

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



**Phonics & First Aid, gymnastics and discussions!**

## From the Executive Principal:

I cannot believe that we have already reached the end of the first half of the Autumn Term with November fast approaching. The weather is certainly starting to change! Pupils across our Trust schools have worked incredibly hard over the last eight weeks and deserve their half term break!

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate our very successful Key Stage 2 results combined for the 56 pupils in last year's Year 6 across all our schools:

The Level Academy Trust Schools Combined % ARE+ - 56 pupils in Y6 2018			
Subject	% of Pupils at ARE+ 2017	% of Pupils at ARE+ 2018	National 2018 %
Reading	69%	89%	75%
Writing	80%	80%	78%
Maths	68%	86%	76%
SPAG	75%	89%	78%
RWM	59%	71%	64%

The overall combined results are above the national average in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This means our pupils are well placed for their transition into Year 7 and we now look forward to tracking their achievements as they journey through secondary school.

However, we should also remember there is much more to school life than the academic formal curriculum to ensure our pupils get a rounded and personalised educational experience. School life is not wholly limited to reading, writing and Maths! Rather, within our schools, the children have opportunities to enjoy team building activities in Wilder Woods, developed their understanding of Science through trips to We Are The Curious, visits from the Fire Service to discuss safety and visits from EDF Energy in relation to engineering. Forthcoming activities, including residential trips, also add to this wider curriculum and learning

opportunities.

Added to school activities available, each child has personal aptitudes and skills and enjoy participating in a diverse range of out of school experiences, largely organised and facilitated by parents and interested supportive group leaders.

In summary, our children have worked and played hard this half term and can now enjoy a well-earned school break, perhaps engaging in some of their out of school activities. We then look forward to welcoming them back after half term, fully refreshed and ready to participate and engage in everything on offer to them in the busy run up to Christmas. (Mrs Barraclough)

## Staff News

We are very glad to welcome **Miss Stacey** to Kingsmoor Class as our PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) student this term. Miss Stacey has a sporty background which we will be taking full advantage of between now and Christmas!

Most people think of Eden as a wonderful garden but not **Mr Clements**; he thinks of it as a challenge! He took part in the Eden Marathon which started and finished at the Eden Project in Cornwall. He had to run in wet and damp conditions over multi terrains coming an amazing 17<sup>th</sup> out of 250. Well done Mr Clements!



## School News

**Half Term** is next week (w/c 29 October). Please remember the INSET (staff training) DAY on Monday, 5 November. **Children back in school on Tuesday, 6 November please!**

**Swimming News:** Thank you to Michal's mum for accompanying the swimmers on Wednesday afternoons. Unfortunately, we are struggling with volunteers to accompany our children to and from the



pool. Whilst we really would not wish to cancel these lessons, unless we have more volunteers we will not be able to continue running these sessions. Please pass on our plea to grandparents in case any can help? Thank you. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

**Dogs on/near School Premises:** If you bring a dog with you when you collect your children from school, please wait on the field side of the car park and not near the gate. Similarly, if you need to tether your dog to a fence, please use the field gate. Thank you.

**Harvest Time & Food Bank:** Thank you for your generosity in donating to the Trussell Trust Food Bank for our Harvest collection this year. Members of our community use this service so we are more than happy to share our collection with them.



**Remembrance:** All of our children will be learning about the First World War between now and Remembrance Day. To assist in our commemoration, we will be making poppies which will be displayed at the front of school after Half Term. (Mrs Doughty Davis)



**Ancient Egypt Day:** This is taking place on Monday, 12 November. We would like all pupils to dress up in costume so please encourage them to pick an outfit for the day. (Miss Chadbourne)



(A letter has already been sent out to parents/carers and can be found under the Parents Tab on the school's website.)

**School Reports:** Mrs Doughty Davis will be holding a 'pop in' session after Half Term for parents and carers to hear about our proposed new school reports system. More details will follow.

**Carol Concert and Nativity:** Dates for these events will be sent out after Half Term.

## Class News

**Parrett Class News:** A big thank you to all the parents who attended the Phonics/Reading Session. I do hope you found it useful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to us. We have included some additional information and a reading book for your child/children to be focusing on over Half Term which have been put in their book bags this week. Please remember to practise the skills of blending and segmenting as often as you



can using letters we have learnt so far: pan, man, get, sun, tip, dog and so on.

