

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



**LONDON RESIDENTIAL**—included a palace, a museum, the theatre, ice skating and eating out! (More photos on page 3.)



**Archery Reward Day**

## From the Head of School:

In our singing assemblies our minds are turning to the festive season preparing for our Carol Concert and when rehearsing for the Nativity which will see Parrett and Kingsmoor combining for a heart-warming performance. All children will take part in a performance over the year with two classes combining each term giving every child the opportunity to perform and sufficient seats for all parents, carers and grandparents to watch.

We welcomed the older children back from London last week; it was fabulous to listen to their tales which will form fond memories for them for years to come. We held a moving Remembrance Service last Friday where we considered the sacrifices which were made for each and every one of us. This week has been another busy one with our local PCSO visiting, the NSPCC taking an important assembly relating to keeping children safe and a paramedic visiting Parrett Class.

There has been a great deal of excitement on the playground as our new gym equipment has been installed which will increase opportunities for our children to stay fit and active during break and lunch times. Our Reward Day was enjoyed by Northmoor, Aller and Isle Classes all taking part in an archery session.

Alongside all of these fabulous opportunities I am thrilled to announce that our 2018 KS2 SAT results have placed our school in the top 10 in the county out of 176 schools. Our children are aiming high and are achieving great progress with the support of parents, carers and an amazing staff team here in school. I could not be more proud of everyone in our community. (Mrs Doughty Davis)



(Photo: Pupils with Premier Sports' Archery coach who taught them how to hold the bow, aim at a target & release the arrows.)

## Staff News

We welcome **Mr Steve Wilson** to our school community who is working as a Teaching Assistant in Sedgemoor Class.

**Mr Tom Stevens** has officially decided to focus all of his energy on his family and will unfortunately not be returning to us. He wants to thank everyone for their kind words and thoughts and to let everyone know how much he enjoyed being a part of our community. We wish Tom and his lovely family well. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Congratulations to **Miss Robinson** who ran her first marathon. She took part in the Dartmoor Vale Marathon. A great achievement Miss Robinson!

Congratulations also to **Mr Clements** who took part in the Herepath Half Marathon coming joint 12<sup>th</sup>. As always, a great run Mr Clements!

## School News

**School Reporting System:** Thank you to those of you who came to the School Reporting System Evening Consultation. The report format has now been approved by everyone and will be handed out at the Parents' Evenings. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

**Parents' Evenings:** On **Tuesday, 11 & Thursday, 13 December**, Parents' Evenings will take place. *Slips will be sent home on the 30 November for you to indicate a period of time you would be available for an appointment.* Teachers will then allocate specific times, taking sibling groups into account, and send the slip home. We will **not** be putting forms in the foyer as not every parent or carer is able to come into school to sign up. The Parents' Evening meetings will take place in the School Hall and not in classrooms this time. School reports will be handed out to parents and carers on arrival in the hall. We encourage children to be at the meetings so they can contribute to the discussion. (Mrs Doughty Davis)



**'Book People' Book Fair:** Please come along after school to our next Book Fair. Your child will be able to buy books from **Wednesday, 28 November until Tuesday, 4 December at 3.30pm** in the School Hall. A wonderful opportunity to continue to inspire your child's reading! See you there! (Miss Chadbourne)

**Carol Service and Nativity:** The **Carol Service** will take place in St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi at 10.00am on **Friday, 21 December**.

Parrett & Kingsmoor pupils will perform their **Nativity Play** in the School Hall at 6.00pm on **Wednesday, 19 December** (details regarding tickets will follow).



**Harvest Assembly:** Before Half Term, we had a guest visitor from the Trussell Trust Food Bank and he was extremely grateful for all of the donations we had offered for Harvest. The School Council presented all the donations and he described how this will help many local families in crisis. Thank you so much for all your contributions for such a great local cause. (Miss Walker)



**School Council:** The current School Council are on the look out for great role models to join as the new School Councillors for this academic year. We are looking for children who have many of the qualities needed to lead projects across school, present in assemblies, be guest speakers, support children's ideas for improvement in school and to be 'the children's voice/representation'. If your child is interested, they can speak to the current School Councillors to find out what they have to do! (Miss Walker)

## Class News

**Parrett Class News:** Parrett Class have been lucky enough to have had many visitors in school over the last few weeks. Our visitors have helped us to learn about people's jobs, and also what to do and how to



respond in an emergency! We have been in a police van, and lifted up and down into an ambulance.



