

HEPS News



Week beginning 1.1.2024

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday	Bank holiday	Bank holiday	Bank holiday	Bank holiday	Bank holiday	Bank holiday	Bank holiday
Tuesday	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	No Early Birds
Wednesday							
Thursday							
Friday	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day	Blue team mufti day

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HEPS Diary Dates

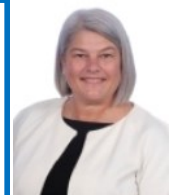
HEPS Chair of Governors:
Mrs Julia Gadd



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
Vision screening Cocklemoor pupils
London email Kingsmoor pupils

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 2 January 2024 for meals W/C 8 January 2024 (week 1 menu). You do not need to select a pudding when ordering a packed lunch.

Saltmoor swimming: Saltmoor class will be starting on Friday 5th January. Please make your payment on Schoolcomms and contact the school office. If you are able to help walk the children on any Friday afternoon to/from the Academy, please contact the School Office as we are unable to undertake these lessons unless we have this support.

Clubs: All after school clubs will be starting W/C 8th January 2024.

Mufti day: The blue team will celebrate winning the house point competition with a mufti day on Friday 5th January 2024.

Attachment: Please see page 4 and 5 of this newsletter. It contains useful and emergency contacts. Even if you don't believe you will need these, please keep this information handy for neighbours, friends and families. Christmas can be a challenging time when we need to reach out to keep children, family and friends safe.

PE days: We will be in contact at the end of the holidays to let you know about PE days, please check your emails before returning.

Saturday morning club: Starting in January, there are entry-level music lessons, for recorder and percussion ,for £24 a term at Crispin School in Street. Please email infocosmicmusic@gmail.com for more information.

HEPS Harmonies: The choir gave a brilliant performance at the Carol Service earlier today. We still have spaces in the choir for children in years 3-6. If you would like your child to participate, please send an email to the School Office so we can enrol your child.

Holiday reading: The children have been reminded that they need to continue to read 10 times over the holiday, as stated in the planner. These children will receive a reading treat in the first week of term to reward them for their dedication, decided by the School Council. There were only 12 children over the last holiday, who did not read. We would like to see this number at zero!

Interhouse: Well done to our winners of the photography competition 'What makes me, me'. We had some fabulous entries, with winners receiving extra house points for their team and their photos shown in assembly. We had particularly strong entries from Cocklemoor this year.

Next term sees the mini cake decorating competition at the end of January, and the cross country in the second half term. More details will be sent home nearer the time.

School Council: The School Council have had a great term. Some of the items discussed ranged from our school environment, to engaging with our community. Fundraising took place for Remembrance Day, Rags to Riches, Christmas Cards, Children in Need and the library fund. They were the driving force behind the disco which was a good fundraiser, but more importantly, a much enjoyed social event for the children, the first since COVID. Well done to them all. Next term's School Councillors have been chosen and have big shoes to fill!

Safeguarding: There have been changes to the BMA requirements for medicine administration in schools. From January, we are able to administer over-the-counter medicine such as Calpol or its equivalent when a permission form has been completed. You can collect and complete a form in the School Office or download one from the website by going to the 'Parents' tab and then to 'Letters to Parents/Carers' to complete. If you download and complete a form, the medicine and form must be handed to an adult in school, not left in a school bag.

A message from Mrs Doughty Davis:

Another term has whizzed by. Although all terms have their charm, the autumn term is the most joyful as it brings new beginnings and new beginners. The Cocklemoor children have blown our socks off with their progress in all areas. They are marching on with their phonics and reading which is a special moment for all of us. This skill will stay with them forever and will open the door to all manner of possibilities, dreams and desires. Their nativity performance was brilliant, charming and funny. It's important that we offer a wide range of opportunities to all children and a chance to try it all. Children will shine in their own way in different areas which is what we saw with the nativity and throughout this term.

This year we have made Haymoor and Leazemoor children the stars of the Christingle Service, held on this last afternoon of the term. They were all armed with bells for their tuneful performance! Although we can't accommodate parents into this Service, take it from me that it was a special moment for us all alongside most of the children holding a lit candle most preciously.

