

HEPS News



Week beginning 4.12.2023

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday		Bring in PE kit					
Tuesday				HEPS Harmonies 15:30-16:30	HEPS Harmonies 15:30-16:30	Wear PE kit HEPS Harmonies 15:30-16:30	HEPS Harmonies 15:30-16:30
Wednesday	Parents evening	Parents evening	Parents evening	Parents evening	Wear PE kit Parents evening	Parents evening	Parents evening
Thursday	Parents evening	Parents evening	Bring in PE kit Parents evening	Parents evening	Parents evening	Parents evening	Parents evening
Friday	Bring in PE kit			Wear PE kit			Swimming 13:00-15:00

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

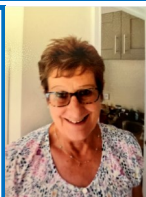
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

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:

Meals reminder

All pupils

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 5 December 2023 for meals W/C 11 December 2023 (week 2 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. For Wednesday 13/12/23 it will be chicken in tomato & basil sauce and on Thursday 14/12/2023 it will be our Christmas Lunch. Please note that these changes do not appear on Schoolcomms when you book for that week. If you have booked in advance and do not want the above please cancel for that day.

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 makes 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: Parent Evenings are taking place on Wednesday 6th December and Thursday 7th December. These are held in the hall so please enter by the top gate. School reports are given to parents before their 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.

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.

Perrymoor: Perrymoor will be going on a walk to visit the local church on Monday 11th December. Please ensure your child has warm clothing with hats and scarves.

Clubs: All clubs (apart from Choir) are now finished until after Christmas. Please collect your child at 15:30 as normal.

Cockle Moor Nativity: The Nativity is on Wednesday 13th December. Please could all children be dropped back to school at 16:30 at the top gate. The Nativity will start at 17:00 where parents will be met at the top gate. Due to space we are asking for no more than four guests per child excluding babies not needing a seat. Please contact Mrs Soakell if you need more than four.

Safeguarding: The Christmas post boxes will be put out in school ready for Monday morning! We are not permitted to give out class lists with names. If your child would like to send a card to each member of the class, please contact the School Office for the number of children in that class.

Question on the gate: "What Christmassy things do the children do leading up to Christmas?"

"We are mindful of benefitting from every minute of learning time but we still have lots planned! In the last week of term, the children will all watch a theatre performance in the school hall which they usually enjoy immensely. This year it will be based on Oscar Wilde's 'The Selfish Giant'. There will be a Busy Bees Christmas party. The whole school will watch and no doubt love Cockle Moor's Nativity. Christmas jumper day will take place on the Thursday of the last week, the same day as Christmas Lunch. KS2 children will attend St Mary's Church for a Carol Service which parents are welcome to join. Haymoor and Leazemoor will have a special part to play in the Christingle Service which is the last whole school gathering before the holiday. Additionally, the school will have a few extra sparkles on Monday morning ready for when the children arrive."

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
96%	85%	90%	91%	91%	86%	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 (except choir). Interhouse photography leaf '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 jump-day and Christmas lunch – Thu. Carol Service KS2 - Friday. Christmas lunch and Christingle Service – Fri.