

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Young Voices, life as a miner, constructors, arrow tag, pancake races & our staff dressed up for World Book Day!

## From the Headteacher:

At the last time of writing we were only one day away from the field being sufficiently dry for the children to use and now we appear to be back to square one. Nevertheless, we enjoyed being indoors for our science day where children considered the skills and knowledge required to become an astronaut. Alongside this, three classes were awarded time during Reward Day which took the form of arrow tag this time!

I would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers who have made great efforts with the costumes their children were sporting yesterday. World Book Day is always a favourite of mine as we focus on the joy which stories, facts and information bring to our lives each and every day. Well done to *Story in a Bottle* winners **Matthew, Lola, Ainsley, Thomas & Jessica**.



The School Council have been busy organising Red Nose Day which will take place on Friday, 15 March. Please see the note (on page 4) from the School Council with information about the day and keep an eye on Twitter. From the next issue of the newsletter, there will be a regular feature about what this group of very determined individuals have achieved so far through their tough negotiating! Thank you to everyone who has managed to make a 'Learn with Us' session since September. The

children really enjoy you coming in to their 'School World' and we really appreciate the support you show us through the comments after these sessions. The next time I write I hope to bring you news of playing on the field! (Mrs Doughty Davis)

## Staff & Governor News

We are pleased to welcome **Mr Russell Head** as a Governor and **Mrs Sylwia Korbal & Mrs Carolyn Tokmak** who join us as Lunchtime Supervisors. We have been very fortunate to secure **Mr Paul Usher** as Parrett Class Teacher until the Easter Holiday as Miss Walker has resigned her post to take a career break. After Easter, Parrett Class will welcome back **Miss Lisa Cardwell** who is returning from maternity leave.

## School News

**Young Voices Competition:** Northmoor Class want to mention, and say a huge well done to, **Elsie** and **Oliver** for taking part and competing in the Young Voices Competition at Greenfylde School, Ilminster on Tuesday evening. Both learnt speeches and gave stunning performances. Elsie won the Year 2 & 3 competition with a wonderful speech. Mrs Perry was so very proud of both Oliver and Elsie as she watched in the audience. Very well done! The school has now been invited to enter a poetry recital competition in June! (Mrs Perry) (see photos above)

**KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Year 2 parents/carers:** We are going to hold a KS1 SATs Information Meeting, for parents/carers with children in Year 2, **at 3.30pm on Thursday, 21 March 2019** in Sedgemoor Classroom. In the meeting, I will explain what the tests look like, how we administer them and what you can do to support your child at home. If you cannot make the meeting, I will send information home with your Year 2 child. I look forward to seeing many of you there. (Miss Chadbourne)

## Year 1 Phonics Screening Information

**Meeting for parents/carers: On Monday, 25 March 2019 at 2.30pm**, Mrs Vogel and Miss Chadbourne will be hosting a meeting, in Aller Class, for parents/carers with Year 1 children, to talk through the phonics screening test that the pupils will be sitting in June. We will show you what the tests look like, show you how we prepare the children for these tests and give you some top tips to support your child at home. If you cannot attend the meeting, we will send information home with your Year 1 child. (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.

**So You Want to be an Astronaut?:** We had a visit from Jo Richardson from Space Detectives, last week. The whole school participated in workshops, learning about what it might be like in space. We loved the virtual reality goggles!



<http://www.spacedetectives.com>

## Pupil News

**Thomas** and **Andrew**, who play for the Wessex Titans Football Club, played in the final of the Yeovil & District U11s Mini Soccer League last weekend and their team won the event. Well done boys! (Mrs Ramwell)



We have such generous, kind pupils at our school: **Lucy** donated her long hair to The Little Princess Trust (@LPTrustUK), an organisation that provides wigs to young people with hair loss. (Miss Chadbourne)



## Class News

**Parrett Class News:** Parrett Class have been having great fun in their newly opened Robot Workshop. They are beginning to design and build robots from construction toys and playdough. We have been listening to a variety of robot stories. If you have any cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes or any junk modelling materials we would be grateful of any donations. Thank you. (Mr Usher & Mrs Raymond)



**Aller Class News: Science:** The children have loved trying to guess who is who in all of the baby photos – some of our smiles have not changed! We



will continue to talk over the following weeks about how our bodies keep changing as we get older before we start exploring all of our senses.

