

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS

From Nativity to a new year, new term, new topics, new sport (fencing) and saving our planet.

Happy New Year!



## From the Chair of Trustees:

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and welcome to a new term. I have been Chair of Trustees since September 2018 and I thank pupils and staff for their warm welcome. Last term I had the opportunity of visiting all schools in The Levels Academy Trust. On each and every visit I had the opportunity of visiting classes to observe the work being completed by the children. I was excited to see the excellent work being completed and the progress and achievements being made by the children. When I spoke to groups of pupils they were able to tell me clearly what they were learning and how their progress was being monitored. I had the opportunity to speak to a number of staff and was thrilled by their dedication and hard work that goes towards making the school experience for your son/daughter very positive and rewarding.

For the Spring and Summer Terms 2019 Mrs Doughty Davis and Mrs Chesterton (Headteacher of Hambridge and Middlezoy & Othery) will be jointly taking on the role of Executive Principal of The Levels Academy Trust. I wish them every success in this new role.

May I wish you all a very successful 2019 and I look forward to seeing all schools in The Levels Academy Trust go from strength to strength. (Mr Jackson)

## Governor News

We will be sending out information soon to all parents and carers as we are keen to recruit a Parent Governor to our Local Governing Body (LGB). Please speak to me either in person or by calling the school if you would like to ask any questions. It is really important that we have parents and carers on our LGB from our school to help shape the future for our children.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

## Staff News

We are pleased to welcome **Mrs Sue Barlow** as Class Teacher in Sedgemoor this term.

Huge congratulations to **Mrs Joan Meredith** who completed an amazing 30 years service at our school at the end of last term.

**Mrs Joanna Sams** is back in the School Office, following her son being treated successfully for his serious illness, but is not yet up to her full hours so may not be in the office at the end of the school day.

## School News

**Mobile Phones:** If you received a new mobile phone for Christmas, please remember to let the School Office know if your number changed so we have up-to-date contact information in case of any emergency. Thank you. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

**Christingle Service & The Children's Society:** If you still have one of the coin candle boxes for the collection in aid of the Children's Society at home, please return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you. (Miss Walker)

## Christmas Jumper

**Day:** £156.05 was raised for Save The Children by wearing our Christmas jumpers! Thank you. (Mrs Pengelly)



**Thank You:** We should like to thank the PFA, for the fabulous Santa's Grotto, and the Christmas Elves from the Community Team at Tesco,



Langport for bringing Santa to visit. The children loved their presents!

**GingerFred Studios:** Isle and Northmoor classes will be having sessions on Thursday afternoons with Lou Barrett from GingerFred Studios this term.

**School Council:** A big thank you to our previous School Councillors for the fantastic effort they put into their roles. Many of them worked above and beyond what was asked of them and proved to be extremely reliable. We will undoubtedly be calling upon them again for their support.

We have appointed our new School Councillors for 2019. Huge congratulations to **Arlin & Charlotte** (Parrett); **Noah & Summer-Rose** (Aller); **Lilly & Olivia B** (Sedgemoor); **Ninette & Primrose** (Northmoor); **Chloe Y & Faith** (Isle); **Aaron & Thomas** (Kingsmoor) for getting through what only can be described as a vigorous interview process presented by our previous School Councillors. They had some extremely tough decisions to make! We look forward to working with our new team.

**Food Hygiene Inspection:** On Wednesday, our kitchen was inspected (unannounced) and we are delighted to report that we have received the highest grading possible of '5' for food hygiene and cleanliness. Fabulous work by our Lunchtime Supervisors, Breakfast Club staff and our cleaner who maintain our facilities to such a high standard.

**Visit by Carymoor Environmental Trust:** Thank you to [@Carymoor](#) for our wonderful afternoon of workshops for Aller and Northmoor. Gary then presented an active assembly to the whole school on 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' and encouraged us all to look after our beautiful blue planet.

## Twitter & School Website

Please do follow our school news, with lots of photos, on our Twitter page [@H E P S](#). Our website (<http://huishepiscopiprimary.co.uk/>) also has links to our Twitter feed on the Home page, along with the latest announcements and issue of this newsletter. Copies of letters sent out to parents/carers can also be found under the News & Events Tab plus there is a whole host of other information.

## Communication

As part of our development, the school is addressing the way in which we communicate to parents. We know this is an area for development and we are currently looking at ways in which we can change our current methods in order to provide a reliable, accurate, fast service for all. I would like to give you the opportunity to have your say about

current methods of communication and ways in which we can move forward. Please click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VK9VPC9> to participate in our short survey. Many thanks. (Miss Chadbourne)

## Class News

**Parrett Class News:** Happy New Year to all our Parrett families! Mrs Raymond and I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas. Thank you so much to parents who have shared pictures and videos of their child/children's learning journey on Tapestry. We have enjoyed seeing what you have been doing over the festive period.

