

HEPS News



Week beginning 17.4.2023

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday	No Early Birds Please bring PE kit to school	No Early Birds Please bring PE kit to school	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	No Early Birds Booster 15:30-16:30	No Early Birds	No Early Birds Booster 15:30-16:30
Tuesday	Wiggle fun 15:30-16:30	Wiggle fun 15:30-16:30	Wiggle fun 15:30-16:30 Please bring PE kit to school	Choir Batty rounders 15:30-16:30	Choir Batty rounders 15:30-16:30	Choir Batty rounders 15:30-16:30	Choir Batty rounders 15:30-16:30
Wednesday	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Kick Boxing Athletics 15:30-16:30 Please wear PE kit to school	Kick Boxing Athletics 15:30-16:30
Thursday	Art Attack 15:30-16:30	Art Attack 15:30-16:30	Art Attack 15:30-16:30	Always debatable Netball 15:30-16:30 Please wear PE kit to school	Always debatable Netball 15:30-16:30	Always debatable Netball 15:30-16:30	London residential meeting 4:30pm Always debatable Netball 15:30-16:30
Friday	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day Swimming 13:30-15:30	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day Please wear PE kit to school

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HEPS Diary Dates

HEPS Chair of Governors:
Mr Sam Jackson



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Safeguarding Governor:
Miss Chadbourne
Deputy Headteacher



Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Mrs Doughty Davis
Headteacher



Letters/emails sent out recently or reminders:

School meals reminder

All pupils

Staffing email

Portmoor

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 18 April 2023 for meals W/C 24 April 2023 (week 2 menu).

School Lunches, Early Birds, Busy Bees and the community room: As part of the successful bid for a new school boiler, work is required in the community room to remove, replace and update the heating system. Whilst we are very excited about this renovation, it does mean that the community room will be out of action for at least one week after the Easter holiday (WC 17 April).

As we don't have an alternative venue to wash-up the cutlery, crockery and equipment used for hot lunches, we will only be able to offer packed lunches during this period. We will be serving sandwiches to anyone booking a school meal for the first week of next half term alongside a savoury snack, a desert and a piece of fruit: Monday: cheese Tuesday: ham Wednesday: tuna mayonnaise Thursday: cheese Friday: ham

All meals booked on SchoolComms for WC 17 April will be replaced with this option. If meals aren't booked, we will assume families are providing their own lunch. We are hoping to have a picnic style lunch on the field during this period if the weather is kind to us.

Early Birds will be based in the hall rather than the community room during this period with food supplied as usual. Busy Bees will be available as usual but based in the hall or in a classroom when the hall is in use.

Recycling and waste: Previously children with packed lunches have been asked to take all waste home and this is still mostly the case. The only exception to this is that children with packed lunches are now able to dispose of yoghurt pots in school waste bins rather than take them home.

Staff news: We are due to welcome Miss Amy Suchacki, an experienced Teacher, to the HEPS team after Easter. Miss Lovell and Miss Suchacki will be working closely for the first two weeks of next term for a thorough handover. Our sincere thanks go to Miss Lovell for stepping into the breach. We are fortunate that she will continue to work at HEPS until the end of the school year.

Portmoor swimming: Portmoor start their five sessions of swimming lessons after Easter. Please make your payment on Schoolcomms and contact the office if you are free on any of the Friday afternoons to help walk to and from the academy.

London Information Evening: Miss Chadbourne would like to invite year 6 pupils, parents and carers to an information evening about the London residential, on Thursday 20 April at 4.30pm, in Kingsmoor classroom. In the meeting Miss Chadbourne will give an outline of the activities the children will experience and be able to answer any questions regarding the trip. If parents and carers can't attend the meeting, please be assured that all the information will be sent out in advance of the residential. The Kingsmoor entrance will be open at 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

SATS week: We are inviting year 6 pupils to breakfast in Kingsmoor classroom before their KS2 tests during SATs week: Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May 2023. A continental breakfast of pancakes, toast, cereal and fruit is provided for our pupils to get them ready for their exams. It's a lovely way to start each day and most pupils choose to attend. The breakfast is free of charge. The Kingsmoor entrance will open at 8am during SATs week.

Safeguarding: Please share this video with your children. It is most suitable for KS1. The video shows the importance of not sharing images online.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87eWLOWAnyw>

Question on the gate: "Why have some children been given priority for clubs?"

