

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Aller's 'Learn with Us', Northmoor's Deck Party, hockey & basketball.

From the Headteacher:

I am writing to you a few hours before the disco and I can tell you that the children are buzzing with excitement! We are so pleased to have such a dedicated groups of parents, carers and helpers supporting us, as the PFA, with great events – thank you.

I would also like to thank all the staff, children and parents who contributed towards making our school so notable with the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP. Receiving a letter from the Department stating that Huish Episcopi Primary School was in the top 1% of the country for the KS2 Maths results is such an honour and reflects the dedication of the adults working in this great school with our great children!

As we embark upon the Half Term holiday, we realise as staff that we are half way through another busy school year. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Staff News

We are delighted to welcome **Miss Adele Sanford** and **Miss Charlotte Davis**. They are both undertaking a seven week student teacher work placement as part of their PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) course. Miss Sanford is working in Isle Class and Miss Davis in Northmoor Class. This is part of our working partnership with Somerset SCITT (school-centred initial teacher training).

We should also like to welcome **Mrs Sarah Masters** to our school community. Mrs Masters is our new Clerk to Trustees and will be based at our school in the Academy Office.

School News

INSET DAY—TOMORROW: Please remember that it is an Staff Training Day tomorrow, Friday, 15

February 2019, so no children in school please! We look forward to welcoming you all back after Half Term on Monday, 25 February 2019.

Permission to Walk Home: We are happy for children in Year 5 & 6 to walk home by themselves following permission being given by parents/carers. Any child in Year 4 or below can walk home with an older sibling (Year 4 & above) if permission has been given but we do not allow any child in Year 4 or below to walk home alone—they must be collected by an adult or older sibling. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

School Council: Our School Council has met to decide on an agenda for our school. Internet Safety came top of their bill, so last week all of KS2 was involved in an afternoon of fun activities to promote 'staying safe' online. Watch this space for more information about the Council's events over the coming weeks.

World Book Day: World Book Day is on Thursday, 7 March. This year our theme is '*Stories from around the World*'. We will be organising our usual dress up day plus a host of Book Day activities for the children. This year we will be having a competition to win five, £5.00 Scholastic book tokens. To win a token, the children have to create a story in a jar. It must be clear from the jar which story is being told. It can show a scene from the book or simply hint at the whole title. Happy creating! (Miss Chadbourne)



School Uniform Shop: If anyone has any hangers for children's clothes the shop would be grateful for any donations. Please give them to Mrs Pengelly or drop them off at the School Office.

Bad Weather Procedures: 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.

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.

Class News

Parrett Class News: Parrett pupils have been enjoying starting their day with a nursery rhyme. They are increasing their independence by using their 'Busy Bug' book to draw and write something connected to the nursery rhyme of their choice. Feel free to come into the classroom at the end of the school day and take a look. Parrett have also been making lots of Winter crafts including polar bears, penguins, Winter tree pictures and much more! (Mrs Raymond)

Aller Class News: Aller have worked very hard this half term. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend our 'Learn with Us' session—we were bursting at the seams. The children loved having you as



part of their story writing process! Have a wonderful, safe half term holiday!

(Mrs Vogel)

Northmoor Class

News: Northmoor have had a fantastic half-term with every child putting huge amounts of effort into their work. This hard work has paid off and they have all been able to recognise the progress they have made in their learning. We had a special 'Deck Party' on Thursday to celebrate the writing they have done and award many handwriting pens. We all enjoyed Madeira cake and fresh lime juice together. Well done Northmoor, you have made us very proud! (Mrs Kenchington)



Northmoor have continued to be very busy before half term. We are writing a persuasive article explaining why we agree or not with the idea of animals being kept in zoos. It has sparked some lively debate in the classroom with lots of discussion.