This week in RE, we have started to think about festivals in other cultures and have enjoyed learning all about Diwali, the Festival of Light. We are so impressed with the children's reading after the holidays - we are currently changing books on a Wednesday until the children become more fluent. Please refer to the



Curriculum Newsletter I sent out; there is a 'Stay and Learn' Maths session followed by a Tapestry online tutorial from 2.15 pm on **Wednesday, 5 December**. We hope to see as many of you there! (Miss Walker)



**Aller Class News:** It was a busy first week in Aller Class after our Half Term holiday - in our English and Topic sessions, we focused on



Remembrance Day. For Art and DT, we did poppy printing and constructing activities and we painted our bottles for our school's Remembrance Service and outdoor poppy display. As a class, the



children also created a wonderful poem with Mrs Ramwell. This week, the children got to enjoy an afternoon of archery as their Reward Day for their brilliant writing and work presented in their books throughout the first eight weeks of school. The instructors were very impressed with their archery skills...some of us even hit the bullseye especially as some of the bows they were using were as big as them! It was a well-deserved reward. Well done Aller Class and keep up the fabulous work! (Mrs Vogel-Lewis)

### Poppy

Red green black flower  
War people died  
Battlefields bang  
Guns bullets bombs  
Loud voices cry  
Angry mad sad  
Soldiers fighting  
Sleeping in the sky now  
Red poppies pop up everywhere.



By Aller Class

**Sedgemoor Class News:** We started our new topic 'Wonderful World' this week. The children were extremely enthusiastic when looking at the maps and atlases to locate continents and oceans on Tuesday with Mr Wilson. One of our main targets this half term in PHSE is 'to be kind'. The children have really embraced this target and are more aware of the things they can do to be kind, but are also providing positive feedback about their peers.

I undertook spelling challenge tests last Friday and, again, was so pleased with the progress many of the children had made. Well done to **Millie B, Maisie, Emily, Millie D, Charlie, Lacie-May, Dylan G, Euan G, Frankie** and **Tiana** for completing a level. They were awarded certificates in assembly this week. The next test will be on **Friday, 7 December**, so keep practising! (Mrs Morgan)

**Northmoor Class News:** Since Half Term, Northmoor Class have been consolidating our knowledge on addition and subtraction by learning to use the inverse operation to check our answers. This was a bit tricky to begin with but now we realise that it is an excellent way to check our calculations.

We have started to read our new book, *Mrs Noah's Pockets*. Mrs Kenchington brought in an amazing coat, full of mythical creatures, to recreate Mrs Noah's coat and it has really helped us to think of our own story. We are working on descriptive writing and trying to use some creative language to make our writing more interesting to the reader.

We have also completed an experiment to work out what materials let light through and which don't. We had to discover which materials were opaque and suggest that these would have been good for curtains.

Our busy couple of weeks has also included some archery as a reward for the highest number of Golden Tickets last term. We were thrilled to have won this and had a great morning learning to fire arrows!! (Mrs Perry)



**Isle Class News:** Isle Class are focusing on multiplication and division over the next couple of weeks. As a result of a multiplication challenge, we have identified a personalised homework challenge. In planners, you will find a times table which your child needs to work on. So through this week, ask your child to write the times tables out each night, quiz them on the tricky ones, ask them to identify the ones they really struggle with and focus on learning those. Put them on Post-It Notes around the house and make up your own challenges. Next week we will do the same and give them the next personalised times table challenge.

Isle Class have started a new text called 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. This is a text without words where they have to infer what is happening and the meaning behind the illustrations. As a first task, they had to follow instructions and create a paper bird which contained their hopes, dreams and wishes for the future. These will be on display in the classroom. The class also enjoyed their archery Reward Day which they gained for best attendance. (Mr Clements)



### **Isle & Kingsmoor Class News:**

A combination of Isle and Kingsmoor classes created a very poignant poem about World War 1. They also wrote individual poems and read them during assembly. (Mrs Ramwell)



### **Kingsmoor Class News—London Residential:**

Our Year 5 & 6 children had a wonderful time in London! They were bombarded with new experiences that we hope they will treasure for the rest of their lives.

After a quick survey of the things they found most enjoyable, their visit to the **Lyceum Theatre** topped their list. *The Lion King* was truly fantastic and the children were in awe of the theatre and the busy West End as much as the show itself.

Coming a close second and third, were **ice skating** and the **Natural History Museum**. It is always fascinating to watch the children's attitude towards acquiring a new skill and this year was no different. Even those that found skating challenging, kept getting up and trying again. This is a testament to the resilience of our children. The Natural History Museum is always awe inspiring and the children were fascinated by the exhibitions.

It was a privilege and pleasure to take our wonderful children on this trip. Everywhere we went, we were reminded of how the children from our school show exemplary behaviour, curiosity and spirit. We are very proud of them. Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning of this trip: **Mrs Leigh, Mrs Lyes, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Meredith** and **Ms Islip**. (Miss Chadbourne)





## Safeguarding & Health News

**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. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

**Guide to Video Games:** With Christmas fast approaching, parents may be considering video games as gifts for their children. Making a decision about which games are most suitable can be difficult. To help, [www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com) have released a guide to the best family video games, organised by PEGI rating which can be found at: <http://www.askaboutgames.com/discover-2018s-amazing-video-games-for-your-family>

## Sports News

### Sports Hall Athletics:

Well done to the Sports Hall Athletics Team who took part in a competition at Huish Academy. They participated in lots of events which involved sprinting, throwing and jumping. They demonstrated great team spirit. Well done!



