

HEPS News



Week beginning 24.06.2024

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday				Please wear PE kit		Please wear PE kit	
Tuesday				Stitchers 15:30-16:30	Rounders Stitchers 15:30-16:30	Rounders 15:30-16:30	Please wear PE kit Rounders 15:30-16:30
Wednesday	Please bring PE kit in			Athletics 15:30-16:30	Please wear PE kit Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30
Thursday	Wiggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30 14:00 Art and writing exhibition	Wiggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30 14:00 Art and writing exhibition	Wiggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30 14:00 Art and writing exhibition	14:00 Art and writing exhibition	14:00 Art and writing exhibition	Netball 15:30-16:30 14:00 Art and writing exhibition	Netball 15:30-16:30 14:00 Art and writing exhibition
Friday	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day

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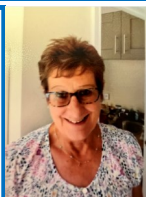
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

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
Campout letter	Kingsmoor
Summer events	Kingsmoor

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 for meals W/C 1 July 2024 (week 5 menu). Please select 'Packed Lunch Chosen' in the dessert box when ordering a packed lunch option as main.

Educational visits: We are already looking forward to the beginning of the autumn term with regards to planning educational visits. Our first visits happen almost as soon as the Y1-6 children arrive back from the holiday. HEPS is one of the few schools which provides a team building day at the beginning of the year so the class can bond with new staff and any new children to the school. This is all provided free of charge!

As ever, these visits can only take place if we have volunteers to come along with us. Please let the School Office know if you are able to support on these days. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be away on Thursday 5 September. Years 1, 2 and 3 will be heading off on Friday 6 September.

Art and writing gallery: We have changed the opening time of this to **14:00** as we have so much to fit in. Don't worry if you can't come until 14:30 as we will undertake the art parade after 14:30 so you don't miss it.

School Council: This week we discussed many topics including clubs for the autumn term and donations from home. The School Council agreed that a 'Donation Station' would be a good idea to collect any donations from home to collect items classes are requesting. This will take the form of a trolley on the playground in the mornings so everything is kept safely in one place. We will offer some lunchtime clubs next term following the success of them this term although most clubs will be after school.

School shoes: When buying school shoes over the holiday, please only buy lace-up shoes if your child can tie laces. If they can't, please teach them how to tie laces or go for the Velcro option. With the best will in the world, we aren't able to tie laces for multiple children throughout the day.

If our child's shoes become unwearable due to being broken or sizing, please let the Teacher know. We ask that children wear black daps in the interim, not trainers or any other type of shoe, until school shoes have been replaced over the weekend.

Mufti dress: We have mufti days for the winning house team once each half term and occasionally for charity fundraising days. Mufti is also worn for some educational visits and on some other special occasions. It is important that on all of these occasions, children dress appropriately. This means that tops which reveal tummy's or too much skin such as very short shorts or non-sleeved basketball vests, clothing which is skin tight (apart from leggings) and any other item of clothing which is inappropriate for primary aged children, must not be worn. Children who attend our school should not be wearing make-up either generally or when they are wearing mufti. Face paint at discos and on special event days is permitted.

We want to avoid speaking with children about this as they can find it embarrassing. If we do need to speak with children and ask them to change clothes or remove make-up, we will do this in a sensitive way. It would be better for all concerned if this was avoided by children arriving in school attired in an age appropriate manner.

The end of the day: We have all experienced and occasional change of plan during the school day and have to make alternative arrangements for collection. Could we kindly ask that these changes are kept to a minimum. We have had parents upset that they couldn't get a message to a child as office staff haven't answered the phone. This is because office staff have been delivering a multitude of messages to pupils between 15:00-15:30.

No cash: Unfortunately, we aren't able to accept cash payments for Busy Bees or Early Birds. Please ensure childcare is booked on the app only.

Sports award: We are extremely pleased to announce that we have received the platinum sports award on a second consecutive occasion. Very few schools achieve this award. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Ramwell, and of course our children, who are enthusiastic and demonstrate consistently high standards and positive sporting attitudes.

Donation Station book amnesty: Please check your child's book shelves, their bags and under their pillow for school books. All school books are stamped or labelled so they should be easy to find. Please ask your child to put them on the donation station or take them into class. We have a 'no questions asked policy' when these are returned as we are so grateful to receive them back into school. We spent just over £1,800 replacing books last year. This is money we could spend in all manner of areas within school if books are returned to us.

Safeguarding: This is a reminder that photos and videos must not be taken of any events in school. After the event, parents may photograph their own child without any other children appearing in the footage or photo. This is an important message and is related to safeguarding our children and families.

Question on the gate: "Can you tell me why my child was kept in at a breaktime?"

"I imagine that some of the ways we work in school can seem strange and counterintuitive if you haven't taught a class of primary aged children. Children may be in the school building for many different reasons at breaktimes such as if they're feeling under the weather; they want to carry on with their work; children are using the Media Hub either for school work or a project which has come in from home; they haven't completed the work which was asked for in class; or they are keen to undertake a reading quiz etc. We rarely require children to stay in at breaktimes but it does happen. This is used as a last resort when a child, who is capable but not inclined to finish their work, chooses not to complete a task. This would mean that the next day, the child wouldn't be at the same learning point as the other children and therefore would need direct adult supervision which is then taking this away from children who need 1-1 support. We don't have the resources, particularly staffing, to support this way of working even though I wish we did.

If children are asked to stay in at breaktime, they complete work during the 10 minute break after visiting the toilet, which means they continue to work for about 6-7 minutes. A child can usually complete the work in this short period.

Part of working this way is ensuring that children are prepared for their transition beyond HEPS, as the result of not completing work at secondary generally leads to a detention. We want to know that our children are in the best place possible when they leave us.

When speaking with the children about it there are very few who disagree, with most saying that it isn't fair if they have to complete their work while others choose to take a break during the lesson and then have their breaktime too. What a great attitude they show with regards to equality—this makes me very proud!"

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoore	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
92%	88%	80%	94%	97%	92%	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- Thursday : 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 (yellow team)
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 Wednesday: Perrymoor educational visit Friday: Leazemoor educational visit
17/06/2024	Friday Kingsmoor Celebration		Friday: Cocklemoor educational visit Friday: Haymoor educational visit
24/06/2024		Saltmoor	Thursday: Writing and Art Gallery (families invited) 14:30 14:00 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