

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Well done Oliver & Molly for being selected for the Huish Inter Area Cross Country Team!

From the Headteacher:

Another successful term has passed with everyone contributing to our buzzy community in such a generous manner. The children enjoyed the first sessions on the field last week before it was snatched away but there will no doubt be more grass stained knees to come next term.

A particular highlight this term has been the huge progress that our children have made academically. Whilst we enjoy our many trips, visitors and experiences, we build them very carefully through the curriculum to ensure they enrich our study of a particular topic or theme. This week we have met to confirm the trips for the Summer Term so more news to follow after the holiday.

Whilst we are looking forward to the Summer Term from the children's perspective, we are considering our continued programme of refurbishment over the holiday which our small but perfectly formed team keep in tip top condition! We will be looking to the School Council to announce news of their fundraising event for next term which will also impact on this element.

I would like to thank you for the kind words we received at the recent parent evenings both about the new format and about the wider school context. There will be a school survey sent out to all parents and carers next term so we are able to listen to suggestions and consider where we can improve further in all aspects of our community.

I hope you have a restful time with friends and family over the break. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Staff News

We should like to welcome **Miss Mia Knight** to our school. Miss Knight joined us this week as a HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) in Kingsmoor Class.

Parrett Class is delighted to have **Miss Lisa Cardwell** back with them after her maternity leave. We should like to say a huge thank you to both **Mrs Sue Barlow** and **Mr Paul Usher** for teaching Sedgemoor and Parrett Class this term. **Mr Henry Bevan** will be teaching Sedgemoor from after the Easter holidays. We are sure he will be welcomed by the school community.

Message from Miss Davis & Miss Sanford:

We would like to start by saying a massive thank you to Huish Episcopi staff, parents and children for welcoming both of us into the school as well as supporting us through this placement. **Miss Davis** loved World Book Day. It was amazing seeing all the children dressed up as their favourite characters from books and sharing their most loved stories with the rest of the school. There was such a vast range of stories throughout the day being shared and definitely a few I need to purchase myself! **Miss Sanford** was involved in the weekly Science Club with Mr Clements. The highlight was seeing the children becoming little budding scientists. One rocket even flew 22 metres!!!!!! Well done Elsie, Michal and Mason. Also, we would like to thank all of those in Isle and Northmoor classes for helping us complete our questionnaires for our college assignments. We will be back to visit you all soon. (Miss Davis and Miss Sanford)



School News

Year 6 Maths Booster Club: This club will continue to run until SATS week next term. The first session after the Easter break is on Tuesday, 23 April. (Miss Chadbourne)

Can you help?: Gardening: If you have any garden tools, compost, hanging basket frames and

liners which you would be happy to donate to the school please could you bring them in during the first week of next term? **Dressing Up:** If you have any dressing up clothes/costumes in good condition you no longer want, please consider donating them to the school. Thank you. (Mrs Doughty Davis)

Thank You: All the pupils in Parrett Class would like to thank **Mrs Sandra Paull** for the gorgeous knitted rabbit egg cozy with an Easter egg that she made for each of them. They loved them! (Mrs Raymond)



Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you so much for buying so many books! We now have over £300.00 in commission for buying new books for the school. (Miss Chadbourne)

Creative Writing Project: After the Easter break, the whole school will be busy creating some amazing pieces of writing based on a book called 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. We are launching our unit of writing on the first day back and will spend two weeks writing poems, stories and non-fiction texts using this fantastic book.

We are going to open the school from **2.45pm** on the afternoon of **Friday, 3 May** for parents to come in and see what we have been doing. We hope many of you will come along and celebrate our writing. (Miss Chadbourne)

School Council—Pupil Voice

The Five Interviews: "Isle Class' Molly, Chloe Y, Olivia and Adrian were asked to interview five candidates for a job of teaching at our school. We had to ask some tricky questions about what they would do if they were at our school.

In the morning, we were excited but when it got closer to the interviews nerves were kicking in and we are sure the candidates felt like that too.

