

HEPS News



Week beginning 15.07.2024

The Week Ahead...

| | Cocklemoor | Haymoor | Leazemoor | Perrymoor | Portmoor | Saltmoor | Kingsmoor |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Monday | | | Please bring PE kit in | Please wear PE kit | | | |
| Tuesday | | | | | | Please wear PE kit | Please wear PE kit |
| Wednesday | | Please bring PE kit in | | | | | |
| Thursday | Please bring PE kit in | | | | | | |
| Friday | Lolly Friday | Lolly Friday | Celebration assembly 15:00 start Lolly Friday | Lolly Friday | Lolly Friday Please wear PE kit | Lolly Friday | Lolly Friday |

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

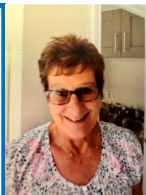
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

[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
Clubs September 2024 All pupils

Staff news: We are really pleased to announce that Miss Gosling has ably passed her ECT period. This professional development lasts two years and is an intense period which involves observations of other Teachers and being observed, additional learning, visits to other settings and research led tasks. Well done Miss Gosling for your hard work!

Governors: We would like to thank Julia Gadd for her service over the last year as our Chair of Governors. We welcomed Mrs Armstrong as the new Chair of Governors yesterday. Mrs Armstrong will build on the work which has already taken place by her able predecessors. Mrs Makas will continue as the Vice Chair of Governors. The governor team has worked very hard in the past year which was acknowledged by Mrs Doughty Davis at the meeting yesterday evening along with her thanks to them.

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 16 July 2024 for meals W/C 22 July 2024 (week 7 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.

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.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST): The MHST are offering a series of free helpful webinars over the Summer and Autumn. These webinars are for:

- Supporting your child's mental health & wellbeing
- Supporting your child with change & transitions (moving schools)
- Supporting your child's big feelings
- Understanding & supporting anxiety & low mood

Please speak to Mrs Monk if you would like any further information. Alternatively, you can find out more & register here: <https://bit.ly/mhstwebinars2024>

Term dates: The term dates and holidays for the academic year 2025-26 have been published on the website. We have published these early as part of our attendance strategy to ensure parents do not book holidays during term time. There are new statutory attendance requirements taking effect from September which will mean automatic fines for holidays and other forms of absences. More information will be sent out ready for the new term.

Grief support: Unfortunately we have several families who are managing the loss of a close family member at this time. If this happens, please let us know by emailing the School Office. We will discreetly let staff know so we are able to support children. We can signpost families to resources which we have found very useful so parents can use these at home. As a starting point, please go to www.winstonswish.org which is a charity that focuses on supporting children through grief.

Every loss is managed by each child in a different manner and we wait to be guided by each child. That said, in our experience, we know that the routine of school supports children to manage loss through regular routines and being with their friends.

Clubs: These will be released this afternoon at 15:00 ready for parents to choose for the autumn term. We have introduced a waiting list on SchoolComms too so we are able to allocate places which become free after the initial sign-up.

School Council: The School Council gathered ideas and preferences for clubs. They put posters up at a breaktime so children could read the options before they led the voting in class. The School Council met following this to look at the results and see how balanced the clubs were with boys and girls. This led to an incredibly rich discussion about how we ensure our ethos prevails in all areas of school which is that we are encouraging of all children in all aspects of the school whilst balancing everyone having choice. This has brought about the change to one club where football and netball will be played by all children signing up to this club. This will be over two nights due to the number of votes for football and netball, however, children will only be permitted to attend one of the two days.

There were other brilliant suggestions too about lunchtime clubs, which have proved very popular with the children.

The children were eloquent, engaged and enthusiastic about many subjects this term but particularly about clubs and how we could solve several problems. There may be further changes to the clubs system as the year progresses based on the rich discussion with the School Council this week.

Safeguarding: There was an incident involving some of our children playing unsupervised near the river this week which could have led to very serious consequences. Whilst we teach children about river safety, please ensure that you also have this conversation with your child/children and set clear boundaries about where they can and can't play if unsupervised. Unstructured and unsupervised time with friends away from homes is very healthy and to be encouraged, however, this should be age and ability appropriate for the children concerned taking into account when, where and with whom children are playing. This message is particularly important as we go into the summer holiday where children won't be able to talk to us about their concerns.

Question on the gate: "How did the Year 6 children get on with SATS?"

"Our children worked so hard this year to make huge progress from their already high learning points when they joined Year 6.

For me, each year children enter Year 6, it is clear to see how the impact of our curriculum, interventions and support are positively improving the outcomes for our children socially, emotionally and academically. The current Year 6 cohort was in Reception when almost every element of teaching and learning in the school was changed. Each member of staff has worked incredibly hard and contributed towards their success. Parents make a huge and positive difference when they support their child and the school with our ethos, values and ways of working. However, it is the children themselves who deserve to see the outstanding progress they have made.

Whilst we don't have the progress measures yet, we do know the attainment figures (which may rise further following requests for remarking on a couple of papers), are some of our highest ever. As we don't have the national figures for 2024 yet, I have listed the 2023 national figures for comparison. These figures are likely to be in the top 20 schools within Somerset (out of approximately 300 schools) based on last year's figures, however, I will confirm this in September when we have more accurate information.

Well done to our fabulous Year 6 cohort who are coming to the end of their time with us. We wish them well as we undertake many events over the last few days of this term to celebrate their time with us. They will be missed by all of us who recognize them as sparky, thoughtful, hard working and just fantastic to spend time with. Get the tissues ready!"

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

| Cockle Moor | Haymoor | Leazemoor | Perrymoore | Portmoor | Saltmoor | Kingsmoor |
|-------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 94% | 92% | 90% | 94% | 94% | 92% | 85% |

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 | Lolly Friday | Friday: Cocklemoor educational visit Friday: Haymoor educational visit |
| 24/06/2024 | | Lolly Friday | Thursday: Writing and Art Gallery (families invited) 14:30 14:00 Friday: INSET (no children) |
| 01/07/2024 | Thursday Portmoor Celebration | Lolly Friday | 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 | | Lolly Friday | Monday-Thursday: Y6 Bikeability |
| 15/07/2024 | Friday Leazemoor Celebration | Lolly Friday | No clubs this week Vocab mats sent home |
| 22/07/2024 | | | No clubs this week Reports sent home Vocab mats 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 |