

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Bible Stories, model arms called Humphrey (!), shark artwork and English skills to name just a few activities in school!

From the Headteacher:

Here we go again with February greeting us with a snow shower. On days like these we are considerate of the conditions within the schools grounds, those in Langport and the journeys staff and parents have to make to get in to us. We take the decision with school closure very seriously indeed with the safeguarding of our children as the first consideration.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have completed our communication survey. This is still open if you would like to share your views (see link on page 2). As soon as we have collated the results we will be sharing them with you. It is very important that we hear your views and take them into account as we plan our improvements to our current communication processes.

We have really enjoyed seeing so many of you coming in to our 'Learn with Us' sessions and appreciate the time you take to acknowledge the hard work of the staff. I am privileged to see the great work going on in and around our classrooms on a daily basis and feel great delight in being able to share this with you. We will run the sessions next term at the end of the school day in order that those who can not make the mornings would possibly be able to join us in the afternoon.

Alongside parents and carers coming into school, we have an increasing number of teachers, headteachers and educationalists visiting us to learn about how we have made such substantial progress in a short period of time. I am thrilled that the work of our children, staff and community is being acknowledged in this way as we continue to ensure each and every child reaches their potential.

Please ensure you stay warm and safe with a snowman or two being built over the weekend.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

Governor News

A letter was sent out this week to all parents and carers as we are keen to recruit a Parent Governor to our Local Governing Body (LGB). If you are interested please speak to me either in person or by calling the school if you would like to ask any questions or request a nomination form.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

School News

Thank You: Miss Chadbourne and all the pupils in Kingsmoor Class would like to thank **Mrs Claire Padfield** and **Miss Heidi McGinty** for accompanying Kingsmoor on Wednesday afternoons as without them we would not be able to undertake our swimming lessons.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

Bad Weather Procedures: These were sent out to all parents/carers on Wednesday. Just a reminder that it is occasionally the case that we have to make a swift decision about whether to close the School. In doing so, we are always mindful of the inconvenience and disruption caused, but must prioritise everyone's safety in travelling to and from school, as well as their safety around the school site.

Whilst we want children to attend school in uniform, sensible footwear should be worn. Please allow plenty of time for your walk to school with thick coats, hats and gloves

Our standard procedures therefore are set out in a letter (see the school's website under News & Events/Letters to Parent/Carers), but may be adjusted as the weather demands.

If bad weather comes in suddenly during the day and we have to send the children home early, we will immediately post a message on our website, feed the news through by Twitter and communicate

by email/text. In inclement weather please check all these regularly.

KS1 SATs Information Evening: We are considering holding a KS1 SATs information meeting and would like to gauge whether this is something in which parents would be interested. If your child is in Year 2 and you would like to attend, click on the link below. If there is enough interest, we will schedule a meeting. <https://goo.gl/forms/LGoXMml6r9YZNBxv2>

Visitor Assembly: Thank you to Jeff Cracknell who visited us and gave a fascination assembly on the importance of reading and learning Bible stories. We want to know how he made his Bible blank, then black and white, then colour?!! (See photo on page 1.)

Second Hand Uniform Shop: The shop has lots of items including shirts, trousers, pinafores and even summer dresses! It will be open after school on Wednesday, 13 February. (Mrs Pengelly)

Twitter & School Website

Please do follow our school news, with lots of photos, on our Twitter page [@H E P S](https://twitter.com/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 looking at communication as we know this is an area for development. Please have your say about current methods of communication and ways in which we can move forward by clicking on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VK9VPC9> to participate in our short survey. Many thanks. (Miss Chadbourne)

Class News

Parrett & Aller Class News

KS1 Singing: Mr Clements, who leads singing throughout the school, was treated to a performance from Aller and Parrett classes. They had learnt a winter song and performed this with actions to a very captive audience. Mr Clements was very impressed with how they sang and asked them to sing it again so he could join in.

(Mrs Ramwell)

Aller Class News: We have finally finished our shark reports and have been very proud of ourselves and all of the effort we have put into our work from our non-fiction writing to typing out our entire report in the Media Hub and lastly our detailed s h a r k paintings. Our next unit is based on “*The Three Little Pigs*,” a classic in which we have all shown g r e a t enthusiasm!



During the next few weeks we will be building up our skills to progress our writing further with correct punctuation, adjectives and conjunctions plus our interviewing and acting skills.

We have also really been enjoying our Geography topic of Weather, exploring the seasons we experience in the UK and expressing our learning through our artwork. We look forward to sharing this artwork as our “gallery” progresses.

It was great to hear of all of the spelling practice going on at home and there has also been a big increase in reading at home as well. Please keep up all of the wonderful home learning – it will not go unnoticed! (Mrs Vogel)

Northmoor Class News: Northmoor Class have continued to be busy and have started to learn short division in Maths, tackling the ‘Bus Stop’ method and getting to grips with this gradually. We have started to understand that we can check our answers by multiplying the numbers together, realising that division and multiplication are the inverse of each other. This has proved helpful!

In English, we have written our own version of ‘*The Green Ship*’ story. We have looked at making our writing more powerful by including adverbs and hope that this will make for an interesting display in our classroom.