I would like to say huge congratulations to Parrett Class on their celebration assembly - they were FANTASTIC!! We are so very proud of them all. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Raymond for being such a great role model for our children. She was just brilliant and I will encourage her to stay with us even though she now has the potential to move onto the dizzy heights of Hollywood!!



In Parrett Class, we have been very fortunate to have had professionals from the emergency services visit our class to share important information about their jobs. This will continue into some of next term. So far we have had an A&E nurse and police officers! (More photos on page 1.)

**Safety Notice:** If you are sending your child in with **grapes** for a snack, please could you ensure they are chopped in half. And, as the nights draw in and bonfire season starts, please, please keep safe! (Miss Walker)

**Aller Class News:** What a busy end to this half of term! It has been a pleasure to look back at where the children started at the beginning of the school year and where they are now in all areas of their learning. We are moving onto Phase 4 of Letters and Sounds which has a high focus of blending and segmenting the sounds we already know when we are reading, and consistently using our phonics to support us in our writing. Our phonics work is definitely helping us become braver to just "have a go" with our writing; it is really fantastic to see! In the last few weeks, Aller Class have been very lucky to have volunteers come and support us three days a week with our reading in the afternoons. Please remember that all of our handwriting, reading and phonics practice at home is crucial as well, so please keep up all of your hard work! Wishing all a wonderful Half Term. See you in November!

(Mrs Vogel-Lewis)

**Sedgemoor Class News:** I undertook spelling challenge tests last Friday and was so pleased with the progress many of the children had made. Well done to **Marco, Amelia M, Euan, Matthew, Laura, Lilly, Emily, Frankie, Millie B and Tiana** for completing a level. They were awarded certificates in assembly this week. Many children were close to achieving a level too, so keep practising for the next test on Friday, 9 November.

Please keep up with reading practice over the Half Term holiday. On that note, I wish you all a happy and restful break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 6 November! (Mrs Morgan)

**Northmoor Class News:** In Northmoor Class, we have continued to tackle column subtraction and are making excellent progress. We have been starting to apply our new knowledge to solve problems and have also begun to explain the processes to embed our learning.

The children have written their own play scripts around the story of 'Prince Cinders'. This has been a difficult challenge as it is a new format of writing but the end results were great & much enjoyed. The children are hoping to perform some of the plays in our celebration assembly later in the term.

Science has been interesting as we have been learning more about light. We completed an experiment about what material would best reflect light on a new coat for Mr Davies and we have also started to learn about shadows. As the weather has been good, we have been on a shadow hunt in the playground to see what shadows there are and fortunately we found lots!! (Mrs Perry)

**Isle Class News:** Isle Class have continued their fabulous work on the story of 'The Way Home'. They have been learning how to use 'persuasive arguments' to enhance their writing. They all took part in a very lively debate about whether the character should stay on the streets or go home, using persuasive arguments to aid their point of view. (Mr Clements)



**Kingsmoor Class News:** In Kingsmoor this week, we continued our topic on Ancient Egypt. We can not wait to see the exhibits in the British Museum when we go to London after Half Term! It will make our learning come alive! We have been looking at the process of mummification and are getting ready to link this in with our Literacy. We are looking forward to our Ancient Egyptian Day on 12 November. Dress to impress! (Miss Chadbourne)

## Safeguarding & Health News

**Family Gaming:** As Christmas approaches, many people will be considering games consoles and video games as gifts but it can be difficult to know which games are suitable for children. Christmas can be a fantastic time to start playing games together and to show children that you are interested in the games they enjoy. A great source of advice for Family Gaming is Andy

Robertson, a writer and vlogger who has years of experience covering Family Gaming for national newspapers, TV and radio. His YouTube channel, [FamilyGamerTV](#), posts regular videos to guide families on the best video games for families.