"Attendance is one of the most controversial areas to discuss with parents in any school. Whilst most of the HEPS children attend very well (children with 98% or above) or well (children with 95%-97.9%), there is still a large group of children who attend below these acceptable levels. We are aiming to improve attendance for children by using positive incentives in the first instance rather than issuing letters and fines to parents.

Poor attendance has a huge impact on how well children progress in school and the world of work. For example, data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent (those with 90% or below).

I would like to confirm that children should be in school unless they are very ill with either sickness, diarrhoea or another serious ailment. If children have a cough, cold or are feeling under the weather, children should be in school. We will keep a close eye on them. Sometimes we may call you to administer some Calpol or something similar to keep them going until the end of the day. If we do call you during the school day, we may advise you that your child is under the weather but will be fine until the end of the day; we may need you to come into school to administer some medicine; or we may say that your child needs collecting as soon as possible.

I'm afraid we are unable to approve absence for holidays. If your child has an appointment during the school day, we would like children to attend school both before and after the appointment.

I am grateful for your cooperation with this matter. I am sure we are all aiming for the same result: children being cared for whilst receiving a consistent message about the importance of education. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions."

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoore	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
97%	90%	94%	94%	93%	97%	100%

Dates for your diary

We will put dates in the newsletter at the beginning and end of each term. In the meantime, please click on the pink link on this newsletter on page 1 which will take you to this page on the website. All dates and events are subject to change although as always we aim to minimise this wherever possible.

Monday 17 April	First day of the half term No Early Birds Clubs start on this day
Thursday 20 April	London residential meeting for parents and children, 16:30
Friday 21 April	Mufti for the winning house point team—blue team Holiday reading treat Interhouse competition details sent home by this date (Interhouse sketch) Perrymoor bake sale
Friday 28 April	Saltmoor educational visit
Monday 1 May	Bank holiday, no school
Tuesday 2 May	KS1 SATs commence
Wednesday 3 May	Portmoor Kilve residential departs
Friday 5 May	Portmoor Kilve residential returns Saltmoor bake sale
Monday 8 May	Bank holiday, no school
Tuesday 9 May	KS2 SATs all week. Breakfast for Y6 in school from 08:00 each day. KS1 SATs continue
Monday 15 May	KS1 SATs continue
Friday 19 May	Kingsmoor celebration assembly with parents invited, 15:00 Cocklemoor bake sale Perrymoor education visit Interhouse sketch deadline for entries
Monday 22 May	KS1 SATs continue Vocabulary sheets for next half term sent home
Wednesday 24 May	Kingsmoor London residential departs
Friday 26 May	Kingsmoor London residential returns No Busy Bees Last day of half term
Monday 5 June	No Early Birds Y4 Multiplication check all week
Tuesday 6 June	No clubs due to staff training
Friday 9 June	Mufti day for winning team Educational visit for Leazemoor Kingsmoor bake sale Cocklemoor celebration assembly with parents invited, 15:00 Y4 Multiplication check all week
Monday 12 June	Y1 Phonic testing week
Friday 16 June	Leazemoor celebration assembly with parents invited, 15:00 Y4 Multiplication check all week
Wednesday 21 June	Class photos
Thursday 22 June	Educational visit for Haymoor
Friday 23 June	Educational visit for Cocklemoor Portmoor bake sale Haymoor celebration assembly with parents invited, 15:00
Thursday 29 June	Perrymoor celebration assembly with parents invited, 15:00
Friday 30 June	INSET day, no school
Monday 3 July	New Reception 2023 parents evening
Wednesday 5 July	Move-up day for all children to their next class
Thursday 6 July	Last day for clubs except Kickboxing
Friday 7 July	Portmoor celebration assembly with parents invited, 15:00 Haymoor bake sale
Monday 10 July	Kickboxing club grading
Friday 14 July	Saltmoor celebration assembly with parents invited, 15:00 Leazemoor bake sale
Monday 17 July	Curriculum map, vocabulary sheets, reports sent home by this date
Wednesday 19 July	Kingsmoor swimming assessment
Thursday 20 July	Kingsmoor leavers assembly, 14:30
Friday 21 July	No Busy Bees Sports day with parents invited, 14:15 Last day of the half term, term and year!