

HEPS News



Week beginning 27.11.2023

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	Bake sale Bring in PE kit	Bake sale	Bake sale	Bake sale Wear PE kit	Bring cakes in	Bake sale	Bake sale Swimming 13:00-15:00

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

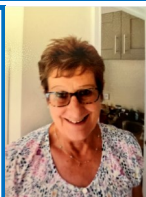
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

[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

Parents evening guide

All pupils

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 for meals W/C 4 December 2023 (week 1 menu). You do not need to select a pudding when ordering a packed lunch.

Menu changes: W/C 06/12/2023 Wednesday will be beef bolognese & vegetables for a main. Thursday will be a roast. W/C 13/12/2023 will be the chicken in tomato & basil sauce and on the Thursday 14/12/2023 it will be our Christmas lunch. Please amend your choices on Schoolcomms before the cut off if need be.

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.

Christmas lunch: Our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 14th December; please book your child's meal on Schoolcomms in the normal way.

Interhouse: Children have been informed that the theme of the Interhouse Photography Competition, 2023 is 'What make me, me?' School Council decided on the theme. They gave examples of a photo of a rugby ball, their scout uniform, the sky, and a selfie family photo. 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.

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.

Parent Family Support Advisor (PFSA): On Wednesday 6th December at 2:30pm our PFSA, Victoria Gould, will be holding a coffee afternoon in our Coronation Room. Please come to the top gate at 2:30pm if you would like to meet Victoria and discuss any issues with her. The session will end at 3:15pm. A PFSA can help you by advising and working with you on issues such as: behaviour (in and out of school), parenting concerns, family issues, emotional/mental wellbeing, confidence building, attendance at school/school anxiety, feeling isolated, support for parents/carers who want to go back to work or education, finance/housing. If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Monk via the school office.

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 4pm and close on Friday 1st December at 9am.

Parent meetings are held in the hall so please enter by the top gate. School reports are given to parents before the meeting time so please arrive at your appointment 5mins before your booked time. Children are encouraged to attend the meetings with parents. Children should be fully supervised by parents and encouraged to demonstrate good behaviour during these evenings.

Kingsmoor class: Year 6 are going to be making fairground rides in the coming weeks. 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.

Choir: This club will continue through to the last week of term so the children have plenty of practice ready for the Carol Concert.

Somerset Council is funding Free school meals for the Christmas Holidays 2023: Children and young people who receive free school meals will be entitled to vouchers to help them through the Holiday break. These vouchers are worth £10 per child per week for two weeks in the usual manner.

Safeguarding: The weather forecast is turning cooler over the next few days. Children should not be wearing shorts for the next few months. Please send your child in with a thick coat (not a thin waterproof), hat and gloves which are all named. We encourage children outside to get fresh air in almost all weathers so they need clothing which will keep them warm.

Question on the gate: "Why did my child miss their swimming lesson?"

"Firstly, thank you to the mums, dads, grandmas, friends, brothers and sisters who have volunteered and made these lessons possible. There is a small number of you who regularly go above and beyond, juggling your working hours to support the children—thank you.

Unfortunately we need two volunteers each week to enable swimming lessons to take place. A reminder is written in the newsletter at the beginning of each term for a couple of weeks. If we are still short of volunteers by the Friday morning we send an email out in the hope that someone may have availability through a change of plan. To prevent this happening again please contact the office if you are to help. We are very happy for volunteers who can only help for one week as well as those who can commit regularly."

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoore	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
92%	92%	85%	97%	91%	95%	97%

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 (except choir). Interhouse photography leaflet 'What makes me, me?' - Monday 09:00 deadline.
11/12/2023			No clubs (except choir). 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.