### Hopes and Streams - Children's Online Lives:

40,000 pupils took part in this year's LGfL DigiSafe pupil online safety survey about their online lives. The report analyses: *"what they love and what they hate, what really goes on behind closed screens, and who they trust when things go wrong."*

Headlines from the report include:

- Nearly 1 in 3 pupils say it is hard to stop using apps, sites and games to have a break;
- Almost 1 in 5 of those who met an online friend face to face for the first time, didn't tell or take anyone with them;
- Nearly 1 in 10 who video chat with people they haven't met, have been asked to change or undress;
- Almost 1 in 6 pupils have seen something that encourages self-harm;
- 1 in 4 pupils have been bullied online.

The full report can be viewed at: <https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/hopesandstreams>

## After School Clubs:

What a great half term it has been for after school clubs. The children have participated in kick boxing, running, story hunting and cooking to name but a few. The children's attendance has been fantastic and you can see how much they all thoroughly enjoy the clubs they attend. (Mrs Ramwell)

**Clever Constructors:** We have challenged ourselves by making a 3D structure made out of spaghetti and marshmallows - it was very tricky indeed!! We planned and drew out our ideas of a 3D structure that we wanted to build. Some of us were surprised when the building materials were revealed. We evaluated what we wanted to do and what we could achieve. (Miss Walker)



## Sports News

### Intra Gymnastics

**Competition:** Aller Class took part in an Intra Gymnastics Competition. All the children had to do four activities demonstrating poise, balance and strength. On this occasion, Blue Team won but all the children were fantastic. (Photos pages 1 & 5) (Mrs Ramwell)



## 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](http://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.**

**PFA News:** Rachel Jones (Chair), Lyndsay Hardwick (Treasurer) & Kirsty Lock (Secretary).

**Fancy Dress Disco:** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the disco.

**Christmas:** The PFA are now looking at starting to source raffle prizes ready for their Christmas

events. If you can support in any way please let the committee members know. The PFA are looking for donations and is going to approach local businesses for help. In conjunction with the Community Team at Tesco, Langport, plans are underway for Christmas activities. **We also need two round clear plastic bottles (any size) per child brought in on Tuesday, 6 November please—**more Christmas details to follow!

**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, eBay and M&S. Every time you shop the PFA receive a small donation so please sign up and at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hepspfa/> To join the PFA visit their FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

## Community Notices

**Autism & Communication Service Courses:** **'Understanding Communication'**; one day course to support parents & professionals working with children with communication difficulties; 5 Dec 2018; 9.30am-2.30pm; Wembdon St Georges Church School, Bridgwater; cost £50.00; course code A&C008. **'Understanding Autism'**; one day course to extend knowledge of Autism for parents & professionals working with children aged 5 and over; 16 Jan 2019; 9.15am-4.00pm; Long Sutton Golf Club; cost £50.00; course code A&C009. Trainer: Amanda Perry. To book:

[www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk](http://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk)

### 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

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

**Midday Supervisor**  
**(2.25 hours per week)**  
**(to start as soon as possible)**

We have a vacancy for a Senior Midday Supervisor to join our lunchtime team. There are two roles to the job.

We require a friendly, energetic and enthusiastic person to assist the children during their lunch and playtime with both indoor and outdoor activities, supporting and encouraging inclusive, fun playtimes. This person will also be responsible for supervising other midday staff.

We also require someone to collect the hot meals from the serving kitchen based at Hambridge Primary School. You will need to have your own transport and a clean driving licence. Mileage costs will be reimbursed.

If you are interest in both, or one of the roles, please contact Mrs Meredith or Mrs Doughty Davis at the school **by midday on Thursday, 7 November** (01458 250673).

**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.

**Monday, 12 November:** **Ancient Egyptian Day.**

**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:

7, 14, 21, 28 Nov. **Adult Helpers—If any parent/carer is able to help with the Year 3 & 4 swimming lessons please let the School Office know as soon as possible. Without enough support, lessons may not run.**

**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:**

**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.)**

**26 Oct:** Kingsmoor Celebration Assembly

**16 Nov:** Northmoor Celebration Assembly

**30 Nov:** Aller Celebration Assembly

**School Meals Menu Weeks:**

**Week 1:** w/c 12 Nov, 3 Dec;

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

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

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16 Nov; 30 Nov; 14 Dec.



**Aller Class' Intra  
Gymnastics  
Competition**



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