We have hit the ground running this January with our new topic 'Winter Wonderland'. So far, we have been improving our scissor skills, learning new vowel digraphs in phase three phonics, plus creative and descriptive writing. In Maths, we are learning all about money! Please could you allow your child/ren to use coins at home and when you are at the shops. This half term we will be immersing ourselves in lots exploratory activities and we look forward to sharing all our findings with you. (Miss Walker)

**Aller Class News:** Happy New Year! It has been a busy but great start to the Spring Term in Aller Class. We have really enjoyed our English unit so far – 'Something Fishy!' The children have got back into



the swing of writing with great enthusiasm. We have been busy acting out our story, making up our own sequels and are now researching some of the animals in the story to write reports which links with our new Science topic – animals!

In Maths, we have been reviewing our number bonds to 10 and are moving into how they can help us with our number bonds to 20. Please practise these whenever possible – the repetition is very helpful!



(Mrs Vogel)

**Sedgemoor Class News:** We have started really well this term. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplying using objects, arrays, number sentences and picture representations. The children have been given Maths homework on 'Hit the Button' with those who hit their target in class on Friday enjoying multiplication dominoes. Year 2 children

should know the 2, 5 and 10 times tables well. Year 3 children should know the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables well. The children need to keep practising as it will really help with division facts too. (Mrs Doughty Davis & Mrs Barlow)

**Northmoor Class News:** It has been a busy couple of weeks in Northmoor since term began. We have started our new English topic and in doing so, found a toy ship over the other side of the fence by Parrett Class! Mrs Perry then read a lovely new book called "The Green Ship" where two children found a ship cut out of trees and bushes over the fence in a big house with an enormous garden. We are now planning our own story along a similar theme and hope that our story writing has improved since last term.

We have been looking at length and measure in Maths. We have improved when measuring objects and discovered how to measure the perimeter and areas of shapes. Mrs Perry and Mrs Kenchington have also set a times table challenge and have been very impressed by the progress so far!

Our Science topic is animals and we have been looking at skeletons so far this term. These lessons have generated a lot of questions about how various parts of the body work and are testing Mrs Perry's biological knowledge! We have discovered interesting facts about both the human and animal skeletons and had great fun guessing and trying to identify animals purely from a picture of their skeleton. We had to provide reasons for our guesses and it was interesting to see the variety of animals suggested! We have also been practising a fun poem to recite to the rest of the school at assembly today. (Mrs Perry)

Northmoor Class thoroughly enjoyed an informative workshop, by Carymoor Environmental Trust, all about 'Fantastic Plastic' on Thursday. We have even started to reuse our own plastic bottles to make mini greenhouses! (Mrs Kenchington)



### Isle Class News:

Isle Class had a fabulously attended 'Learn With Us' session this week. In a busy English session, we completed many tasks such as: discussion of our text so far (The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes) along with a small bit of artwork, feedback from our previous session was given, exploration of the next verse on the text, different ways to answer questions in class, a bit of grammar and sentence development work, our poem was performed and finally everyone learnt a verse of the poem. A huge thank you to all the parents that could attend for getting into the spirit of the session. (Mr Clements)



**Kingsmoor Class News:** This week in Kingsmoor we have been learning about our Raging Rivers in our new Geography topic. We began our term of swimming lessons this Wednesday. Whatever their ability, each child had great fun. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow in just one lesson.

The children had a fun lesson with Premier Sports on Reward Day. As a prize for our exemplary presentation, we won a fencing session. Here we are in action!



**PE Kits:** So many children have forgotten to bring in a full HEPS PE kit this term. Please could you ensure your child has it in school every day? (Miss Chadbourne)

### After School Clubs

After School Clubs got off to a great start this week with all clubs extremely well attended. It was fantastic to see so many children attend a variety of clubs. (Mrs Ramwell)

### Reward Day (with Premier Sports)

Parrett, Sedgemoor, Isle and Kingsmoor classes got the opportunity to have a go at the sport of fencing. They learnt the basic moves as well as the importance of speed when moving forward and retreating. The classes got this opportunity





for having the most golden tickets, best attendance and presentation. All four classes thoroughly enjoyed their sessions - well done to all! (Mrs Ramwell)



## Safeguarding News

**“Undressed”:** Parents of teenagers may have considered discussing the message in this poster with their children, but London Grid for Learning recommend teaching children of all ages the message that they should **‘never get undressed when they are on camera’**. If all children are regularly reminded of this easy to remember message, it can make a real difference to keeping them safe. For more information about why it is important to share the message with even the youngest children, visit: [undressed.lgfl.net](http://undressed.lgfl.net)



LGfL DigiSafe

**Vomiting and Diarrhoea:** If a child vomits or has diarrhoea in school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be expected back into school until 48 hours after the last symptom has elapsed.

## 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

## School Admissions 2020-21

The consultation on The Levels Academy Trust's 2020/21 admission arrangements is from 14 December 2018 until 31 January 2019. If you wish to comment on these arrangements please email [admissionsconsultation@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:admissionsconsultation@somerset.gov.uk). A final copy of the determined admission arrangements will be displayed on the LAT website by 28 February 2019 (a draft copy is currently displayed). After this date objections can be made to the Office of the School's Adjudicator. For further information on how to make an objection please phone 01325 735303 or visit:

[www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator/](http://www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator/)

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

**Diary Dates: Thursday, 14 February:** Valentine's Disco; School Hall; R/KS1 6.15pm-7.15pm; KS2 7.30pm-8.30pm; further details to follow.

