

HEPS News



Week beginning 8.07.2024

The Week Ahead...

	Cocklemoor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoor	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
Monday	Please bring PE kit in			Please wear PE kit			Bikeability
Tuesday				Stitchers 15:30-16:30	Rounders Stitchers 15:30-16:30	Please wear PE kit Rounders 15:30-16:30	Bikeability Rounders 15:30-16:30
Wednesday		Please bring PE kit in		Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30	Bikeability Athletics 15:30-16:30	Athletics 15:30-16:30
Thursday	Wriggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30	Wriggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30	Wriggly Wrigglers 15:30-16:30			Bikeability Netball 15:30-16:30	Please wear PE kit Netball 15:30-16:30
Friday	Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday	Please bring PE kit in Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday	Swimming 13:00-15:00 Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday	Lolly Friday

Quick link to our Twitter Feed:

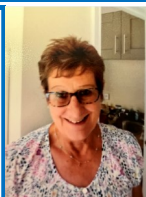
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Quick link to Calendar Dates:

[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

September 2024 staffing

All pupils

School Lunches: Please make your menu choices and/or book and pay on Schoolcomms by 09:00am on Tuesday, 9 July 2024 for meals W/C 15 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 is 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.

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.

Art and writing exhibition: Thank you to everyone who came to school last Thursday afternoon to celebrate the writing and art work the children produced in school over a two week period. We were thrilled that so many of you came.

This year we introduced stalls for the Year 6 which was the culmination of their enterprise project. Year 6 children worked in small groups and were given a starter fund of £10. This fantastic group of children raised £674!

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.

Safeguarding: Our aim is for all children to attend Bikeability in Y5/6 before they leave HEPS. This is a proficiency test for cycling which educates children on how to look after their bike, how to ride safely and the rules of riding on the road. We believe this is an essential skill that all children and adults should have. Riding a bike is a great way to keep fit, travel in the fresh air and gain independence. To attend Bikeability, children need to be able to ride a bike and have a bike which is in good condition. Riding a bike is a rite of passage and an essential skill which all children should have the opportunity to achieve.

Question on the gate: "Are you pleased with the election results? What would be your first wish?"

"There is no doubt that we need a significant change in how the systems of education are managed by central government, whomever is in power. Funding of schools, the SEND system, recruitment, pay and retainment are all areas of significant pressure which need addressing directly and as soon as possible. Whilst we manage well, many of the schools I visit and support are at critical points. Many are making redundancies despite huge need in schools to support children and families. As there are fewer and more stretched services in the community, schools are directed to take on these services too. Our most vulnerable children are often unsupported when they most need services to enable them to succeed. Funding makes it impossible to recruit for these services. Rates of pay, particularly for our support staff, are woefully inadequate for the valuable skills these brilliant people bring to their roles. Good Teachers are extremely scarce and do not have the terms and conditions which make this an attractive career, even for the most dedicated. The education system is currently running on good will.

My wish is quite simply to fund schools appropriately, without ringfenced funding, and fund services which support families outside of schools as well.

Whilst that all seems a little gloomy, I strongly believe that all parties want the same outcomes for our children. Similarly, we all continue to work hard to achieve the best for all of the children in our care at all times. I continue to know how fortunate I am to work amongst amazing and dedicated colleagues with such brilliant children regardless of the challenges we face."

Sparkle Jar Reading—5 reads a week minimum including holidays

Cockle Moor	Haymoor	Leazemoor	Perrymoore	Portmoor	Saltmoor	Kingsmoor
94%	72%	95%	94%	94%	84%	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	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 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