

# HEPS News



Week beginning 11.11.19

## The Week Ahead...

Day	Information	Clubs
Monday 11 Nov	Remembrance Service; pupils only; School Hall; 1030.  Nativity Workshops with Curate James; Parrett & Aller classes; 1330.	Early Birds Breakfast Club Year 6 & Year 2 Boosters (by invitation) Arty Crafty (KS1) Kickboxing (KS2) Earthlings Forest School (by invitation)
Tuesday 12 Nov	Deadline for return of KS2 (Years 3-6) paid meals order slips (for hot meals w/c 18 November 2019). Now bookable on WisePay.  Premier Sports Reward Day—Archery	Early Birds Breakfast Club Netball (KS2) Gymnastics (KS1) Busy Bees
Wednesday 13 Nov	Somerset Music; brass instrument instruction; Isle Class 13:30-14:40.  Swimming Lessons—Northmoor & Yr 3s in Sedgemoor; 13:30-15:30.	Early Birds Breakfast Club Football (KS2) Busy Bees
Thursday 14 Nov	Flu Vaccinations; all pupils; morning; School Nursing Team.  HEPS Local Governing Body Meeting; 1600.	Early Birds Breakfast Club Bookworms (KS1) Harmony Choir (KS2) Busy Bees
Friday 15 Nov	Children in Need day. Dress up in spots and stripes and enjoy the games afternoon for £1.00 per child. Please donate spotty or stripy cakes to be bought during break times and lunch run by the School Council. Cakes will be sold for 50p or less.	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 4 November:

Yr 2 After School Booster Session (Mondays)	-	selected Year 2 pupils
London Residential 2020 (expression of interest)	-	Current Year 4 & 5 pupils
Isle Class Trip to Montacute House	-	Book your child's place on WisePay

**Remembrance:** This last week has had a Remembrance focus for the school. The local service will take place on Sunday, 10 November 2019: 10:45 at the War Memorial, followed by a service in St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi .

**Children in Need:** The School Council proposed and voted on several options for Children in Need day next Friday. They decided on spotty or stripy mufti and a games afternoon for £1.00 and stripy and spotty bake sales with donated cakes and bakes from home being sold during break times for 50p or less.

**Reading Rates:** Across the school we have 81% of children reading to our minimum target of 5 reads a week. We would like to thank parents who support this target and agree that reading is the key to all other learning. If you would like help or guidance with reading with your child at home, please contact your child's class teacher or speak with Mrs Doughty Davis; we will be more than happy to help.

**Staffing:** We would like to congratulate Mrs Sell on her appointment as a SENTA in Parrett Class alongside her current roles with Busy Bees and Breakfast Club. Mrs Perry will be leaving us at Christmas so she can work closer to home to improve her work life balance with her young family; we will be recruiting for this post over the next few weeks and will send out information as soon as we are able.

**Message from Mrs Meredith:** To all staff, trustees, governors, parents and friends—A huge thank you to everyone for making my retirement from HEPS so memorable. I was overwhelmed by all the good wishes and generous gifts I received. I will think of you all when I am raising a glass, working in the garden and smelling the roses or watching a theatre production! Thank you also to those of you who were able to attend my Tea Party. It was such a wonderful surprise, I had no idea. The dance performed by Lily and Olivia and the choir singing added a special touch. Leaving HEPS was not an easy decision to make and I will miss each and everyone of you. However, I will keep in touch and I expect to hear wonderful things about the school. Thank you again - all my best wishes, Joan Meredith.

**Shoebox Appeal:** Thank you to those children who filled a shoebox for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. The boxes are on their way to a child in need.

**School Admissions September 2020:** Applications for September 2020 need to be made via the Somerset County Council website at [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions). For **primary** school places, the deadline is **Wednesday, 15 January 2019**. To apply: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/>. If you have any issues accessing this online please phone 0300 123 2224.

**Safeguarding:** On Monday, 25 November there will be an information evening about Children's Wellbeing and Mental Health with Somerset's Schools Health and Emotional Resilience Education (SHARE) team starting at 6:30pm. Mental health problems affect about 1 in 10 children and young people. This session will help parents/guardians/carers promote good mental health, wellbeing and resilience supporting physical health, positive relationships and education. To book a place on this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/LSj9uyU3HcN2TqYK9>

**Capture a Comment:** *"We thought about our mummies and daddies and whether they could have enough money for Children in Need things. So we voted yes but it shouldn't be too much as some mummies and daddies don't have lots of money but they do have some."* (Arlin, School Council, Aller)

**Questions on the Gate:** *"When is the Nativity?"*

"The nativity will be performed on two evenings this year on Tuesday, 17 and Wednesday, 18 December in order that several family members can attend a performance. Children will need to be returned to school at 16:30 so that staff can get them changed ready for the performances at 17:00 on both evenings. Whilst we appreciate that some parents will need to leave work early, the wellbeing of our children is our first concern, especially towards the end of the term when they will be tired. Parrett and Aller will be taking part in the Nativity this year with parts allocated across the classes taking into consideration the children's wishes and sensibilities. We will send out more information nearer the time regarding ticket allocation."