

# HEPS News



Week beginning 25.03.2024

## The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday					Please wear PE kit		Booster club is on this week
Tuesday						Please wear PE kit	
Wednesday			Please bring PE kit in				
Thursday	Please bring PE kit in No Busy Bees	Please bring PE kit in No Busy Bees	No Busy Bees	No Busy Bees	No Busy Bees	No Busy Bees	No Busy Bees
Friday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

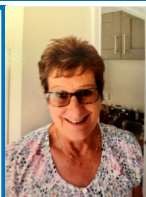
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

**HEPS Diary Dates**

**HEPS Chair of Governors:**  
Mrs Julia Gadd



**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead :**  
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, 26 March 2024 for meals W/C 15 April 2024 (week 1 menu). Please select 'Packed Lunch Chosen' in the dessert box when ordering a packed lunch option as main.

**Staff news:** We are sad to say that Mrs Masters, our Finance Officer, will be leaving HEPS at the end of summer. Mrs Masters will be retiring from this role but will continue as the Clerk to the Local Governing Body. We will miss her energy, 'up for anything' attitude and hard work.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Louisa Wootten will be joining the Teaching Assistant team after Easter. Mrs Wootten is an experienced Teaching Assistant. She will spend most of her time in Year 1 initially.

**Uniform:** We have lots of 'new to you' uniform in our store which we would like to find a new home. Please think ahead to the warmer weather and either email the School Office or speak with Mrs Pengelly. Mrs Pengelly keeps our stock and store up-to-date and will reserve items for parents. Each item costs £1—a real bargain! Please help us to recycle perfectly good uniform, some of which still has tags attached.

We are hoping for some brighter weather in the weeks ahead. When the warmer weather arrives, please ensure your child brings a sun hat into school. Sun cream must be applied before children arrive in school in the mornings. Please ensure children with long hair have it tied back particularly in the warmer weather.

**Holiday:** Please take some time over the Easter holiday to teach your child how to tie laces if they don't already know. Children should not be wearing shoes with laces in school unless they can tie them.

**Clubs:** We are counting club votes from the children today but we have a fair idea that Lego Builders is going to be very well attended. Do you have any Lego that you could donate to the school? Do you know where we could source a large quantity of Lego at a good price, preferably second-hand. The children are keen to re-use rather than buy new for this resource. Please email into the School Office if you can help with any suggestions or donations.

We are hoping to run a sewing club next term but we are only able to do this if we have volunteers to support us on a regular basis. Are you able to spend an hour with the most delightful children in the county untying knots and threading needles? Please contact the School Office if you are able to help.

The club letter will be sent on Saturday with the booking system opening on Monday 25 March, 16:00.

**Saltmoor class:** Saltmoor class are going on a local walk on Monday afternoon - we will walk along the river and around Langport then back to school. This ties in with our geography topic on human and physical features in our local area. Please could the children bring wellies/trainers to school on Monday morning. Please contact the School Office if you are free to volunteer to attend the walk.

**GOV.UK:** A new post, "Social Work Week 2024: How to qualify as a child and family social worker for free" has just been published on the The Education Hub blog.

Social workers play a crucial role and provide essential support to children and families facing a wide range of challenges, from poverty and mental health issues to domestic abuse and dealing with disabilities. There are several fully-funded entry routes into a career in social work which allow you to train for free and earn a wage while you get the qualifications you need. Here's everything you need to know. What do child and family social workers do? If you're interested in improving the mental and emotional well-being of families, preventing crises, protecting children, and supporting parents, then read the new post: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/18/social-work-week-2024-how-qualify-child-family-social-worker-free/>

**Easter:** Despite the calendars not highlighting that Friday next week is a bank holiday, the school will not be open. If the weather permits, we will be holding our Easter egg hunt on Thursday afternoon. We have received some Easter story books which we will make available on Friday afternoon for families to take home if they wish.

**Parents evening:** Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parents evening. 94% of children were represented by a parent this week. We are always glad to hear if we can improve the experience of these evenings. A further school report will be sent home at the end of the summer term.

**Safeguarding:** Please speak with your child about the information they would need if they called the emergency services such as their home address and date of birth. We speak with children about how to call the emergency services in KS2 but can't assist with the information they need. Please show them how to use your phone in an emergency and remind them of the emergency number—999. When teaching a class recently, most children gave the American emergency service number until they were corrected.

**Question on the gate:** "What age do you suggest my child gets a phone?"

"On the news this morning an association was recommending parents hold the line against schools who were recommending mobile phones for children in Year 5 who were walking home without parents. I can assure you that this will not be an issue in this school. I wholeheartedly and strongly suggest children of primary age should not have phones. Children of this age group do not have the maturity or understanding of how to use this technology with proficiency. We are emailed regularly by parents about their child falling out with friends and asking for our advice. My advice is to take the phone away, delete everything and encourage them to meet their friends in person. I am fully supportive of parents who hold the line on not giving their child a phone—well done to you all!"

## Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoore	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
96%	88%	95%	97%	91%	84%	91%

## 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			<del>Thursday: School Council event for whole school (to be confirmed)</del> Friday: INSET (no children)
12/02/2024	Half term	Half term	Half term
19/02/2024	Friday Portmoor Celebration		<b>Monday: no Early birds.</b> <b>Friday: mufti day for house points (team unknown).</b> Wednesday: Interhouse cross country (no football club). <b>Friday: School Council event for whole school</b>
26/02/2024		Perrymoore	<del>Monday: no Early birds.</del> <del>Friday: mufti day for house points (team unknown).</del> 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). <b>Rugby professional experience for Y5 (some Y6)</b>
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. <b>Friday: Osmington Bay meeting</b>
25/03/2024			No clubs this week. Vocab mats sent home.