

HEPS News



Week beginning 11.09.2023

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday	Collection 13:00		Bring in PE kit		Wear PE kit		
Tuesday	Collection 13:00	Bendy bodies 15:30-16:30	Bendy bodies 15:30-16:30	Secret coders Rugby 15:30-16:30	Secret coders Rugby 15:30-16:30	Rugby 15:30-16:30	Rugby 15:30-16:30
Wednesday	Collection 13:00	Bring in PE kit			Netball 15:30-16:30	Netball 15:30-16:30 Wear PE kit	Netball 15:30-16:30 Celebration assembly 15:00
Thursday	Collection 13:00	Storynory 15:30-16:30	Storynory 15:30-16:30	Arty crafty Cheerleading 15:30-16:30 Wear PE kit	Arty crafty Cheerleading 15:30-16:30	Arty crafty Cheerleading 15:30-16:30	Arty crafty Cheerleading 15:30-16:30
Friday	Collection 13:00 Bring in PE kit						Swimming 13:00-15:00

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

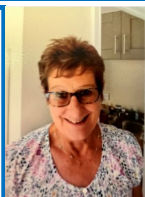
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

[HEPS Diary Dates](#)

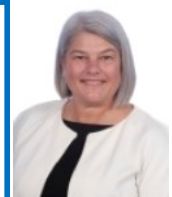
HEPS Chair of Governors:
Mrs Julia Gadd



**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:

RSE letter	All pupils
Email re mufti and Cocklemoor's phonic meeting	All pupils
Beginning of term letter and RAAC information	All pupils
Magdalen Farm	All pupils
Meals reminder	All pupils

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 12 September 2023 for meals W/C 18 September 2023 (week 3 menu). You do not need to select a pudding when ordering a packed lunch.

Volunteers for Magdalen Farm: We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our adult helpers this week: Miss Patterson, Mrs Makas, Mr Head, Mrs Armstrong, Miss Laird, Mrs Musgrove, Mr Willmington, Mrs Odierno, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Head and Miss Laurence. Without their help these trips would not have taken place.

Cocklemoor and Haymoor: We kindly ask parents and carers of Haymoor and Cocklemoor children to only bring book bags to school unless it is the day for PE. We don't have the storage space for rucksacks and other types of bags and it makes it very time consuming for staff to sort out reading books. We would prefer our staff spend time with the children. Thank you for your understanding.

Harvest festival: We will be undertaking a non-perishable food collection for Harvest in the next few weeks. We will write to you with more information next week.

INSET days: INSET days are for staff development and training therefore no children are permitted in school. The dates for this year can be found in your child's planner and here:

Monday 4 September, Friday 20 October, Friday 9 February, Friday 28 June and Monday 1 July

Sports: We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Silver Geographical Association Award this week. We are one of only two schools in Somerset to hold the silver award which is challenging to obtain on a first application. We will look into going for gold next time as no school in Somerset has achieved this yet. A big thank you goes to Mrs Brown who managed geography for us with such dedication. Here is some of the feedback we received:

"The school certainly has a clear vision for Geography and its place in the wider curriculum. This shapes the way that the subject is taught and engenders in your pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world. Your geography is rigorously planned, and the curriculum design is coherent, with geographical knowledge and concepts sequenced for progression and depth."

Short report: Teachers will be calling home next week to give a brief update on how well children have settled into their new classes. These calls will be made in the afternoons and after school and will be brief in nature. We will attempt to call twice but if you miss these calls please catch your Teacher on the playground in the morning.

Changes in circumstances: Please see the forms attached to this newsletter for anyone to use following a change of financial circumstances. This form needs to be completed by parents to apply for pupil premium. If you can't print it, or need help filling it in, please come to the School Office where Mrs Soakell will be happy to help. If awarded to a child, pupil premium entitles children to reduced rates on Early Birds, Busy Bees, school swimming lessons and other school services. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like more information.

KS2 girls: We will be speaking to girls in Years 3—6 next week about where to find sanitary products in school and what to do if they need help. Our experience tells us that this is the most appropriate age group for this information. It is often our youngest girls who need support when they start their periods at this age. Please speak with your daughters this weekend about menstruation so they are prepared for this brief talk next week. We will answer any questions they raise in a brief and honest manner reflecting the same care we give through all areas of our curriculum.

Thinking ahead: Please speak with neighbours, local friends and family about booking in a school visit with us if they have children due to start school next September. For any tour, Mrs Doughty Davis will be happy to accompany individuals or family groups around HEPS so please call the School Office. Even those living close to the school are unaware that HEPS consistently has some of the best results across the county and has such fantastic facilities.

Dates for your diary: The next page contains important dates for this term. These are all subject to change; we always think carefully before making changes.

Tissues: Please send your child in with a little pack of tissues in their bag. If they have a cold, please send in a couple of packs which they can take into the classroom. This is an area where we are trying to encourage and improve independence.

Safeguarding: Please don't send your child into school with nut products. We have children in school with nut allergies where this could be mean the onset of a serious reaction. Nutella must not come into school as it contains nuts as a main ingredient.

Question on the gate: "Is there RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) at HEPS?"

"The Department for Education instructed surveyor visited school this week and confirmed that he could not identify RAAC in our buildings. This means we will not be making any changes to our routines or building use."

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

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	More	reading	news	next	week	

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. **Bold type means there has been an amendment since first published.**

Week commencing	Assemblies with parents (top gate 14:55 please)	Bake Sale (please bring cakes into Coronation Room Friday morning, thank you)	Events and information
04/09/2023			Monday – INSET (no children) No Early birds. No clubs. RSE letter and policy home. Mufti day for house points. Home visits for R23. Cockle Moor in until 12:00.
11/09/2023	Wednesday Kingsmoor celebration		Home visits R23. Cockle Moor in until 13:00. House point mufti day on Friday for Y1 and Y2 green team. Curriculum overviews sent home. Settling phone calls to parents.
18/09/2023		Saltmoor	
25/09/2023	Friday Portmoor celebration		Harvest Festival – Wed. Flu vaccination - Friday morning.
02/10/2023		Perrymoore	Christmas card design. School photos – Thursday.
09/10/2023	Friday Leazemoor celebration		Leazemoor church visit – Thursday. Interhouse orienteering – Monday, after school.
16/10/2023			Friday - INSET (no children) No busy Bees – Thursday. Vocab mats sent home.
23/10/2023			
30/10/2023		Haymoor	London Y6 residential Wed-Fri. No Early Birds – Monday. Deadline for secondary school applications. House point mufti – Friday.
06/11/2023	Friday Cockle Moor celebration		Remembrance week. Remembrance Service Friday.
13/11/2023		Kingsmoor	Children in Need mufti – Friday.
20/11/2023	Friday Saltmoor celebration		
27/11/2023		Portmoor	
04/12/2023	Friday Perrymoore celebration		Parents evenings Wed and Thursday. No clubs. Interhouse photography 'leaf' - Monday 09:00 deadline.
11/12/2023			No clubs. Vocab mats sent home. Nativity dress rehearsal - Wed PM (no parents). Nativity – Wed. Christmas jumper day – Thu. Carol Service KS2 - Friday. Christmas lunch and Christingle Service – Fri.