



PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY POST

Newsletter 31 – 7th June 2019
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The next few days

Monday 10th June - Athletes for schools visit (sponsored event)
Tuesday 11th June -
Wednesday 12th June -
Thursday 13th June -
Friday 14th June -

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents

What a week! I think, in terms of stress, it's been really challenging. You know the saying "It never rains but it pours"? Well it has certainly felt like that this week.

I would like to start by apologising for any inconvenience caused with regards to the lack of ability to communicate with the school over the past few days. With the view of making communication with and between both schools more effective, I commissioned the installation of a new internet based dual site system. A simple transfer was promised and, over the half term holiday, the necessary work took place. However, on the staff's return to school on Monday we discovered that both sites had lost all IT and telephones.....! Since this discovery, the last few days have been a fraught task to get all connections repaired and services back to normal. We are in a much better situation now but are still not quite there so I ask you to bear with us while we continue to move closer to the end goal.

On top of this, Parentpay went live on 1st June. There are some issues to be rectified but, on the whole, it appears that this new system will make life easier. Again, I would ask for your patience whilst we iron out any creases.

Today is Mrs Pitts' last day with us and I would like to thank her for her hard work. Although it has been a fairly short time, we have loved having her as part of the team and wish her well in her new ventures.

Mrs Prettejohn will start in the office on Monday 1st July. In the meantime, Miss Jarrett will be holding the fort and we ask that you bear with her as she might be a little stretched at times.

This term is full of different and exciting events, one of which being Sports Day which will take place, weather permitting, on Thursday 20th June. We hope many of you will be able to join us for what is always a great day.

Year 6 children will start preparing for the transition to secondary school and will spend time at The Kings to begin to familiarise themselves with the new surroundings.

The summer term is always a long and busy one but we are all looking forward to a fun filled 7 weeks!

Hopefully this rain will dry up and we will all have a lovely weekend.

Penny Hammett

Star of the Week - Well Done To....

<u>Willow Class</u>	Pre-school - Marley	Reception - Oliver
<u>Ash Class</u>	Year 1 - Sebastian	Year 2 - Alby
<u>Beech Class</u>	Year 3 - Theo	Year 4 - Elliot
<u>Oak Class</u>	Year 5 - Lily	Year 6 - Charlie

Notices to Parents

Non uniform day - A reminder that Tuesday is non uniform day in exchange for prizes for the summer fayre.

Sponsorship forms for athletics event - On Monday we have a visit from a GB Paralympic for the sponsored fitness circuit with pupils. Sponsorship forms and monies need to be back by Monday 17th June please. With this in mind we would also like to remind you that **Ash Class will not have swimming** on this day.

Walk to school initiative - As of next Monday children will be recording how they get to school each morning. Family group points will be awarded to children who come to school by bike or on foot and the golden boot award will be presented to the most eco-friendly class. Don't forget that you can 'park & stride' to school if you are unable to make the whole journey on foot. Please help to support us in earning our green flag eco school award.

F.O.P.S

We are busy preparing for next week's Summer Fair - Saturday 15th June.

You should all have received our letter (also attached) about the non-school uniform day taking place next week, on Tuesday 11th June in exchange for donations towards Summer Fair stalls. Please check for suggested donations for each class.

New stalls for this fair are the Sock Surprise & Plant Stall ... donations for both gratefully received, and of course the first ever Payhembury Junior Bake Off. We are hoping this may be a great new addition to our fairs, (and possibly inspire future GBBO contestants from the school), so please do encourage your children to enter.

We have sent raffle tickets out with the letters - it would be brilliant if you could help us sell these far and wide prior to the fair. Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the office by next Friday (14th), thank you.

Don't forget, you can enter your four legged friends in the fiercely contested Payhembury Dog Show on the day.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fair for some fun & games. If you are able to spare an hour on the day to help out, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you

Dates for the Diary

2018/19 Academic Year

- 10th June 2019 - GB Paralympic Athlete visit / sponsored fitness event
- 11th June 2019 - Non uniform day
- 15th June 2019 - Summer Fair
- 17th June 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 19th June 2019 - Yr 3/4 Devon School Games @ Exeter
- 20th June 2019 - Sports Day
- 24th June 2019 - Ash Class Multiskills festival @ Kings
- 24th June 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 25th June 2019 - Rain date for sports day
- 1st July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 8th July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 8th July 2019 - Year 6 transition week @ Kings (all week)
- 15th July 2019 - Beech class swimming
- 19th July 2019 - Last day of term
- 22nd & 23rd July 2019 - Non pupil days

2019/20 Academic Year

- 2nd-3rd September 2019 - Non pupil days
- 4th September 2019 - First day of term
- 21st - 28th October 2019 - Half term
- 29th October 2019 - Non pupil day
- 30th October 2019 - First day back after half term for pupils
- 20th December 2019 - Last day of term
- 6th January 2020 - First day of term
- 17th-21st February 2020 - Half term
- 27th March 2020 - Last day of term
- 13th April 2020 - Bank Holiday
- 14th April 2020 - First day of term
- 4th May 2020 - Bank Holiday
- 25th-29th May 2020 - Half term
- 1st - 2nd June 2020 - Non pupil days
- 22nd July 2020 - Last day of term



Growing in Love, Hope and Faith.

On Sunday there will be C.A.F.E Service at 10:30 in the Village Hall, but do arrive earlier for coffee croissant and a chat. This is a service suitable for all- with activities for the children. Do join us, a warm welcome awaits you.

A thought

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.

Matthew 21:22