

HEPS News



Week beginning 20.11.2023

The Week Ahead...

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

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

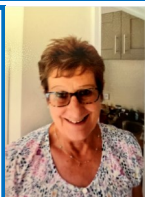
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

HEPS Diary Dates

HEPS Chair of Governors:
Mrs Julia Gadd



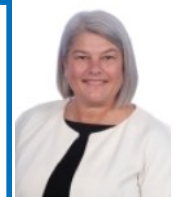
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead and
Safeguarding Governor:

Miss Chadbourne
Deputy Headteacher



Designated Safeguarding
Lead:

Mrs Doughty Davis
Headteacher



Letters/emails sent out recently or reminders:

New pupils survey

New pupils

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 for meals W/C 27 November 2023 (week 3 menu). You do not need to select a pudding when ordering a packed lunch.

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. 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.

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.

Clothes donations: Please bring in any bags of spare clothes to school on Monday 20th November 2023. All children will have brought home a bag and leaflet this week with information what they will and will not accept. Please bring the filled bag into school on Monday morning and leave it outside, opposite the Coronation Room door.

Interhouse: Children listened in assembly for the theme of the Interhouse Photography Competition, 2023. School Council decided on the theme 'What make me, me.' They gave examples of a rugby ball, their scout uniform, the sky, and a selfie family photo all which they had taken. The theme is very wide and can encompass almost anything! As this is a photography competition, the image is the most important aspect and that the child has taken the photo themselves. Please send all photos with the child's name and class as the email subject to HEPSInterhouse@gmail.com .

Fundraising: Children in Need received a donation of just under £200 from the mufti day today. The school disco raised a fantastic £330! Thank you to everyone for being so generous.

Lost property: Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled especially for the younger children. We have an inordinate amount of school uniform items in the basket in the hall foyer. Please check in this regularly if you are missing items. Most of the clothing in the basket is unnamed which leads to it being unclaimed.

PE kit: May we suggest knee high socks are worn on Cocklemoor PE days or maybe pack a pair of socks to wear home as children wearing tights struggle to put their tights back on after PE.

Children should be wearing a navy t-shirt and their navy sweatshirt on PE days. PE clothing should be logo and design free.

Wise Up Workshops - free parent / carer workshops : Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle. To help support parent carers navigate these the Somerset Parent Carer Forum and NHS have created a range of free workshops based on subjects such as helping your child with transitions, managing behaviour that challenges, helping your child manage their anxiety and understanding sensory difficulties. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend these sessions. Please click on the following link to find out how to register for the workshops: <https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/> If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Monk.

Parents evening: Parents evening is taking place on Wednesday 6th December and Thursday 7th December. Booking will take place online. Shortly, we will send out instructions of how to book appointments. Please note the booking system is not through Schoolcomms. The booking system will open on Friday 24th November at 16:00 and close on Friday 1st December at 9:00am.

Kingsmoor class: Year 6 are going to be making fairground rides in the coming weeks. The electric components, glue and cardboard for these will be provided by the school; however if your child would like to make their ride more bespoke, we encourage them to bring in materials with which to decorate their DT projects. Please ensure these are placed in a named plastic bag. Your child will be able to tell you more about the design they have chosen, and the items they wish to use.

Safeguarding: Despite us liaising with the Parish Councils and Somerset Highways, improvements to the crossing and roads around the school are no safer. As it is now much darker and sometimes foggy, please consider investing in some reflective tape, keyrings or sashes to improve the visibility of your child's coat and bag. Pushchairs and prams move from the pavement onto the road before we do. Please consider reflective items on your pram and buggy too.

Question on the gate: "What are the results of the New Parent survey?"

"The survey is still open until Friday evening so we are hoping for a few more replies. However, I can say that it was a really valuable exercise as we have already learnt what would strengthen the welcome to new families to the school such as information about wet mornings, rewards and definitions for 'mufti', 'Inset' etc.

Saying that, I am so pleased to report that 100% of parents would recommend HEPS to another parent!

Thank you to those who have completed the survey so far. If you haven't completed it yet, please click on the email which was sent to you earlier this week and today."

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoore	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
96%	96%	85%	97%	92%	95%	94%

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		Perry Moor	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	Half term	Half term	Half term
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. School disco.
13/11/2023		Kingsmoor	Children in Need mufti – Friday. Interhouse photography launch.
20/11/2023	Friday Saltmoor celebration		
27/11/2023		Portmoor	
04/12/2023	Friday Perry Moor celebration		Parents evenings Wed and Thursday. No clubs. Interhouse photography leaflet 'What makes me, me' - 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.