

HEPS News



Week beginning 19.2.2024

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday	No Early Birds	No Early birds	No Early Birds	No Early birds	No Early Birds Please wear PE kit	No Early Birds	No Early Birds Booster 15:30-16:30
Tuesday	Storynory 15:30-16:30	Storynory 15:30-16:30	Secret coders Storynory 15:30-16:30	HEPS Harmonies Secret coders Cheerleading 15:30-16:30	HEPS Harmonies Secret coders Cheerleading 15:30-16:30	HEPS Harmonies Cheerleading 15:30-16:30	Please wear PE kit HEPS Harmonies Cheerleading 15:30-16:30
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Friday	Red team mufti day Disco	Red team mufti day Disco	Red team mufti day Disco	Red team mufti day Please wear PE kit Disco	Red team mufti day Celebration assembly 15:00 Disco	Red team mufti day Swimming 13:00-15:00 Disco	Red team mufti day Disco

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

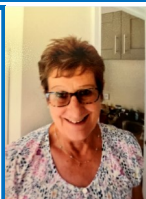
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

[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:

Secret Coders	All pupils
World book Day	All pupils
Preventing Infections	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, 20 February 2024 for meals W/C 26 February 2024 (week 2 menu). You do not need to select a pudding when ordering a packed lunch.

We will be distributing a new menu, from our new suppliers, which will start after half term. The new menu will always start with the first week of term being week 1 and will also come in a 7 week format.

Staff news: We are sorry to say that Ms Magdalena Machnowska will be leaving the lunchtime team in March; she is such a hard worker. We will be welcoming Mrs Elaine Powell to the lunchtime team. Many of you will know Mrs Powell as she is often in school for drop offs and pick ups.

We are recruiting one more Lunchtime Supervisor to complete the team. Please look out for the jobs bulletin sent to all parents.

Saltmoor swimming: 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.

Community garden: We are really pleased to announce that after consultation with the Landmark Langport Trust, part of the garden behind the Town Hall will be opened as a community garden. It has been named as Walter's Garden, as a tribute to Walter Bagehot. No doubt there will be opportunities for the school to support and use this space.

There is an email address for anyone who would like more information or to offer their help: waltersgarden.langport@gmail.com

World Book Day: This year we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024.

As usual, we will be encouraging the children to dress up if they wish. If you would like to get a head start on costumes, our theme this year is 'Picture Book Characters'.

Interhouse cross country: This year the cross country is taking place after school on Wednesday. We are hoping that all children will participate to earn points for their house team. Children can wear their PE kit on Wednesday if they are taking part. There will be squash and biscuits available for everyone who takes part in this fun session. Extra points will be awarded to those who show significant encouragement and care towards other racers. Please book your child a place on SchoolComms. The event finishes at 16:30. Please let the School Office know if you are able to support by helping to marshal the course.

Disco: We moved the disco to Friday 23 February! The theme is 'red' but this is optional. We ask that age appropriate clothing is worn for a primary school disco, particularly in KS2.

The first disco will be from 17:00-17:45 for Years R, 1 and 2 and will include some games as well as dancing. A parent or carer will need to accompany Reception and Year 1 children. The KS2 disco will be from 18:00-19:00.

Entry will be £2 on the gate; please bring the exact amount. We encourage water bottles to be brought along. There will be a tuck shop selling sweets, crisps and squash. We will also have a tattoo booth. Children must not bring more than £4 into the disco please.

Are you able to volunteer to support the organisation of the disco? Please contact Mrs Soakell in the School Office if you can support this event.

Rugby experience and enrichment: We are thrilled to be able to offer all Year 5 and some Year 6 pupils the opportunity to undertake a behind the scenes tour of the Exeter Chiefs ground, a training session with the team and watch a match with the Women's Team. This is offered to children free of charge as part of the school's commitment to ensuring our children experience diverse enrichment opportunities showcasing talented individuals in fulfilling careers. The visit will take place on Saturday 9th March. Please see the letter for more details. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the School Office.

HEPS Harmonies: Mrs Stringer spoke with the children in singing assembly on Thursday about changes to HEPS Harmonies. The club will now incorporate playing instruments and composition. We are keen that as many children as possible attend to take advantage of this experience. Please email the School Office if you would like your child to attend these sessions from after half term.

Portmoor: Portmoor Class will be having their Celebration assembly on Friday 23th February. Please come to the top gate by 14:55 for a prompt 15:00 start.

Poster competition: The week of 11th March 2024 is British Science Week and this year's theme is 'time'. We are encouraging children to take part in the poster competition with prizes being awarded and house points given for all entries! Posters must be 2D and be based on the theme of 'time'. Further information, including ideas and images of last year's winning posters, can be found at: <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>. Please could all entries be brought to school on or before Monday 18th March 2024.

Safeguarding: We have noticed that parents and carers are crossing the road in front of the school without using the crossing. When adults undertake this unsafe method, many children see their example. Please set a safe example to our children and use the crossing.

Question on the gate: "When can the children go on the field again?"

"As soon as the weather and grass are dry, the children will be on the field at lunchtimes. We like them being on the field as there are fewer bumps and bruises, lots more space and more natural surroundings. Please dig out the sun hats and sun cream as we are all hoping that the sun is just around the corner."

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoore	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
100%	92%	80%	91%	91%	88%	92%

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
01/01/2024		Leazemoor	Monday: Bank holiday (no children). No clubs this week. Tuesday: no Early birds. Friday: mufti day for house points for the blue team.
08/01/2024	Friday Haymoor Celebration		Thursday: Y6 parent meeting for SATs.
15/01/2024		Cocklemoor	Monday: Deadline for applying for a primary school place for R24 children.
22/01/2024	Friday Kingsmoor Celebration		Monday, 09:00: Interhouse mini cake decorating competition
29/01/2024		Saltmoor	
05/02/2024			Thursday: School Council event for whole school (to be confirmed) Friday: INSET (no children)
12/02/2024	Half term	Half term	Half term
19/02/2024	Friday Portmoor Celebration		Monday: no Early birds. Wednesday: Interhouse cross country (no football club). Friday: mufti day for house points (team unknown). Friday: School Council event for whole school
26/02/2024		Perrymoor	Monday: no Early birds. Friday: mufti day for house points (team unknown). Friday: deadline for secondary school applications.
04/03/2024	Friday Leazemoor Celebration		Thursday: World Book Day, theme: a character from a picture/ Reception book. Various events (more info to follow). Rugby professional experience for Y5 (some Y6)
11/03/2024		Haymoor	Friday: Red Nose Day, mufti for £1 donation.
18/03/2024	Friday Cocklemoor Celebration		Wednesday and Thursday: parents evenings. No clubs this week.
25/03/2024			No clubs this week. Vocab mats sent home.