

HEPS News



Week beginning 02.09.2024

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday	School holiday	School holiday	School holiday	School holiday	School holiday	School holiday	School holiday
Tuesday	INSET	INSET	INSET	INSET	INSET	INSET	INSET
Wednesday	School is open 08:40-08:50	School is open 08:40-08:50	School is open 08:40-08:50	School is open 08:40-08:50	School is open 08:40-08:50	School is open 08:40-08:50	School is open 08:40-08:50
Thursday					Team building trip	Team building trip	Team building trip
Friday	Lolly Friday	Team building trip Lolly Friday	Team building trip Lolly Friday	Team building trip Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday

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HEPS Chair of Governors:
Mrs Katherine Armstrong



**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
Flyer for Somerset 's End Festival 2024	All pupils

Staff news: We are pleased to announce that Mrs Young will be joining the School Office team from 1 September. Mrs Masters will be retiring from her main office role but will continue as our Clerk to Governors which means we will continue to appreciate her as an incredibly valued member of our team for a long time to come!

School lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 for meals W/C 9 September 2024 (week 1 menu). Please select 'Packed Lunch Chosen' in the dessert box when ordering a packed lunch option as main.

Mufti: Due to our team building trips in the first week, we will have the house point mufti day on the Friday of the second week of the new half term. The winners were the yellow team this time. Go Yellow!

PE: Children will attend Magdalen Farm team building off site this week. This will take the place of regular PE lessons this week.

Team building: If your child is in Years 1-6, they will be taking part in an adventure team building day at the Magdalen Farm Project. They will need to wear long trousers, a long sleeved top and sturdy shoes/trainers or wellies (Kingsmoor class will need a change of clothes and shoes/wellies as they will be stream walking). They also must have a waterproof coat/jacket and a sun hat. Suncream must be applied before coming to school. If children aren't appropriately dressed, they will not be able to attend. If a school lunch hasn't been ordered then children will need a packed lunch. They will need a water bottle which can be refilled.

The children will be traveling by coach, leaving as soon as they get into school, so please don't be late!

Please contact the School office if you can volunteer with us on either or both of these days.

Volunteers: We would like to welcome more friendly volunteers into our school to listen to readers. Do you know anyone who could come into school on a regular basis? If you do, please ask them to contact the School Office so they can attend our safeguarding training on INSET day.

Donation station: Following the refurbishment of almost all of the rooms within the school over the past few years, we have embarked upon updating the staff room. This is a well-used room where adults take respite during the day to decompress, bring in food to share, celebrate the successes of the day, chat about lives outside of school and laugh and support each other. Our colour scheme is sage green (Limerick), white and brass which we are hoping will create a calm and tranquil environment.

If you are propagating indoor plants and have a few to spare, or see any indoor plants being offered for free, please do think of us. Similarly, if you have indoor plant pots going spare then we would be very grateful for any donations.

Early Birds and Busy Bees: Following our recent wraparound parent survey, our before and after school clubs, will be open every day the children are in school, including the first morning and last afternoon of each term.

Additionally, Early Birds will be open from 07:30 each morning and Busy Bees will close at 18:00 each evening. These extended times will be in place until the Christmas break. We will observe how well attended these extended times become over the first half term and take a decision about the hours at half term.

We try and keep charges to a minimum but we do need to cover our costs. Here are our charges for the academic year 2024-25:

- Pupil premium: £2.50 for 1 hour, £3.75 for 1.5 hours, £5.00 for 2 hours, £6.25 for 2.5 hours.
- Non Pupil premium: £3.50 for 1 hour, £5.25 for 1.5 hours, £7.00 for 2 hours, £8.75 for 2.5 hours.

Community engagement: We are pleased to announce that we are working with ABP for their 'Somerset's End Festival 2024'. There will be live music, games, food and drink at this family friendly festival taking place at The Rose and Crown 'Elis's', Huish Episcopi, TA10 9QT. This event will take place on Saturday 7 September with gates opening at 12:30.

ABP employ many members of our school community and we know that this event is well attended by them each year. This year, it is open to everyone. Tickets will cost £5 for adults, children up to 10 years old enter for free, between 11-18 years old, tickets cost £3. All monies raised will be donated to HEPS towards the school library project. Please contact the School Office if you can volunteer at this event in support of our fundraising efforts.

Children will be bringing home a leaflet with the details today so please save the date.

Safeguarding: Please remind your child of when they might call the emergency services and how to do this.

If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

- Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224
- Children's Social Care at childrens@somerset.gov.uk
- the Police.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens-services/safeguarding-children/report-a-child-at-risk/>

Question on the gate: "Is it sad to see the Year 6 children leave or are you ready for them to go?"

"It is always sad to see children leave our school, regardless of their year group. We grow close to our children because we share their successes, we work alongside them and also support them sometimes with challenges that no child should ever have to face.

I was a little too overcome to express how I truly felt yesterday at the Leavers Assembly. These Year 6 children were a scrumptious bunch in Reception! We have been fortunate to have many children join an already brilliant cohort of children, each adding their own element. Along the way, some of these children have faced multiple challenges, but have blossomed. Some of them have been self-assured all along. It's a privilege to have front row seats when you see them dip their toe and then decide who they are going to be and the power they hold to drive their future lives. Their confidence shines through when this happens, and this is what we saw yesterday.

This group also has a significant advantage—their parents, friends and families. We have never had so many join us for this service. When parents, friends and families support the development and education of a child, we know it makes a huge difference and have seen this in action this year.

In short, whilst I am not ready for these vibrant, inquisitive and gifted children to leave us, they are ready to leave us. We all wish them well in their future lives and hope that they think fondly of their primary education as we all feel it was a pleasure to serve them.

Mrs Doughty Davis

Please continue to read over the holidays, 5 reads per week

Cockle Moor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
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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.**

To be confirmed.