### 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

**Badminton:** Good luck to the Badminton Teams who will play in the CLP tournament next week at Huish Academy. (Mrs Ramwell)

**Sports Taster Sessions:** If your child is interested, Huish Leisure is running the following taster sessions for Athletics and Basketball so do take your child along (please note these are not primary school events):

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

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

## School Admissions

For children starting school for the first time 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). Due to budgetary constraints, Somerset County Council no longer write to individual parents so **please make sure you have applied.**

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

**Christmas:** The PFA would be grateful for any raffle prizes for their Christmas events. If you can support in any way, please let the committee members know.

**easyfundraising:** Thank you to all the parents and friends who have already registered and have been raising free funds for the PFA with *easyfundraising*. With less than 50 days until Christmas, remember to use *easyfundraising* when you are buying your Christmas gifts online. We want to raise as much as possible this year and it couldn't be easier through *easyfundraising*! 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/>

*Quote from our SENCo, Mrs Daymond:*

**The pause between reactive  
and responsive  
is the beginning  
of choice,  
intention,  
and skillfulness as a parent.**

Dr. Dan Siegel & Tina Payne Bryson, Ph.D., No Drama Discipline

## Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

### Autumn Term 2018:

**Monday, 19 November:** Schools Against Waste workshops & 'Reduce, Reuse & Recycle' assembly; Carymoor Environmental Trust.

**Wednesday, 21 November:** 'Play in a Day'; Year 5 pupils; Taunton School (letter sent to parents/carers on 9-11-18).

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

**Tuesday, 27 November:** 'Learn with Us' for Northmoor parents/carers; 9.00am; more details to follow.

**Wednesday, 28 November—Tuesday, 4 December:** 'Book People' Book Fair; 3.30pm; School Hall.

**Wednesday, 5 December:** Stay & Learn' Maths & Tapestry Sessions for Parrett parents/carers; starts 2.15pm.

**Tuesday, 11 & Thursday, 13 December:** Parents' Consultation Evenings; letter will follow.

**Friday, 14 December:** Christmas Jumper Day, raising money for Save the Children.

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

**Wednesday, 19 December:** Nativity Play; Parrett & Kingsmoor Class pupils; 6.00pm.

**Thursday, 20 December:** Christmas Lunch for all pupils.

**Friday, 21 December:** Carol Service; St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi; start 10.00am. Term Ends at 3.30pm.

**2019 Dates:** Monday, 7 January 2019: Term Starts.

**Thursday, 24 January:** SATs Information Evening; Year 6 pupils & parents/carers; 5.00pm (tbc).

**Friday, 15 February:** INSET Day (no children in school)

**w/c 18 February:** Half Term.

**Thursday, 7 March:** World Book Day; dress up using the 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:** Easter Church Service; 2.00pm-3.00pm and Term Ends at 3.30pm.

**Tuesday, 23 April:** Summer Term 2019 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 Episcopi Primary Sports Field; time tbc.

**Friday, 19 July:** Year 6 Assembly (time tbc) and Term Ends.

### KS2 Swimming (Wednesdays):

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

## Sports Match Dates 2018:

### Autumn Term 2018:

**Tuesday, 20 November:** CLP Badminton Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

### Spring Term 2019: (NEW dates!)

**Thursday, 17 January:** Cross Country Race; Huish Academy; 2.00pm-3.00pm.

**Tuesday, 5 February:** CPL Basketball Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Tuesday, 26 February:** CLP Hockey Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Thursday, 28 February:** Cross Country Race; Somerton Playing Fields; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Tuesday, 12 March:** CLP Tag Rugby Tournament; Years 5 & 6; Somerton RFC; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Thursday, 14 March:** Cross Country Race: Curry Mallet; 4.00pm-5.00pm.

**Tuesday, 19 March:** CLP Football/Netball Tournaments; Huish Academy; 2.00pm-3.00pm.

**Tuesday, 26 March:** CLP Tag Rugby Tournament; Years 3 & 4; Somerton RFC; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

### 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 (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.)

**30 Nov:** Aller

### 2019 Dates:

**1 Mar & 7 June:** Kingsmoor; **15 Mar & 28 June:**

Northmoor; **29 Mar & 12 July:** Aller; **26 Apr:** Isle; **10**

**May:** Sedgemoor; **24 May:** Parrett. **19 July:** Yr 6 (time tbc)

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### School Meals Menu

#### Weeks:

**Week 1:** w/c 3 Dec;

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

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

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