

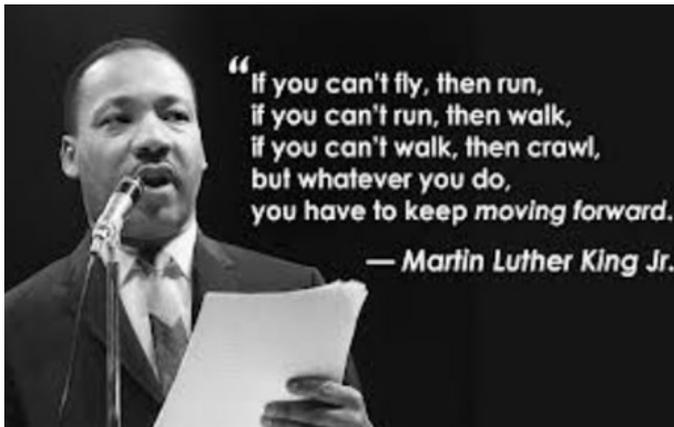
# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Cooking, kick boxing, PE, teddies at the park & Maths!

## From the Executive Principal:

Approaching the last few weeks of the Autumn Term and as we move towards the Christmas Holidays, I appreciate how much I have enjoyed watching our children across the Trust during the term as they have tackled the wide variety of learning experience and opportunity offered to them. Not every child finds the learning experiences on offer easy to master but our staff encourage each one to try everything, give of their best and not give up. Thus they learn to persevere to establish a sure foundation on which they can build to prepare for a lifetime of continuing learning. This process reminds me of a Martin Luther King Jr quote which speaks for itself:



This will be my last newsletter message before I move to my new headship role in January. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank the whole community of the Levels Academy Trust for the support they have given me over the last couple of years and I wish both staff and pupils every success in the future. (Mrs Barraclough)

## Staff News

Many congratulations to **Miss Jenny Chadbourne** who has been appointed Senior

Teacher for our School and English Leader across the Levels Academy Trust. Miss Chadbourne will continue to be based at Huish Episcopi and remain our Year 6 teacher but will be leading outstanding practice across all our schools.

**Mr Clements** has taken part in the Lemur Loop, an endurance race. He ran just under 50 miles in eleven hours showing great resilience to keep going for that length of time. Fantastic effort - well done!

## School News

**Parents' Evenings:** On **Tuesday, 11 & Thursday, 13 December**, Parents' Evenings will take place. *Slips have been sent home this week for you to indicate a period of time you would be available for an appointment (please return by next Tuesday, 4 December).* 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 to contribute to the discussion. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

**Readers for our Carol Service:** As well as Christmas related activities in school, we will be holding our **Carol Service** in St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi at 10.00am on **Friday, 21 December**. This will be a joyous event, involving all children, where we will be singing our hearts out; rehearsals have already started. **We would really like to involve the whole community in this service and would like some parents and carers to be our readers.** Could you please see me on the gate or let the office know if this is something you would like to do. Everyone is welcome to this service. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

## BookPeople Book Fair: 'Book People' Book Fair:

Please come along after school to our Book Fair which is now open! Your child will be able to buy books 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)

**Nativity Play:** The Nativity is going to be a real treat with Parrett & Kingsmoor working very well together. It takes place in the School Hall at 6.00pm on **Wednesday, 19 December** (details regarding tickets will follow). We are starting to discuss the theme for Isle and Northmoor with Lou

**GingerFred** Barrett, GingerFred Studios, in preparation for next term!

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Don't forget 'Christmas Jumper Day' is on Friday, 14 December. £1.00 to

wear your Christmas Jumper to school raising funds for 'Save the Children The Children'. (Mrs Pengelly)

**Helicopter Visit:** A helicopter from RNAS Yeovilton will be landing on the sports field on Wednesday, 5 December to collect (and deliver) the letters children have, and will be, writing to Santa!

**Early Years Community Hub:** We have been asked to ensure that all of our childminders are on a list for a newly formed Early Years Community Hub. **If you are a childminder for children in our school, please check with the School Office that you are on this list.**

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

**Christingle Service:** We held a Christingle Service in school yesterday for the children. Look out for photos in the next newsletter!

## Class News

**Parrett Class News:** This term in Parrett Class we have been working so hard. Mrs Raymond and myself are so impressed with the children's overall attitude to learning. We can tell they have also been practising lots at home. The children's reading is really coming on, as well as their recognition of sight words. Many children are already reading sentences.