**History:** What an incredible selection of toys we have in our mini Toy Museum already! Thank you so much for all who have shared their childhood favourites with us – and for those who have not, it is not too late! In addition to our toys from home, we have another special 80 year old toy called "Wispie" join us for the next few weeks. The children have loved looking after him. Seeing the toys in person has definitely grabbed the children's attention and they are so excited to see where this unit will take us.



We were incredibly lucky to spend a morning in our first week back deciding if we would fancy being an astronaut when we grow up. The children had a busy session learning about what astronauts do to train before heading up to space, then training our own bodies and minds to see if we were fit for it too. It was lovely to see so many leaving the workshop feeling so inspired! (Mrs Vogel)



Aller Class took part in a traditional pancake race where they tried hard to flip and run with their pancakes. Only one pancake was dropped and the children really enjoyed eating them at the end of their races! (Mrs Ramwell)

**Northmoor Class News:** Northmoor Class have had a busy start to this half term. We have embarked on learning about fractions in maths which began with us drawing fractions and they have made a lovely display on our classroom windows which we hope you can see.

We went on an amazing hunt around school looking for clues about our new book. We found clues all about the Antarctic and it turns out we are going to be explorers! Our book is called 'Shackleton's Journey' and is all about Ernest Shackleton's exploration of the Antarctic. Our task over the next few weeks is to pretend to be explorers and explain how to survive like Shackleton and his crew.

We had our Reward Day yesterday for gaining the highest number of Golden Tickets as a class last term. We did 'arrow tag' which was fantastic fun and became quite competitive!! Mrs Perry and Mrs Kenchington are extremely proud of the children and their work ethic and we hope we can gain another Reward Day this half term. (Mrs Perry)

**Isle Class News:** Isle Class had an interesting start to their Literacy work this term. Studying the book *'Town is by the Sea'*, the children went coalmining in the classroom in dark and hot conditions. Following this, they used the coal (and charcoal) to draw pictures of miners' faces whilst they considered what life must have been like to be a miner. Isle Class have begun to debate some of the issues in the story which will lead to some discussion writing next week.

(Mr Clements)



### Health News—Pupils' Drinks Bottles:

Please could we ask that you fill your child's drinks bottles with **water only**, not juice, thank you. We will be replacing bottles of juice with those of water in future. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

### Safeguarding News

#### Talking to your Children about Healthy Internet Use:

As we all know, the internet is a significant part of most children's lives now. As a parent, it can be a challenge to ensure your child has a healthy relationship with technology. The Mental Health Foundation have released new advice for parents to support you in talking to your children about their use of the internet. Five of their tips are:

1. Remember: the internet is not all bad.
2. An internet ban is rarely helpful.
3. Be age-appropriate.
4. Keep talking.
5. Use the internet alongside your child.

For more details about these tips and further advice visit: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/talking-your-children-about-healthy-internet-use>

### Sports News

**Cross Country:** Well done to the team who ran at Somerton Rec in the CLP King Ina Cross Country race. The children ran in very cold and wet conditions but they all showed a real determination to finish. It was lovely to see how well they supported each other.



Again, well done to the team who ran at Huish

Academy in the CLP Huish Cross Country race. The course was extremely muddy and challenging. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their races. A special mention must go to Rhys who lost both his shoes in the mud during his run but this did not deter him and he finished the race in his socks. His shoes were recovered at the end of the race!



A big thank you to all the support that was given and to Mrs Padfield for walking to and from the event in rain and hail. (Mrs Ramwell)

**Reward Day:** **Aller** (presentation), **Northmoor** (Golden Tickets) and **Isle** (attendance) won the Reward Day for this half term.

Aller Class got to take part in multiskills activities, developing their awareness of space especially when playing 'tractor tag', a new game for them.



Northmoor and Isle played 'arrow tag', a game which is like dodgeball but played with bows and arrows. The children thoroughly enjoyed this new activity and quickly became very accurate when firing their arrows at each other. (The arrows did have plastic balls on the end so did not hurt when hit). We were delighted to receive the

following comment from Patrick O'Loughlin, the Manger of Premier Sport Exeter & Premier Sport East Somerset: "I just wanted to say how much we enjoyed delivering multiskills and arrow tag for your students today. This is the first time I have taught in your school and I was extremely impressed with the behaviour, application and personality of your children – they were a pleasure to be with today. We look forward to coming back at the end of April." (Mrs Ramwell)

### PFA News

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

#### Diary Dates:

**Friday, 29 March:** Tickets are on sale now for the PFA's Cambodian Fundraising Feast. Places are limited so reserve yours in person via the Facebook group or by email [racheljones76@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:racheljones76@hotmail.co.uk)

**Friday, 5 April:** Mufti (non-uniform) Day & Cake Sale plus Easter Egg Raffle. More details to follow.

**Friday, 26 April:** Film Night

**Tuesday, 28 May** - Family Forest School @ Drayton Woods; 10am -2pm; £10 per family. Places are limited so contact [racheljones76@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:racheljones76@hotmail.co.uk) to reserve your place!

