

# HEPS News



Week beginning 15.04.2024

## The Week Ahead...

	Cockle Moor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
<b>Monday</b>	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	No Early Birds	Please wear PE kit No Early Birds	No Early Birds	Booster club 15:30-16:30 No Early Birds
<b>Tuesday</b>				Stitchers 15:30-16:30	Stitchers 15:30-16:30	Rounders 15:30-16:30	Please wear PE kit Rounders 15:30-16:30
<b>Wednesday</b>			Please bring PE kit in		Residential		
<b>Thursday</b>	Please bring PE kit in Wiggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30	Wiggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30	Wiggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30		Residential	Netball 15:30-16:30	Netball 15:30-16:30
<b>Friday</b>	Mufti day for the yellow team	Please bring PE kit in Mufti day for the yellow team	Mufti day for the yellow team	Swimming 13:00-15:00 Mufti day for the yellow team	Residential	Mufti day for the yellow team	Mufti day for the yellow team

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

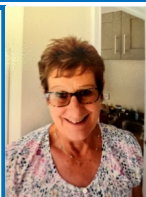
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

**[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

Saltmoor trip

Saltmoor pupils

Hoodies information

Kingsmoor pupils

**School Lunches:** Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 16 April 2024 for meals W/C 22 April 2024 (week 2 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 will be adjusting the roles in the School Office and advertising the new position next half term. If you may be interested and would like an informal chat, please contact Mrs Doughty Davis via the School Office.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Louisa Wootton will be joining the Teaching Assistant team after Easter. Mrs Wootton 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.

**PE days:** Most PE days, but not all, will remain the same for the Summer term.

**Perrymoor swimming:** Perrymoor will be swimming for five sessions starting on Friday 19th April. If you can help walk the children to and from the Academy please contact the School Office. Please make your payment on Schoolcomms by Monday 15 April.

**Parent Family Support Advisor (PFSA):** Our PFSA, Victoria Gould, will be holding a coffee morning in the Coronation Room on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9am - 9:45am. Please come to the top gate at 9am if you would like to meet Victoria and discuss any issues with her. 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.

**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 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/>

**Safeguarding:** Children first see violent online content while still at primary school and describe it as an inevitable part of being online, according to [new research commissioned by Ofcom](#). All children who took part in the research came across violent content online, mostly via social media, video-sharing and messaging sites and apps. Many told researchers that this is before they have reached the minimum age requirement to use the services.

Violent 18+ gaming content, verbal discrimination and fighting content are commonly encountered by the children they spoke to. Sharing videos of local school and street fights has also become normalised for many of the children. For some, this is because of a desire to build online status among their peers and followers. For others, it is to protect themselves from being labelled as 'different' for not taking part.

As a school we have multiple measures which include regular filtering and testing to ensure children stay safe online whilst in school. We use an online testing system which parents can use too: [www.testfiltering.com](http://www.testfiltering.com). This will identify gaps in online protection for children and is free to use.

**Question on the gate:** "We saw someone from the Department for Education was in school on Thursday, was that Ofsted?"

"Ofsted was not in school on Friday (Ofsted is separate from the Department for Education). However, we are expecting Ofsted within the next year or so as our last inspection was in February 2020. When they visit, we hope you will be able to speak positively of the fantastic educational experience your child/children receive(s), as we all want to feel proud of the school our children attend.

If you feel we are falling short, please don't hesitate to contact us via the School Office so we are able to address your query. In most cases we are able to resolve situations swiftly or at least explain why a situation has occurred or may not be easily resolvable.

Our visitors on Friday were from the Department for Education. We were honoured to be chosen to receive a planned visit which highlighted the work we undertake as a community, school and Trust. We showcased our maths teaching and learning during their visit. Additionally, we spoke of our varied and aspirational curriculum which leads to some of the best progress and attainment results in Somerset and the South West. They were impressed with our beautiful learning environment and the care which is shown. The visitors spoke of the high expectations children have of themselves and their work. The successful HEPS workload strategy was discussed in relation to our diligent staff who support the children in their progress both academically and pastorally. In particular, our visitors were interested in our ways of working, which are notably different from other primary schools. We are hopeful that this visit, and the information gathered, could inform future government guidance which would lead to more children receiving the same high quality educational experience as our children. The children, as always, made us very proud."

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

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
96%	96%	90%	100%	94%	88%	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
15/04/2024		Kingsmoor	Clubs start this week except athletics Monday: no Early birds Tuesday: R24 primary places sent to parents Wednesday-Friday: Y4 PGL residential Wednesday: Perrymoor educational visit Friday: mufti day for house points awarded to the yellow team
22/04/2024	Friday Saltmoor Celebration		Wednesday: PFSA drop in session 09:00
29/04/2024		Portmoor	Monday-Friday: KS1 SATs Wednesday: athletics starts this week Wednesday: Saltmoor educational visit
06/05/2024	Thursday Perrymoor Celebration		Monday: Bank holiday (no children) Tuesday-Friday: KS1 SATs
13/05/2024		Leazemoor	Monday-Friday: KS1 SATs Monday-Friday: KS2 SATs
20/05/2024			Vocab mats sent home. Monday-Friday: KS1 SATs Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday: R24 Pop-by sessions Friday PM: Interhouse swimming gala Friday: No Busy Bees
27/05/2024	Half term	Half term	Half term
03/06/2024	Friday Haymoor Celebration		Interhouse art competition details sent home Monday: no Early birds Monday: Class photos Monday-Friday: Y4 Multiplication check Wednesday: Rags to Riches collection fundraiser Thursday: R24 new parents meeting 16:30 Friday: mufti day for house points (team unknown)
10/06/2024		Cocklemoor	Monday-Friday: Y4 Multiplication check Monday-Friday: Phonics testing Monday-Wednesday: R24 Stay and Play sessions 14:15-15:15 Monday: Interhouse art competition deadline 09:00
17/06/2024	Friday Kingsmoor Celebration		
24/06/2024		Saltmoor	Thursday: Writing and Art Gallery (families invited) 14:30 Friday: INSET (no children)
01/07/2024	Thursday Portmoor Celebration		Monday: INSET (no children) Wednesday: Move-up day for YR-Y5. Y6 at the Academy. R24 in school for the morning only.
08/07/2024		Perrymoor	Monday-Thursday: Y6 Bikeability
15/07/2024	Friday Leazemoor Celebration		No clubs this week Vocab mats sent home
22/07/2024			No clubs this week Reports sent home Monday: Y6 event (parents not invited) Tuesday: Y6 leavers assembly (families invited) 14:30 Wednesday: No Busy Bees Wednesday: Sports day afternoon (families invited) 14:00 Wednesday: last day of term