What can we say about their phonic knowledge ... wow! This is shining through all that we do. Please keep going over different words from their sound book at home—we are now working on Phase 3 of our Letters and Sounds Programme. We have also become really



keen mathematicians recently and are looking at different ways we can make numbers and how numbers are represented. The children cannot wait for parents and carers to come in during our 'Learn with Us' Maths session



along with Tapestry Learning Journal information on Wednesday, 5 December at 2.15pm to show what we do! (Please remember to sign the permission slip so that I can get you set up.) See you soon. (See more photos on page 1 & 5.) (Miss Walker)

**Aller Class News:** I have heard that many in Aller Class have gone home to share what their teddies were up to in our class over the night!

We had a lovely trip to the park as a class and all of our exciting events involving our teddies have been a great stimulus for



our writing. I will say again that I am so impressed when I look back at where the children started at the beginning of the year and see how far they have come. (See photos on page 1.)

We are looking forward to having some of you join us for our "Learn with Us" Maths session on Monday, 3 December at 9.00am. See you then! (Mrs Vogel-Lewis)

**Sedgemoor Class News:** Thank you very much to the parents & carers who were able to join our 'Learn with Us' session on Wednesday morning.

The session began with a dice game to practise quick addition, which is a part of our routine every morning. It then moved on to a choice of number challenges, where the children practised their skills at adding three numbers. The children thoroughly enjoyed practising their Maths skills alongside the adults, in different ways.

Presentation in our books has been a focus this term and I am so pleased with the progress the children have made; beginning to take real pride in their work and books. A small reminder—I will be testing the spelling challenge on Friday, 7 December! (Mrs Morgan)

**Northmoor Class News:** We have been extremely busy this week in Northmoor Class. On



Tuesday, we had our 'Learn with Us' session. We did lots of Maths puzzles with our adults and they were quite tricky. Mrs Perry was very pleased with our perseverance and we hoped that the adults enjoyed their time with us. The 'children vs adults' game ended in a spirited draw, but we have been challenged to a re match!

In English, we have been completing our stories based on 'Mrs Noah's Pockets'. We now have a Progress Wall in our classroom and we were all amazed to see how our writing has improved over this year so far.

We are in the middle of some Science experiments that involve mirrors. We are having to find a teddy using a mirror to look around a corner, draw our own portrait using a mirror and doing some mirror messages which has been really fun. We intend to complete the rest next week and hope to display our findings on a Marvellous Mirror Wall in the classroom. (Mrs Perry)

**Isle Class News:** Isle Class had a challenging 'Learn with Us' morning last week. It was lovely to welcome many parents/carers into a Maths lesson where the resilience of all was put to the test. Mathematical challenges included the tangram puzzles, dice games and other mathematical tasks. As would normally happen, all were encouraged to choose the level at which they work and to make the challenges either harder or easier depending on their success. The morning finished with a difficult round of 'Cowboy Maths.' A huge thank you to the parents/carers who attended and enjoyed the session with good humour! (Mr Clements)

**'Play in a Day' at Taunton School:** Year 5 attended the 'Play in a Day' at Taunton School last Wednesday. The children rehearsed a play they had never seen before, learnt lines, dances, songs and how to put the whole performance together. All who attended really made the most of the day in all respects. They threw themselves into all drama work and really showed the very best of Huish Episcopi Primary School. The long day finished with a performance to families and friends which was superbly attended. A big thank you to Taunton School for providing the opportunity, but huge thanks to the parents and families who supported this brilliant Year 5 event. Well done all. (Mr Clements)

**Kingsmoor Class News:** This week we have been practising the Nativity and getting our dancing skills perfected for the show on 19 December at 6.00pm. We hope all Kingsmoor parents/carers can attend to watch us as we support the Reception children in their first Nativity performance.

In Literacy, we have been completing our unit on

instructions. If anyone has a pharaoh to mummify, I feel any child in the class would now be able to take them through every process, step by step with confidence!

In Science, we have been looking at forces. Our trainee teacher, Miss Stacey, has been taking these lessons so far. The children have welcomed her into the class and she is doing brilliantly.

We have also welcomed teachers from other schools into our school this week. They have been keen to see how we are approaching our Year 6 curriculum and we have been proud to hear them comment on the standard of children's conduct in our school and on their interest in learning. (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>

## After School Clubs

**Kicking Boxing Club:** The children are really enjoying Kick Boxing Club (led by Mr Odierno), learning lots of techniques and moves. Keep up the good work! (See other photo on page 1.)



