door; dancing, snacks for sale, photo

booth and much more. *Please note children in Reception should be accompanied by an adult.*

If any parent is able to help out at the disco please get in touch with a member of the committee via the PFA Facebook page—thank you!

easyfundraising: The PFA has registered with this great site where you can help raise funds simply whilst online shopping.

Over 3,000 retailers included such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop the PFA receive a small donation so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hepspfa/>

Christmas: In conjunction with the Community Team at Tesco, Langport, plans are underway for Christmas activities & we also hope to undertake a fundraising bag pack at the store—details to follow!

To join the PFA visit their FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

Community Notices

Huish Community Learning Partnership:

Information session for parents & carers on Children's Wellbeing and Mental Health with Fiona Moir. Mental health problems affect about 1 in 10 children and include depression, self-harm, generalised anxiety disorder and eating disorders. This session will help promote good mental health, wellbeing and resilience. Monday, 26 November 2018; 6.30pm; Huish Academy (H1 Sixth Form). To book a place: <https://goo.gl/forms/Xor23uehTexuYy7u1>

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:**

w/c 29 October: Half Term

Monday, 5 Nov: INSET Day (no children in school)

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

Thursday, 8 November: Vision Tests; School Nursing Team; Reception & Year 1.

Friday, 9 November: Flu Vaccinations; School Nursing Team; Reception & Years 1-5.

Thursday, 15 November: NSPCC Assemblies.

Monday, 19 November: Schools Against Waste workshops & 'Reduce, Reuse & Recycle' assembly.

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

Thursday, 22 November: NSPCC Workshops; Years 5 & 6.

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

Thursday, 20 December: Christmas Lunch.

Friday, 21 December: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

2019 Dates:

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)

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:

17, 24 Oct; 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov.

Spare Swim Kits—if anyone has any spare costumes/trunks we could use for spare kits please hand into the School Office. Thank you.

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.

Sports Match Dates 2018:**Autumn Term 2018: NEW DATES!**

Friday, 12 October: Indoor Athletics Taster Festival; Years 5 & 6; Huish Leisure; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

Tuesday, 16 October: Girls' Football Tournament; Huish Academy 3G pitch; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

Tuesday, 6 & 20 November: Sports Hall Athletics; Years 5 & 6; Huish Leisure; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Tuesday, 13 November: Badminton; Years 5 & 6; Huish Leisure; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Friday, 30 November: Indoor Athletics Taster; Years 3 & 4; Huish Leisure; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Friday, 7 December: Indoor Basketball Taster Festival; Huish Leisure; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

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.)

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 15 Oct, 12 Nov, 3 Dec;

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

Week 3: w/c 5 Nov, 26 Nov, 17 Dec.

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