The Carol Service is a magical moment in the school year. We set high standards for this Service and everything that we do. These children, our children, represent HEPS and parents in such a way that you could not fail to be impressed. We had a member of staff, two governors and six volunteers ringing the Church bells as we approached the church today—what a special moment!

This school relies on the team pulling in the same direction. This year, we have welcomed new members and new roles which has extended our offer further. I would like to say a heart-felt thank you to colleagues who have been with us for over twenty years, those who are in need of recovery time from their first term with us(!), and everyone in between. I am so fortunate to have colleagues who are skilled and dedicated and always go the extra mile for the children and each other. What a team!

Finally, I would like to offer thanks to our community of parents, carers, grandparents, families and friends who support us along the way. When we feel the wind behind us, it's the best job in the world. Your support helps us make a difference to our children, the next generation.

Have a safe and happy Christmas x

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
96%	95%	85%	97%	93%	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
01/01/2023		Leazemoor	Monday: Bank holiday (no children). No clubs this week. Tuesday: no Early birds. Friday: mufti day for house points for the blue team.
08/01/2023	Friday Haymoor Celebration		Thursday: Y6 parent meeting for SATs.
15/01/2023		Cocklemoor	Monday: Deadline for applying for a primary school place for R24 children.
22/01/2023	Friday Kingsmoor Celebration		Monday, 09:00: Interhouse mini cake decorating competition
29/01/2023		Saltmoor	
05/02/2023			Thursday: School Council event for whole school (to be confirmed) Friday: INSET (no children)
12/02/2023	Half term	Half term	Half term
19/02/2023	Friday Portmoor Celebration		Monday: no Early birds. Friday: mufti day for house points (team unknown). Wednesday: Interhouse cross country (no football club).
26/02/2023		Perrymoor	Monday: no Early birds. Friday: mufti day for house points (team unknown). Friday: deadline for secondary school applications.
04/03/2023	Friday Leazemoor Celebration		Thursday: World Book Day, theme: a character from a picture/ Reception book. Various events (more info to follow).
11/03/2023		Haymoor	Friday: Red Nose Day, mufti for £1 donation.
18/03/2023	Friday Cocklemoor Celebration		Wednesday and Thursday: parents evenings. No clubs this week.
25/03/2023			No clubs this week. Vocab mats sent home.

Stay Safe and Happy Holidays from the SDAS Team



Welcome to your client newsletter, dedicated to helping you maintain good health during the holiday season. We've included upcoming events, activities and emergency contacts that can help you stay connected to your community and support network.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter as we will share more events as find them! @sdasdigital



Taunton

- Monday 18th December to Friday 22nd December. Taunton Open Door (1a Mount Street, TA1 3QB) will be offering festive meals every lunch time. They are offering 'sacks of smiles' - emergency/festive rucksack including over trousers, wind up torches, hand warmers, drinks and treats etc.
- Tuesday 19th December @12pm to 2pm. SDAS hub Christmas drop-in for food and refreshments
- Monday 25th December, Christmas Day Dinner. Wellsprings Community Church, call Tiff on 07896677998 www.wellspringscommunitychurch.org.uk
- Wednesday 27th December @ 11am to 12.30pm. SDAS PSI Online Session
- Thursday 28th December @ 11am to 12.30pm SDAS Face to face, PSI sessions

Yeovil

SDAS Christmas Safe Space Drop-ins

- Wed 20th @ 11am to 2pm plus Christmas Carols
 - Thurs 21st @ 11am to 2pm plus Christmas Carols
 - Fri 23rd @11am to 2pm plus Christmas Carols
 - Wed 27th @11am to 2pm
 - Thurs 28th @11am to 2pm
 - Fri 29th @11am to 2pm
 - Sat 30th @11am to 3pm
- Wednesday 27th December, 11am to 12.30pm, Online Teams PSI sessions
• Thursday 28th December, 11am to 12.30pm Face to face, PSI sessions