These are some of the questions: would you be able to answer them? 'If you were a colour what would you be and why?' 'What is your secret talent?'" (Chloe Y & Olivia, Isle Class)

Class News

Parrett Class News: In Literacy, we have been continuing to learn the story of 'No-Bot the Robot'. We have been learning and practising the poem 'My Robots Misbehaving'. In Numeracy, we have started subtraction using songs and rhymes as well as continuing with our 2D shape work.

James the Curate came in for his third visit and he told the children the Easter story. We all made

Easter gardens and did a sequencing activity retelling the Easter story. The children had a great afternoon and were totally engaged. (Photo on page 5.)



In PE, with Mrs Ramwell last week, we went onto the field and did some athletics. The children did throwing and hurdling. This was their first visit to the field for PE and both Mrs Ramwell and Mrs Raymond were very impressed with the children's skills and behaviour. (Mr Usher & Mrs Raymond)

Aller Class News: Aller Class have worked so hard this half term and were so excited and proud to share what they have been learning about with you. Thank you to all of the family and friends who were able to make it to our Celebration Assembly!



Our last week of this term is full of poetry, the Easter story and finishing off our length and height measurement unit in Maths before our well-earned break. Wishing all a Happy Easter and we will see you back for our final term! (Mrs Vogel)



Sedgemoor Class News: Sedgemoor Class have been working very hard in maths with their fractions work. Year 3 have been looking at equivalence whilst Year 2 have been investigating halves, quarters and thirds in quantities and shapes. Year 2 have also started to work on measuring, understanding that the unit of measure is very important. We thought about using different units of measure for length such as doughnuts or sausages but agreed that as these come in different shapes and sizes this would not be ideal! After the holiday, the children will be working on 3D shapes using the language of faces, vertices and edges to describe and recognize shapes. (Mrs Doughty Davis)



Northmoor Class News: Northmoor have been busy with perhaps our favourite part making cars in design technology. They needed a lot of planning and at times were a little frustrating but are now made and most work really well. We were surprised how different they all looked.

In Maths, we have, and will be, continuing with fractions - we did not appreciate how much there was to learn but fractions with chocolate eggs always helps!!! In English, we produced some amazing poems about waves. Mrs Kenchington and Mrs Perry were really impressed with the vocabulary and similes used and they are now displayed in class - Miss Robinson has made it look fantastic! Finally in French, we have made our own dominoes game with French numbers. We are looking forward to playing this when we get back from Easter. We all hope you have a lovely holiday and eat some chocolate!!! (Mrs Perry)

Good luck to **Miss Charlotte Davis** with the rest of her teacher training. Thank you for all your hard work with Northmoor. (Mrs Kenchington)

Isle Class News: In this busy term, Isle Class have worked very hard in all aspects of their learning. Their writing has gone from strength to strength and is really showing all the skills we have been learning. The confidence with fronted adverbials, relative clauses, subordinating conjunctions has all been demonstrated in their final piece of work to do with our book 'Town is by the Sea.' Furthermore, the children have also tackled some tricky verb work and can now identify and use the present/past perfect tense....if you are not sure, ask someone from Isle to explain it to you.

Isle Class would also like to wish **Miss Adele Sanford** the very best as she moves onto the next phase of her teacher training. We thank her for her hard work and wish her well. (Mr Clements)

Kingsmoor Class News: In Kingsmoor this week, we have been learning about the artist, William Morris. We have been studying his prints and wallpaper designs. We have created our own designs and cut our stencils from tiles. We used printing ink to make our own wallpaper in the style of William Morris.

In Literacy, we have been reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. We have written missing chapters and newspaper reports based on the book about a crash landing in the Amazonian jungle!

We have finished our swimming sessions which have been enjoyed and it is great to see everybody's progress in their swimming and in their confidence in the water. A big thank you to our helpers, **Mrs McGinty** and **Mrs Padfield** - we really appreciate your time.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support us in our 'Learn with Us' session. The children and their carers had great fun playing around with words in our Literacy lesson (see photo on page one). (Miss Chadbourne)

Safeguarding News

Parents vs Kids Online Quiz: Children love competing with their parents! This free quiz from O2 and the NSPCC is a fantastic, fun way for families to have conversations about staying safe online which can be played on phones, tablets, laptops & even Amazon Alexa. It aims to 'get families talking about the exciting possibilities of the internet, as well as the risks to look out for.' Visit <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids> to find out more!

