

HEPS News



Week beginning 18.10.2021

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday		Wear PE kit					
Tuesday				Wear PE kit			
Wednesday					Wear PE kit		
Thursday			Wear PE kit				
Friday	Inset Day	Inset Day	Inset Day	Inset Day	Inset Day	Inset Day	Inset Day

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HEPS Chair of Governors & Safeguarding Governor:

Mr Russell Head

Vice Chair:

Mr Sam Jackson



Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Doughty Davis, Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Miss Chadbourne, Deputy Headteacher



Letters/emails sent out recently or reminders:

Email regarding parents opening evening at the Academy

All Pupils

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on WisePay by 09:00am on Tuesday, 19 October 2021 for meals w/c 1 November 2021 (week 2 menu).

Residential Trips: A reminder for parents of Year 4 and 6 the deposit for the residential trips are due by this Monday 18th October please via Wisepay.

October Half Term Activities: The Community Inclusion and Activity Team are able to offer October Half Term activities for children who have disabilities or additional needs. The activities include a variety of face-to-face, online and activity packs delivered to the young person's door. Please click on the following link for more information <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/children-with-disabilities-service/#Community-Inclusion-and-Activity-Team> (scroll down to the Community Inclusion and Activity Team - October Half Term Activity Calendar).

Christmas cards: Don't be caught out by buying mass produced Christmas cards when you can have your child's unique artistic endeavours! All children across the school will be designing their own cards so these can be bought by parents and carers. More information will be coming home after half term. Apologies for mentioning Christmas this early!

Arriving with us in Reception next September or leaving Year 6 in the summer?: Whether your child is starting school for the first time, or transferring to their next school, applications need to be made through Somerset County Council's website: www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions.

The deadline for parents to submit applications for secondary school places is Saturday, 31 October 2020. This applies to all children moving from primary to secondary school, or middle to upper school, in September 2021.

The deadline for primary school places in Reception is Friday, 15 January 2021. This applies to all children starting school for the first time in September 2021. If you or any of your friends and family would like a tour of our school, please book this through the School Office.

Although reminder text messages and letters will be sent from the Council to parents on the database who have not yet applied, the responsibility for getting applications in on time lies with parents and guardians of nursery and Year 6 children.

School Photos: We have rebooked the school photos with Tempest for Wednesday 24 November 2021.

INSET: We understand that the Academy has announced an additional closure on Monday 1 November in respect of the Queen's Jubilee. We had already planned this into our dates for the calendar which was issued at the beginning of the year therefore we will not be taking any extra time. We will look forward to all children returning to us on Monday 1 November at 08:40.

Home learning: Several members of staff have been away from school as they have been very poorly. We are pleased to say that they are starting to return to us. This means we are beginning to have the capacity to supply more comprehensive home learning packs. If your child has tested positive for COVID, we ask that you contact the School Office. We will then form home learning tasks for your child to undertake at home.

Safeguarding: Over the last week children have been talking about watching 'Squid Games' or have been referencing this in their play. This is rated as 15 and therefore children in our school should not be exposed to this. There are various versions around including a Minecraft and Roblox versions on YouTube. This is completely inappropriate for our children due to the graphic content. Please ensure all devices used at home have locked parental settings.

Capture a Comment: *"My favourite thing at school is maths. We are minusing and subtracting. We had to think about other methods than using column method to solve some problems this week. When we could use column method again we all cheered! It's my favourite. Subtracting would be good to use when in shops to buy something so it is important to know."* (Izzy, Perry Moor)

Question on the gate: *"What do we need to do about testing for COVID after the news in the last few days?"*

"There is news today of inaccurate PCR testing results having been issued as negative rather than positive in some parts of the country including the South West.

We have been well aware of this situation and reported our concerns to Public Health early last week. Please rest assured that we have consistently advised all parents, children and staff to self-isolate if either the lateral flow or PCR test reports were positive. This will continue to be our guidance."

Sparkle Jar Reading at least 5 times per week, last week

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89%	90%	100%	89%	97%	95%	97%