## Sports News

**Badminton:** The Badminton Team took part in the CLP Badminton Tournament at Huish Academy. The whole team played extremely well with **Oliver, Lewis** and **Amy** making the semi-finals and **Amy** going on to make the finals. Overall, the team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of eight teams, with only a few points separating the top four teams. Well done everyone! (Team photo on page 1.)

**Aller Class PE:** Aller Class have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They worked as a team during PE to create the shapes with their bodies. (More photos on page 1 & 4.) (Mrs Ramwell)



## 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).

**PFA Christmas Social:** Friday, 21 December; 3.00pm; School Hall.

**Santa's Grotto:** Would you be able to help decorate the PFA's Grotto on the morning of Thursday, 20 December? If so, please contact a member of the committee. Thank you.

**Christmas Raffle:** The PFA would like to thank all those who have so generously donated prizes for their raffle. Make sure you buy tickets (available since Monday, 26 November) as prizes, so far, include: Black Swan curry meal for two; Black Swan roast for two; Bow St Barbers voucher; voucher from The Hair Lodge; Beauty at The Hair Lodge voucher; Nails with Jess at The Hair Lodge voucher; One Stop Hamper; Ales from Fine Tuned Brewery; 'Yakov the Meerkat' from Cockle Moore Stores; Sew your own Christmas Ornament from For Every

Cloud; Black Sheep local butcher voucher; River Parrett Café voucher; Cambodian 100% silk scarf & box of chocolates; bottle of champagne; Christmas cake; bottle of rose wine; shortbread biscuits; two Yeovil Town match tickets.



**Bags 4 Help Collection:** We are having a Bags 4 Help clothing collection on **Tuesday, 15 January 2019**. Collection bags will go out in book bags the first week back after the Christmas Holidays. Please save all the clothes from your Christmas clear-outs until the New Year to help raise money for the school. Why not ask friends and neighbours too?

**easyfundraising:** Raise free funds for the PFA with *easyfundraising* when buying your Christmas gifts online. Every time you shop, the PFA receive a small donation so please sign



up and at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hepsdfa/>

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

## Community Notices

**Christmas Card Competition:** The Friends of Langport Library (FOLL) are holding a Christmas Card Competition for two age groups: 3-7 years & 8-12 years. The **closing date is Saturday, 15 December** and entry is free—you just need to pick up an entry form from the library which contains the template your child needs to use.

There will be prizes for each age group and the two winning entries will be printed as their 2019 Christmas card and sold in aid of FOLL funds.

### 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



More photos from Aller Class' PE lesson where they created 2D and 3D shapes!

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

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

**Monday, 3 December:** *Aller Class 'Learn with Us'; 9.00am-10.00am; all parents & carers welcome!*

**Wednesday, 5 December:** *RNAS Yeovilton Helicopter Visit; school field; time tbc.*

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

**Tuesday, 11 & Thursday, 13 December:** Parents' Consultation Evenings; 3.30pm-7.00pm (Tues) & 3.30pm-5.30pm (Thurs); *letter was sent out this week & on website.*

**Friday, 14 December:** Christmas Jumper Day, raising money for Save the Children; *£1.00 donation please.*

**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; *look out for the order form!*

**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) 2019:**

**Spring Term 2019:** Kingsmoor: 16, 23, 30 Jan; 6, 13, ~~20~~, 27 Feb; 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar. *Letter to parents/carers sent out this week & on website.*

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

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**Sports Match Dates 2019:****Spring Term 2019:**

**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 2019**

**Spring Term 2019:** This is our draft timetable for next term and may change due to staffing arrangements. Letters will be sent out on the first day of next term. Clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis unless otherwise stated below.

**Mondays:** Science Solution Squad (KS2); Book Worms (KS1); Kickboxing (KS2) (*please note small charge for belts, all other equipment provided*) with Mr Odierno. (Those currently attending who would like to continue, will need to sign up again as well as those wishing to join.)

**Tuesday:** Invasion Games/Multiskills (KS1); Booster Club (by invitation only).

**Wednesdays:** Hockey (KS2); Football (KS2).

**Thursdays:** Dramarama (KS2); Persistent Puzzlers (KS1); Tag Rugby (KS2)

**Fridays:** Code Breakers (KS2); Running (KS2)

**School Meals Menu Weeks:**

**Week 1:** w/c 3 Dec; **Week 2:** w/c 10 Dec; **Week 3:** w/c 17 Dec.

**Celebration Assemblies 2019:**

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

**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)

Working hard in  
Parrett Class!



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