Sports News

Swimming: Swimming lessons will start on Wednesday, 24 April for Isle Class. A letter was sent on 15 March with a request for £25.00 to cover some of the costs. Thank you to all of you who have paid and please bring in your permission slip and money on the first day of term if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Tag Rugby Tournament: The Tag Rugby Team took part in the CLP Tournament at Somerton Playing Fields. The whole team played really well, scoring some fantastic tries and working together to create a strong defence. WELL DONE!



Inter Area Cross Country Championships: Congratulations to **Molly** and **Oliver** who have made it into the Huish Inter Area Cross Country team. They will compete at Mudford Rec, Yeovil against teams from Wells, Yeovil and Mendip on Wednesday, 24 April. This is a fantastic achievement, well done! We wish them well and look forward to seeing how they get on! (Photo on page one.)

Spring Term 2019 Sports Report

It has been a busy term with children taking part in lots of events; there have been fantastic runs in the cross country, brilliant skills demonstrated in football and netball, great sporting values demonstrated in hockey and outstanding teamwork in tag rugby. All the children who have participated have been a credit to themselves and to the school.

(Mrs Ramwell)

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

Diary Dates:

Friday, 26 April: PJ Party & Film Night—back by popular demand! In April, we will be asking all classes to vote for the films that they would like to see. Tickets will include a jumbo hot dog, popcorn and squash. More information to follow but if you have film ideas please let us know!

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

Tuesday, 4 June: Bags of Help clothing collection; bags will be distributed before May Half Term so you can have a good clear-out!

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

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

Community Notices

Langport Town Clock Restoration and potential traffic queues: The Town Clock is now ready to go back up on the Town Hall and the work is scheduled to be carried out from **Sunday, 7–Sunday, 14 April 2019**. Due to the size of the clock, scaffolding will infringe onto the road, the zebra crossing will be closed, there will be single file traffic and three way traffic lights. The cost will be met in part by generous contributions from

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)

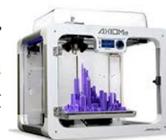


Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor:

Mrs Lou Ward

Langport Town Council and Huish Episcopi Parish Council but anyone who would also like to make a donation to Langport Town Trust please contact Sarah Patten on 01458 259700 or email her at office@langport.life. The Town Council thank you in advance for your co-operation and apologise for any inconvenience.

Langport Library: 3D Printer demonstration at the Library on Tuesday, 9 April between 10.00am & 4.00pm. Do pop by to have a look!



Tor Rugby Club: The club has a thriving Minis and Juniors section and this Easter holiday they are hosting a fun training camp with the Premier League leaders, Exeter Chiefs, on Wednesday, 17 April from 9.45am - 3.00pm. Age groups: U7-U14; cost £25.00; contact David Partlow by emailing torminirugby@gmail.com or <https://camps.exeterchiefs.co.uk/list/events>

Glastonbury Abbey Medieval Fayre 2019:

Held at Glastonbury Abbey on Sat 20 & Sun 21 April with a packed program of jousting, battles, jesters & medieval musicians, plus chances for children to try archery, knights' school, axe throwing, crossbows and take part in the adventure quest. Tickets available from <https://www.glastonburyabbey.com/view-event.php?&eventid=1000047&> and on the day.

Wilder Woods: Spring Play Day: Tuesday 9 April; 2.00pm - 4.30pm; 4-8 year olds; trails, games, stories & campfire snacks; cost £6.00 per child, £10.00 per family. Bushcraft Survival Camp: Friday 12 April; 10.00am - 3.00pm; 8-16 years; bushcraft skills, campfire cooking, woodland crafts, stories etc; cost £15.00 per person, includes campfire lunch, carers free. Contact Hannah 01458 252463 or hannah@wilderwoods.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

Cleaner

(5 hours per week—Grade 17)

We have a vacancy for a cleaner to work under the supervision of our fantastic cleaner, Mrs Harding. The hours will be split across the week by arrangement. There may also be an opportunity for additional hours to assist with deep cleaning during the holidays. If you are interested, please email info@huishepiscopiprimaryschool.co.uk by

Tuesday, 23 April 2019.

