

# HEPS News



Week beginning 01.07.2024

## The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
<b>Monday</b>	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day	Inset day
<b>Tuesday</b>				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
<b>Wednesday</b>				Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30
<b>Thursday</b>	Wriggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30	Please bring PE kit in  Wriggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30	Wriggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30			Please wear PE kit  Netball 15:30-16:30	Netball 15:30-16:30
<b>Friday</b>	Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday	Please bring PE kit in  Lolly Friday	Please wear PE kit  Lolly Friday	Swimming 13:00-15:00  Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

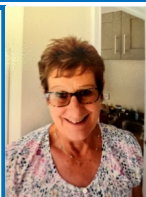
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

**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
Term Dates	All pupils

**School Lunches:** Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 2 July 2024 for meals W/C 8 July 2024 (week 6 menu). Please select 'Packed Lunch Chosen' in the dessert box when ordering a packed lunch option as main.

**Staff news:** We are sorry to say that Mrs Hodgskin will be leaving us at the end of term. We will thank her for her hard work and support in the next few weeks as she prepares to embark on her next chapter which is likely to involve a focus on family time.

**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.

**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 your 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 tummies 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 an occasional change of plans 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.

**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 short reminder that children must not bring nuts or nut products into school as we have children with nut-allergies.

**Question on the gate:** "How does Wednesday work for Move-up day?"

*"New Reception and current Year 6 children have their own routines which are different to all other classes so I'll explain the routine for current Years R-5 only.*

*All children, including current Year 5 children, come onto the playground as usual. When the bell rings at 08:50, children will line up in their new class space. Their adults will take the children down to their new classrooms. There will be lots of us on hand to support the children. Children will have their usual routine in the class throughout the day. There isn't any PE on this day so children and adults can experience their new environment throughout the day. Children will undertake maths and English as usual as well as a range of other subjects and activities, such as the class charter, in preparation for September. Current year 1 will use the big playground for breaktimes which they have been practising over the last few weeks.*

*At the end of the day, children will line up in their new places. Current Year 5 children will leave school via the playground so parents can speak with the Teacher if they need. From September, these children will use the front door from the first day of term both at arrival and when leaving. They will practise this on Wednesday during the day.*

*I will write to all parents and carers with September staffing during the day. We will post lots on Twitter so do take a look. The most important message parents can give children on this day is that children will feel comfortable and have a good time as they know us, they know the routines and they have their friends with them. It's the adults who have the most change to manage!*

*We think long and hard about transition with many activities leading up to this day including: Teacher observations in different classes, Teachers taking clubs in different year groups so we all experience different adults, children using different school spaces which means they are well placed for Move-up day when it arrives.*

*We will miss our current Year 6 children on this day as they experience their new school for the first time. Our lovely new Reception starters will also be in school on Wednesday but they will only be here for a half day, until 12:00.*

*I find Move-up day exciting and quite sad at the same time. We welcome our newest members into our community but also start to consider how the school will feel without our amazing Year 6 children. The empty nest feeling I'll have is a reminder of the privilege I feel being a small part of the journey of our children."*

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

Cockle Moor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoore	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
92%	92%	95%	97%	88%	96%	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- <b>Thursday</b> : 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 ( <b>yellow team</b> )
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 <b>Wednesday: Perrymoor educational visit</b> <b>Friday: Leazemoor educational visit</b>
17/06/2024	Friday Kingsmoor Celebration		<b>Friday: Cocklemoor educational visit</b> <b>Friday: Haymoor educational visit</b>
24/06/2024		Saltmoor	Thursday: Writing and Art Gallery (families invited) <del>14:30</del> <b>14:00</b> 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