**Friday, 5 July:** PFA AGM; 3.30pm; School Hall

**Other Events:** Easter Family Treasure Hunt & Easter 'Decorate an Egg' Competition, Year 6 Campout (plus leavers hoodies), disco & clothing collection are planned. Details to follow. **To join the PFA visit their FB page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

## Community Notices

**Champion Music Group:** Champion Music offers private instrumental tuition in the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Saxophone, Trumpet, Guitar and Drums. Lessons take place weekly in school time and cost £9.50 for 20 minutes and £13.50 for 30 minutes, or £6.75 for shared lessons in certain instruments. For more information and to apply online go to [www.championmusicgroup.co.uk/registration](http://www.championmusicgroup.co.uk/registration) or ask the School Office for a registration form.

## 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

### 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, preferably red including a red nose of some sort! The School Councillors would like to encourage everyone to bring in a game or activity for the afternoon.

The School Council will be running a 'Pay to Play' Afternoon and 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 £1.00 for their mufti donation and 'Pay to Play' combined, plus up to £1.00 for cakes and sweets. Thank you.  
(School Council)

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](mailto:info@gingerfredstudio.com).

## 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](http://www.huishlangport.play-cricket.com) and [www.handlcc.com](http://www.handlcc.com) or follow on Facebook and Twitter (@wearehlcc).

## 'Growth Mindset' - Information Session for parents/carers (Huish CLP)

This session, led by Caroline Lafferty-Jenkins, will help your child develop a growth mindset believing that intelligence can be developed and school is a place to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow. Wednesday, 27 March 2019; 6.30pm; Huish Academy Main Hall. To book a place please visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/QM5uWiZ9C5IG17AK2>

## Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

### Spring Term 2019:

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

**Tuesday, 19 March—Friday, 22 March:** Scholastic Book Fair; School Hall; 3.30pm daily.



**Thursday, 21 March:** KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Year 2 parents/carers; 3.30pm; Sedgemoor Class.

**Monday, 25 March:** Phonics Screening Information Meeting for Year 1 parents/carers; 2.30pm; Aller Class.

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

**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 (no school)

**Monday, 13 May:** SATs Week; Year 6 pupils.

**w/c 27 May:** Half Term.

**Monday, 10 June:** New Parents' Meeting (Reception Sept 2019 intake); 6.00pm-7.00pm.

**Friday, 21 June:** Levels Academy Trust Olympic Sports Day; Yeovil Athletics Arena.

**Wednesday, 3 July:** Year 6 Induction Day; Huish Academy.

**Wednesday, 3 July:** Play Session for new intake (Reception Sept 2019); 9.30am-11.30am; Parrett Class.

**Thursday, 4 July:** Play Session for new intake (Reception Sept 2019); 1.30pm-2.30pm; Parrett Class.

**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 Leavers Assembly (time tbc) and Term Ends.

### KS2 Swimming (Wednesdays) 2019:

**Spring Term 2019:** Kingsmoor: 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 19 Mar:** Parrett;

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

More dates will follow for the Summer Term 2019, with afternoon sessions included.

### Next Issues of this Newsletter:

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, 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:** Netball (by invitation) 12 Mar with Mrs Ramwell.

## Celebration Assemblies 2019:

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

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

**26 Apr:** Isle; **10 May:** Sedgemoor; **24 May:** Parrett;

**7 June:** Kingsmoor; **19 July:** Year 6 (time tbc).

## School Meals Menu Weeks:

**Week 1:** w/c 18 Mar.

**Week 2:** w/c 25 Mar.

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

**School Meals Provision:** Please look out for information on a tasting session for parents/carers which we will be holding early next term with our new food supplier, Huish Academy, who will be providing our meals after May Half Term. We will be asking for your opinion, and that of our children, before we draw up the new menus.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)



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