

HEPS News



Week beginning 02.12.19

The Week Ahead...

Day	Information	Clubs
Monday 02 Dec	Christingle Workshops and Service for pupils; 13:30-15:30; Curate James.	Early Birds Breakfast Club Year 6 & Year 2 Boosters (by invitation) Arty Crafty (KS1) Kickboxing (KS2) Earthlings Forest School (by invitation)
Tuesday 03 Dec	Deadline for KS2 (Years 3-6) paid meals orders (for hot meals w/c 9 December 2019); bookable on WisePay.	Early Birds Breakfast Club Netball (KS2) Gymnastics (KS1) Busy Bees
Wednesday 04 Dec	Somerset Music; brass instrument instruction; Isle Class 13:30-14:40. Parents' Evening; School Hall; 15:50-18:50.	Early Birds Breakfast Club Football (KS2) Busy Bees
Thursday 05 Dec	Sedgemoor Class Learn with Us; 09:00-10:00 (parents/carers to wait by pond at top of steps please to be signed in). GingerFred Workshops; Parrett & Aller; 13:30-15:00. Parents' Evening; School Hall; 15:50-17:50.	Early Birds Breakfast Club Bookworms (KS1) Harmony Choir (KS2) Busy Bees
Friday 06 Dec	Sedgemoor Celebration Assembly; 15:00-15:30 (top gate will be opened shortly before). Isle Class Bake Sale; 15:30 (please leave donations of cakes in Community Room in the morning).	Early Birds Breakfast Club Code Breakers (KS2) Running Beans (KS2) Busy Bees

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HEPS Chair of Governors & Safeguarding Governor:

Mr Russell Head

Vice Chair:

Mr Simon Smith



Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis, Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Miss Jenny Chadbourne



Letters/emails/items on WisePay sent out w/c 18 November:

Aller Class Learn with Us	-	Thurs 5 Dec at 09:00-10:00.
Head Lice reported	-	Please check your child's hair regularly & treat
Parrett & Aller parents/carers —'Our Very Own Nativity'	-	Book your tickets on WisePay by 11 Dec

Staffing News: Congratulations to **Miss Robinson** who has qualified as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) after a year of hard work both in the classroom and with assignments. We are also pleased to tell you that **Miss Chadbourne** was successful in her interview for County Moderator—a prestigious role. She will be visiting schools in Somerset and beyond to ensure the same assessment standards are being used for writing.

Parents' Evenings: Please arrive in plenty of time for your appointment as we have not allocated any report reading time before meeting the teacher (in response to parental feedback). These will take place on Wednesday, 4 December (15:50-18:50) and Thursday, 5 December 2019 (15:50-17:50) in the School Hall.

Kickboxing Club: Please note that this club will have an additional grading session on Monday, 16 December from 15:30-17:00. All other clubs will finish w/c 9 December and will not run w/c 16 December.

Can you help?: We are still looking for Father Christmas who will be needed on the afternoon of Thursday, 19 December as part of the PFA's annual Santa's Grotto for the children. Please contact the School Office if you can help or contact the PFA on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

PFA Christmas Raffle: The PFA need your help to make some wonderful Christmas Hampers for the Christmas Raffle at the end of term. Please can we ask each child from every class to donate an item, of up to £3.00 in value, to make the hampers super special. Your donations could include pampering toiletries, food (condiments, biscuits, chocolate, nibbles), drinks, homemade gifts, crafts - anything you would be happy to win yourselves! Please bring in donations between Monday, 2 December and Friday, 13 December to ensure enough time for the hampers to be assembled. Any queries, do ask the PFA. Many thanks!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: Thanks you to those who donated—we raised £59.85.

Reading: After Christmas we will be making a few changes to the way we send books home for Parrett, Aller and Sedgemoor pupils. Your child may come home with two books, one which will be phonically decodable and match the phonemes learned in class, the other will be a book which may contain phonemes your child has not met before. We will send more information to parents/carers after Christmas.

We will be asking children who do not have signatures in their planners to join our lunchtime book club so they are not missing out on crucial reading practice. We will be focusing on children who regularly miss reading sessions at home and who would really benefit from reading more regularly.

Safeguarding: Choosing video games for your family: With Christmas around the corner, many parents and carers will be considering games as presents for their children but knowing which devices and games are most suitable for your children can be difficult. Childnet have produced advice for parents and suggest you talk to other parents, try the game yourself, get information from reliable sources (such as [Netaware](#) and [Common Sense](#)) and trust your own judgement (make your own decision for your child). See: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/but-everyone-else-is-playing-it-how-do-i-decide-if-a-game-is-right-for-my-child>

Capture a Comment: *"My favourite bit this week was the gibbons at the zoo. I never knew they were so loud. They were quite lazy eating leaves and things but I liked watching them. I don't think I'd like to work at the zoo because it would be too noisy near the gibbons."* (Belle, Sedgemoor)

Questions on the Gate: *"I've heard clubs are going on WisePay; does this mean we have to pay for them now?"*

"We are finalising club provision for next term so we are able to confirm exact clubs and activities. They will be made available and booked through WisePay, hopefully before the end of term. An email will be sent with information but all bookings will be made on WisePay. I have a very firm belief that clubs should be available to all children and not just a select few which is why we will continue to offer our varied programme free of charge wherever possible."