Chard

- FREE Christmas Dinners available for collection. Please call G on 07899298137 to order and arrange collection/delivery.
- FREE Cookery Courses with free cooking equipment e.g. Air Fryers, Slow cookers etc Please call G on 07899298137 to book onto the next available course.
- Thursday 14th December @ 10am - 4pm The Chard WATCH Christmas Party. Quiz, free buffet lunch, music, raffle and also a prize for best fancy dress (if you're feeling brave)! Contact us on 01460 12119 or info@watchproject.org.uk if you have any questions or dietary restrictions. <https://watchproject.org.uk/>
- Thursday 14th December @ 12 - 2pm. Abri Community Christmas Party Chard Youth Club, with Abri housing Association

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- 25th December - Big Christmas Get Together. They will be providing a welcoming space with lunch and entertainment for our guests from our local community on Christmas Day at Trinity Church Hall, The Cricket Club and The Key Centre. Register to attend www.bigchristmasgettogether.org.

0300 303 8788 (24/7 helpline)

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Your Health this December



Shepton Mallet

- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10am - 1pm Grace Harris House (24 Town Street, Shepton Mallet) is a warm space and offers signposting support and help with job hunting, UC and Housing Benefit.
 - Sat 2nd December, Hot Chocolate and Chat. Join us for a friendly chat, hot chocolate, and light refreshments!
 - Thursday 7th December 5.50pm to 8.30pm Holiday Baking. Join us for a friendly atmosphere and try your hand that making mince pies and decorating cookies. Supplies provided.
 - Wednesday 13th December, 5.30-8.30pm Wrap & Wrap. Bring your holiday presents to wrap and make a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)
 - Wednesday 20th December 5.30 - 8.30pm Holiday Party. Wear your most festive holiday outfit and join us for holiday crafts, games. Music and treats!

Wells

- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10am - 1pm. YMCA Brunel Group - Spencer House in Wells (21 Chamberlain Street) is a warm space and offers signposting support and help with job hunting, UC and Housing Benefit.

Bridgwater

- Wednesday 6th December, 5.30 -9pm, Nelsons Trust Client pamper evening, 14 Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG
- Thursday 14th December, 12-3pm, Nelsons Trust, Client Christmas Lunch, 14 Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG

Taunton Foodbank

- Fri 22nd Dec, Closes at 12pm
- Mon 25th & Tues 26th Closed during bank holidays.
- Wed 27th, Thurs 28 & Fri 29th Dec Open 10am & 12pm
- Mon 1st Jan, Closed
- Tues 2nd Jan, Open again as normal

Wellington Foodbank

- Thurs 21st Dec at 3pm Closes after their session
- Thurs 28th Dec Open between 1 and 3pm
- Mon 1st Jan Closed
- Thurs 4th Jan 1pm to 3pm Open again as normal

Food boxes will have Christmas items in, in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Emergency Contacts

Crisis Safe Space

If you or someone you know struggles with an out-of-hours mental health crisis this Christmas, book a session with the Crisis Safe Space team. Mindline remains open to offer support every day 24/7.

- Fri 22nd Dec, Face-to-face sessions in Glastonbury, Taunton, Yeovil & Bridgwater from 6pm until 11pm
- Sat 23rd Dec to Mon 1st Jan, Remote service available via phone or Zoom - Somerset wide from 6pm until 11pm.
- Tues 2nd Jan, Face-to-face sessions in Glastonbury, Taunton, Yeovil & Bridgwater from 6pm until 11pm

Shout Text: 85258 Website: <https://giveusashout.org/>

Is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

If you struggle to pick up and ring to ask for help, you can contact Shout via text on the number below. SHOUT will work with you to find ways to help you access the support you have in place as well as other forms of support available to you. They will also contact emergency services or social services if needed.

Somerset Domestic Abuse Service www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk 0800 6949999 (option 2)

Support for male and female victims, perpetrator course, support for children and young people

Our helplines will be open 9am-1pm Christmas day and bank holidays.

Normal opening hours on other days, help lines available 8am-8pm

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Mindline 0800 138 1692
Somerset's 24-hour mental health helpline. 01823 276 892

0300 303 8788 (24/7 helpline)

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