In Science, we have made model arms using cardboard. We called them Humphrey and used cardboard for the bones, elastic bands for the muscles and staples for the tendons. We could see how muscles pulled our bones in different directions and how



they were attached. It was really tricky and we concluded that being a surgeon must be a very difficult job! (Mrs Perry)

There was a fantastic attendance by parents at Northmoor's 'Learn with Us' session this week. Thank you for coming—we hope you found the session informative and interesting.

(Mrs Kenchington)

Isle Class News: Isle Class have been working extremely hard during their PE lessons. They have all improved their stamina and fitness levels and this has been very evident when undertaking circuit routines. They have also been participating in indoor athletics and becoming very apt at the triple jump. Working with a partner, they have engaged in trust games where they had to fall backwards and be caught by their partner without stepping backwards. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and most trusted their partner to catch them. Keep up the good work Isle Class!

(Mr Clements)

Kingsmoor Class News: This week we have finished our information texts about Rivers. We used the media hub to publish them; they are looking very professional!

Our swimming lessons are going well. This week, half the class started to learn to dive. We had great fun and some fantastic results.

(Miss Chadbourne)

Safeguarding News

Road/Car Park Safety: Please could we ask parents/carers to reinforce the message we are giving to children in school that they should take great care both when arriving in the morning and leaving after school in our car park and on the roads leading to school. Our car park is in continual use and whilst staff are very careful when driving in and out, parents and children need to take care to ensure we all keep safe.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

Digital Wellbeing - Childnet Guidance for Parents: Growing up in the Digital World can be both positive and negative for our children. Technology allows them to connect, share and learn in all sorts of ways. But, as recent research has shown, being online can put pressure on children or expose them to upsetting experiences. As adults, it



can be difficult to know how to support our

children to become healthy, confident users of technology. So [Childnet](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing) has produced guidance to support parents in this. It is organised into different age groups from 3-18 year-olds and provides support for parents with children of all ages:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing>

After School Clubs

Well done to the Hockey and Tag Rugby Clubs who have regularly braved the cold over the past weeks. The children who attend these clubs have not let the weather put them off from taking part, well done!

(Mrs Ramwell)

Sports News

CLP Basketball Tournament: Good luck to the basketball teams who will play next week at Huish Academy. We look forward to seeing how you get on. (Mrs Ramwell)

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 Bag Pack at Tesco, Langport, a Film Night, Easter Family Treasure Hunt & Easter 'Decorate an Egg' Competition are planned. Details to follow. **To join the PFA visit their FB page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

Community Notices

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>

Wilder Woods, Drayton

There are lots of early Spring events for all ages and abilities including Volunteer Day (3 March), Gypsy Basket Making (16 & 17 March), Spring Play Day (9 April), Bushcraft Survival Camp (11 April), Wilderplay (Thursdays for five weeks starting 25

April), Forest School Friday Club (26 April for six weeks) and Wild Connections (10 & 17 May). Booking essential by emailing hannah@wilderwoods.org or phone 01458 252463.

Somerset Parent Carer Forum

Events are in Somerset (Bridgwater, Compton Dundon & Wincanton) for families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. They are free to attend and offer information on services and include workshops on Ofsted & CQC Local Area SEND inspections, autism and the Shortbreaks Strategy and a presentation on the new inclusion team (including the SEND Case working team) structure. For more details & to book please contact 07543 680365 or help@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk. Another website that gives people information and advice about care and support services and local groups in Somerset is www.somersetchoices.org.uk.

GingerFred Studios Workshops

For 4-16 year olds who want to learn more about singing, dancing and acting. Each workshop (run by two professional teachers & three trainee helpers) is four days long and we always finish with a half hour performance for family and friends. Mon 8 – Thurs 11 April: George's Marvellous Medicine; Mon 29 July – Thurs 1 Aug: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; Tues 20 – Fri 23 Aug: Gangsta Granny; 10.00am-3.00pm with show at 2.30pm on the last day; £65.00 per child per course; to book email info@gingerfredstudio.com.

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

Start Date: 25 February 2019

1 hour per day

Monday to Friday Term Time

Fixed Term to 31 August 2019

Grade 16: £8.55—£8.62 per hour pro rata

We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to join our lunchtime team.

The successful candidate will be a friendly, energetic and enthusiastic individual who will be available to start after Half Term. They will be required to assist the children during their lunch and playtime with both indoor and outdoor activities, supporting and joining in with play to encourage inclusive, fun playtimes.

The Levels Academy Trust is committed to equal opportunities, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced clearance via the disclosure procedure.

If you are interested in the vacancy, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Mrs Meredith in the School Office by Wednesday, 6 February 2019.



Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Spring Term 2019:

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.

Tuesday, 5 March: **Young Voices Competition; Northmoor & Isle pupils; Greenfylde School, Ilminster; 6.00pm.**

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.

Wednesday, 20 March—Monday, 1 April: **Scholastic Book Fair; more details to follow.**

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; **10.00am-11.00am** 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.

Tues 12 Feb: Aller; **Tues 5 Mar:** Sedgemoor;

Tues 19 Mar: Parrett; **Tues 2 Apr:** Kingsmoor Year 6s.

Next Issues of this Newsletter: 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:

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.)

8 Feb & 24 May: Parrett; **1 Mar & 7 June:** Kingsmoor;

15 Mar & 28 June: Northmoor; **29 Mar & 12 July:** Aller;

26 Apr: Isle; **10 May:** Sedgemoor;

19 July: Year 6 (time tbc).

School Meals Menu Weeks:

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

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

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



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