Huish Episcopi Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to disclosure through the Disclosure Barring Service.

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Summer Term 2019:

Tuesday, 23 April: Term Starts.

Thursday, 2 May: Tempest Photography; Class Photos; 9.00am.

Friday, 3 May: Creative Writing Project; 2.45pm; parents/carers invited into school to view pupils' work.



Monday, 6 May: Bank Holiday (no school)

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

Wednesday, 22 May: Year 6 LAT Trip to Matilda the Musical, Bristol Hippodrome; 12.00pm—7.00pm.

w/c 27 May: Half Term.

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

Thursday, 20 June: School Nursing Team; Heights & Weights; R & Yr 6; 10.45am; parents/carers letters to follow.

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

Tuesday, 25 June: CLP Public Speaking Competition; Huish Sixth Auditorium; 4.00pm (time tbc).

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-3.00pm; Parrett Class.

Monday, 8 July: Bridgwater Singing Festival; McMillan Theatre; pm/evening.

Thursday, 18 July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly; 2.30pm; School Hall; parents/carers invited.

Friday, 19 July: End of Year Celebration Service; St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi; 10.00am; (tbc).

Friday, 19 July: School Sports Day; School Field; 2.30pm. Followed by End of Year Assembly; School Hall. Term Ends at 3.30pm.

KS2 Swimming Summer Term 2019:

Isle: Weds: 24 Apr; 1, 8, 15, 22 May; 5, 12, 19 26 Jun; 3 Jul.

'Learn with Us' Sessions:

All afternoon sessions - from 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Thurs 9 May: Kingsmoor Class

Thurs 16 May: Isle Class

Thurs 23 May: Northmoor Class

Thurs 6 June: Aller Class

Thurs 13 June: Parrett Class

Thurs 27 June: Sedgemoor Class

Next Issues of this Newsletter:

3 May; 17 May; 7 June; 20 June; w/c 24 June - special photographic edition of Olympic Sports Day; 5 July; 19 July.

School Meals Menu

Weeks:

Week 1: w/c 22 Apr; 13 May.

Week 2: w/c 29 Apr; 20 May.

Week 3: w/c 6 May.



Sports Matches 2019:

Thursday, 2 May: Year 3 & 4 Netball Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Tuesday, 7 May: CLP Quadkids; Huish Episcopi Primary; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Friday, 17 May: Girls Cricket Day; Huish & Langport Cricket Club; 10.00am-3.30pm.

Thursday, 23 May: CLP Cricket Tournament; Curry Rivel Cricket Ground; 10.00am-3.00pm.

After School Clubs

Clubs start in the second week of term (w/c 29 April) and do NOT run in the last week of term (w/c 15 July). All clubs run from 3.30pm—4.30pm.

Summer Term 2019

Mondays: Board Strategy (board games) (All) with Mr Clements; **Beginner Recorders** (All) with Mrs Perry; **Kickboxing** (KS2) (please note small charge for belts, all other equipment provided) with Mr Odierno (please note that Kickboxing does not start until 13 May).

Tuesday: Athletics (R & KS1) with Mrs Lyes; **Booster Club** (by invitation only, KS2) with Miss Chadbourne.

Wednesdays: Athletics (KS2) with Mrs Lyes & Mrs Ramwell.

Thursdays: Green Fingers (All) with Mrs Vogel; Rounders (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell.

Fridays: Cricket (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell.

Celebration Assemblies 2019:

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

26 Apr: Isle;

10 May: Sedgemoor;

24 May: Parrett;

7 June: Kingsmoor;

28 June: Northmoor;

12 July: Aller;

Thurs 18 July: Year 6 at 2.30pm.



Busy cooking in Parrett (L) and celebrating their work in assembly for pupils in Aller (below L).



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