**Friday, 5 April:** Mufti (non-uniform) Day.

**Other Events:** A Film Night, Easter Family Treasure Hunt & Easter 'Decorate an Egg' Competition are planned. Details to follow.

**Bags of Help Collection:** Thank you so much to everyone who brought in clothing etc for the Bags 4 Help collection on Tuesday—you brought in 301kg which raised just over £120.00.

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



## Community Notices

**Soccer & Sport Camps:** Saints Southwest deliver a number of Soccer Schools and Multi-Sport Camps throughout the school holidays including February Half Term for 2-12 years. Day courses from 10.00am - 3.00pm for 7-12 years and 1.30pm - 3.00pm for 4-6 years. Use code SCHOOLSPPRING to receive 10% off! For more details call 03302 234 932, email [info@saintssouthwest.co.uk](mailto:info@saintssouthwest.co.uk) or visit the website: [www.saintssouthwest.co.uk](http://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk)

**Dyslexia Awareness:** Dyslexia affects 1 in 10 people. This session, with Mark Long, provides an introduction to dyslexia explaining why children can find reading, spelling and writing so challenging and describes strategies that can be used. Tuesday, 5 February; 6.30pm-7.30pm; main hall; Huish Academy; to book visit <https://goo.gl/forms/roXwJNOv2vtNiUd32>

## Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

### Spring Term 2019:

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

**Tuesday, 5 February:** Safer Internet Day

**Thursday, 14 February:** PFA Valentine's Disco; School Hall; R/KS1 6.15pm-7.15pm; KS2 7.30pm-8.30pm; further details to follow.

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

w/c 18 February: Half Term.

**Tuesday, 26 February:** "So you want to be an astronaut?"; School Hall; 9.00am-3.00pm; pupil event.

**Thursday, 7 March:** World Book Day; dress up using the theme of 'Books Around the World'.

**Friday, 15 March:** Red Nose Day; 'Pay to Play' Games Afternoon; 1.30pm-3.00pm.

**Tuesday, 26 & Thursday, 28 March:** Parents' Evenings; 3.45pm-6.45pm (Tues); 3.45pm-5.25pm (Thurs).

**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.

### Summer Term 2019:

**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 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:** 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.

### 'Learn with Us' Sessions:

All sessions will run from 9.00am-10.00am.

**Wed 30 Jan:** Northmoor; **Tues 12 Feb:** Aller;

**Tues 5 Mar:** Sedgemoor; **Tues 19 Mar:** Parrett;

**Tues 2 Apr:** Kingsmoor Year 6s.

**Next Issues of this Newsletter:** 1 Feb; Thurs 14 Feb (as the Friday is an INSET); 8 Mar; 22 Mar; 5 Apr; 3 May; 17 May; 7 June; 20 June; w/c 24 June - special photographic edition of Olympic Sports Day; 5 July; 19 July.

## Sports Matches Spring 2019:

(please check, as dates have changed from last newsletter)

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

**Monday, 11 February:** CLP Hockey Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Thursday, 14 February:** Cross Country Race; Huish Hambridge Primary; 4.00pm-5.00pm.

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

**Monday, 4 March:** Cross Country Race: Huish Academy; 1.30pm-3.15pm.

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

**Thursday, 21 March:** Cross Country Race: Curry Mallet; 4.00pm-5.00pm.

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

**Tuesday, 2 April:** CLP Tag Rugby Tournament; Years 5 & 6; Somerton RFC; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

## After School Clubs

All clubs run from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

### Spring Term 2019

**Mondays: Science Solution Squad** (KS2) with Mr Clements; **Book Worms** (KS1) with Miss Walker; **Kickboxing** (KS2) (*please note small charge for belts, all other equipment provided*) with Mr Odierno.

**Tuesday: Multiskills/Games** (KS1) with Mrs Lyes; **Booster Club** (by invitation only, KS2) with Miss Chadbourne.

**Wednesdays: Hockey** (KS2) with Mrs Lyes; **Dodgeball** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell.

**Thursdays: Dramarama** (KS2) with Mrs Kenchington; **Persistent Puzzlers** (KS1) with Mrs Vogel; **Tag Rugby** (KS2) with Mrs Lyes.

**Fridays: Code Breakers** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell.

### Celebration Assemblies 2019:

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

**25 Jan & 10 May:** Sedgemoor; **8 Feb & 24 May:** Parrett;

**1 Mar & 7 June:** Kingsmoor; **15 Mar & 28 June:** Northmoor; **29 Mar & 12 July:** Aller; **26 Apr:** Isle;

**19 July:** Year 6 (time tbc).

### School Meals Menu Weeks:

**Week 1:** w/c 28 Jan; 25 Feb; 18 Mar.

**Week 2:** w/c 4 Feb; 4 Mar; 25 Mar.

**Week 3:** w/c 21 Jan; 11 Feb; 11 Mar; 1 Apr.



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