We have also been learning about the digestive system in Science and recreated it in the classroom with some help from some biscuits, water, orange juice and some tights! The results were interesting but the experiment certainly helped us to understand what happens to our food and drink inside our bodies. Hopefully the children shared their knowledge when they got home? (Mrs Perry)

Last week, Northmoor also became bug creation central!



Isle Class News: Isle Class turned into detectives to solve the murder of the 'Highwayman'. They had to interview characters from the poem to determine the cause of the Highwayman's demise. The children came up with



thought provoking questions and then turned their questions and answers into direct speech.

(Mr Clements)



Kingsmoor Class News: This week we have been writing biographies about people who can inspire us. This literacy unit has been linked with RE. The children have chosen inspirational individuals to research and write about including Malala Yousafzai, William Wilberforce, Rosa Parks and Oskar Schindler. (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, using pedestrian crossing 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)

Sports News

Cross Country: Good luck to the Cross Country Team who will be running at the Hambridge Cross Country Race later today! (Mrs Ramwell)

CLP Hockey Tournament: The Hockey Team played in the CLP Tournament at Huish Academy. The team had never played together before and worked really well together. They thoroughly enjoyed their games showing great attack and defence skills. Well done! (Mrs Ramwell)



CLP Basketball Tournament: Well done to the basketball teams who came fourth in the CLP Basketball Tournament. Both teams played really well demonstrating good teamwork and sporting etiquette. See photo on page 1. (Mrs Ramwell)

PFA News

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

Diary Dates: TONIGHT! Thursday, 14 February: Valentine's Disco; School Hall; R/KS1 6.15pm-7.15pm; KS2 7.30pm-8.30pm.

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

Community Notices

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.

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.

Immigration Support Sessions (Diversity Voice)

Immigration Support Sessions (drop-ins) are running now for support and advice regarding their immigration status with Brexit deadlines approaching. Sessions at Victoria Park Community Centre, Bridgwater and at West Somerset Advice Centre, Minehead. There is an online booking form (30 minute appointments):

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/DiversityVoice@diversityvoice.org.uk/bookings/>

There may be a small fee (no more than £10.00). You can find more information here <https://diversityvoice.org.uk/our-services/hinkley-point-community-fund/264-immigration-support-meetings.html>

Huish & Langport Cricket Club

Cricket - a game for all! Huish & Langport Cricket Club are looking forward to another season from mid-April starting with training sessions. The club is hoping to field various youth teams in all age groups and is therefore looking to welcome new youth (along with senior talent) to the club. Qualified coaches undertake training sessions, usually on a Wednesday with youth matches being played on Thursday & Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. Should you be interested in joining, please contact Toby Strang on 01458 272191 or 07783 134498. More details www.huishlangport.play-cricket.com and www.handlcc.com or follow on Facebook and Twitter (@wearehlcc).



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

Red Nose Day Friday, 15 March 2019

The school will be undertaking lots of activities in aid of Red Nose Day on Friday, 15 March.

Pupils can wear mufti (for a donation of £1.00) including a red nose of some sort!

The School Council will be running a 'Pay to Play' Afternoon for which each activity will cost 20p.

The Council should also like to hold a Cake & Treat Sale at break times so please could we ask for any cake and treat contributions to be brought into school that morning. Thank you.

Please send your child in with their mufti donation and some extra money for activities and cakes. (School Council)

Langport & Yeovil Libraries

Why not check to see what Half Term activities are being held at **Langport Library** next week?

On Saturday, 16 March 2019, **Yeovil Library** is holding a Festival of Flight with FREE talks, workshops & activities for all ages including a drone challenge, a VR tour of the International Space Station, flight simulator, building Lego planes, paper plane workshop, model aircraft and much more. For more information: www.somersetlibraries.co.uk

World Book Day

Remember
to create
your story
in a jar!



Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Spring Term 2019:

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

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

Tues 2 Apr: Kingsmoor Year 6s.

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

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:

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.)

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: Year 6 (time tbc).

School Meals Menu Weeks:

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

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

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



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