

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



The noise of seashells, our netball team, transport topic in Northmoor and many robots are made in Parrett with parents!

## From the Headteacher:

Chicks, I have discovered, are the most enchanting prop to use in assembly or so it may seem from last week when Mr Cracknell visited us to talk about Easter with three live bundles of fluff. However, if chicks were memorable then the Fizz Pop Bang Science Assembly was the most intriguing, giving rise to questions galore.



Although the field is not yet sufficiently dry for us to be on the grass, the children were more than happy to wait on the playground patiently for their turn to buy a cake or two last Friday. The school was even more scarlet than usual with everyone supporting Red Nose Day with either mufti or red noses.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all with games brought from home for everyone to share and participate. We managed to raise a staggering £269.50

thanks to your generosity. Please read the School Council's report on page two written by our Northmoor pupils.

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at the report evenings next week so we are able to discuss the progress of each of our children. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet with their teacher to gain a good understanding of where they are doing well, where there is room for improvement and how this can be achieved.



I have had several conversations over the last week with parents and carers who are very supportive of our reading at home and homework expectations. Whilst we understand that evenings can be busy, we very much appreciate parents and carers who place an emphasis on reading and homework completion as we know this makes a huge difference to children reaching their potential. All children should be reading five times a week at home, with the planner signed by an adult. This is an area we will be looking into next term in order that we are ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children both from an academic and a pastoral point of view.

Just two weeks to go until the Easter Holidays but a busy couple of weeks ahead! (Mrs Doughty Davis)

## School News

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Information Meeting for parents/carers: On Monday, 25 March 2019 at 2.30pm**, Mrs Vogel and Miss Chadbourne will be hosting a meeting, in Aller Class, for parents/carers with Year 1 children, to talk through the phonics screening test that the pupils will undertake in June. We will show you what the papers look like, how we prepare the children and give you some top tips to support your child at home. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we will send information home with your Year 1 child. (Miss Chadbourne)

**School Meals—Summer Term:** Menu sheets for next term are in your child's book bag. Please return your child's sheet by next Friday, 29 March 2019. Sheets with information about paying for school meals for older children have also been sent out. Should you wish to opt out of universal free school meals or free school meals please return the opt out slip so we do not waste food by ordering unnecessarily. Thank you. (Mrs Sams)

**School Meals Provision:** Please look out for information on a tasting session for parents/carers which we will be holding early next term with our

new food supplier, Huish Academy, who will be providing our meals after May Half Term. We will be asking for your opinion, and that of our children, before we draw up the new menus.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

**Can you help?:** Does anyone have a fully working but second hand keyboard they would be happy to donate to the school? If so, we would love to receive it in time for the Summer Term to help with our music provision. Thank you.

## School Council—Pupil Voice

**Red Nose Day:** *“Last Friday, we came to school in our own clothes and tried to wear a red nose for Red Nose Day. If we were able to, we also brought in a game to play and gave £1.50 to help raise money for good causes.*

*We had a normal morning but the afternoon was different. After lunch, we had a cake sale. The queue for the cakes stretched halfway across the playground! When we came back into class, we took out our games that we had brought and started to play them. We split up into groups to play them which was excellent fun. It was a fun day and we were pleased that we raised so much money for Comic Relief.”*

(**Ninette & Primrose**, School Councillors)

(More photos on page one & five.)

## Class News

**Parrett Class News:** On Tuesday, during our ‘Learn With Us’ session, the parents helped the children make junk model robots. We will be painting and adding finishing touches to these during the coming week. Thank you so much to the 16+ parents/carers that attended.

(More photos on page one.) In Literacy, we have been retelling and rewriting the story of ‘NoBot the Robot’. In Numeracy, we have been focusing on addition using the ‘part, part, whole’ model which the children have been very enthusiastic about. We have had the first of three visits from James, our local Curate, during which we have started to learn about Lent and the Easter Story. We have also started to learn about Spring and the changing of the seasons. (Mr Usher & Mrs Raymond)



**Aller Class News:** Aller Class are diving into a new English story called “Bubbles” after a fantastic few weeks of writing based on “Dogger.”



We started this off by listening to the sounds of a beach, listening & looking at Mrs Ramwell’s incredible seashells and imagining all of our



own previous beach experiences. We look forward to seeing where this story takes us next! As our “Toys” topic will be coming to an end in the next few weeks, the children will be designing and creating their own toys. If you have any spare recycling at home, could you please send it our way before Wednesday, 27 March? (More photos on page one.) A reminder to all parents and carers that next week is quite a busy one! **Monday is our Phonics information meeting at 2.30pm, Parents’ Evenings on Tuesday & Thursday and we are ending our week with Aller’s Celebration Assembly on Friday, 29 March!** (Mrs Vogel)

**Sedgemoor Class News:** Sedgemoor Class have been working hard in Maths. Year 3 are becoming experts in adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and Year 2 can now name most of their 2D shapes. We have been learning about road safety and the class have made wonderful safeguarding posters. We are hoping that the winning poster will feature in next year’s planners so all the school will know how to cross a road safely. (Mrs Barlow)

**Northmoor Class News:** Northmoor have continued to be busy this term with a variety of projects that we are undertaking. We are midway through writing our explanatory text all about how to be an Antarctic explorer. We never knew how complicated it was to be an explorer and how much you would need to do in order to survive! Ernest Shackleton’s achievement was amazing!

We have been looking at what is needed for a healthy diet in Science and PSHE. We all knew what the different types of food were but we did not know what the food contained and what elements were good for us. We learned all about protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals amongst other things and investigated what foods contained these elements. From there, we had to design a balanced healthy meal - it was not as easy as we thought!

We have also been learning about different types of transport through history and how they have evolved. We have linked this to DT and are now designing, building and evaluating our own method



of transport. Hopefully, they will be effective and work in the ways we intended! (Mrs Perry) one.)



**Isle Class News:** Following a lively debate and argument, Isle Class have written their own discussion texts on whether children should have worked down mines during the 1800s. Based on the book 'Town is by the Sea', they have written confident and thought provoking arguments that both support children working in the mines and are also against child labour. We have had many a healthy discussion on this topic, which has led to the children making their own conclusions. Many believe that children should not have worked down the mines but there are many who thought this was a good thing! Fabulous discussion work Isle Class and some superb written arguments too!

(Mr Clements)



Some of our Year 5 pupils creating their own William Morris prints in Art.

**Kingsmoor Class News:** This week we have been writing biographies about people who can inspire us. This Literacy unit has been linked with RE. The children have chosen inspirational individuals to research and write about including Malala Yousafzai, William Wilberforce, Rosa Parks and Oskar Schindler. (Miss Chadbourne)

## Safeguarding News

**Using Mobile Phones:** PCSOs Carol & Mal came in last week to talk to Kingsmoor Class about how to keep themselves safe when using mobile phones.



**Parents vs Kids Online Quiz:** Children love competing with their parents! This free quiz from O2 and the NSPCC is a fantastic, fun way for families to have conversations about staying safe online which can be played on phones, tablets, laptops & even Amazon Alexa. It aims to 'get families talking about the exciting possibilities of the internet, as well as the risks to look out for.' Visit <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids> to find out more!

## Sports News

**CLP Football and Netball Tournament:** Both teams played in the CLP Tournament at Huish Academy and produced some excellent play. The footballers demonstrated great teamwork and skill during their matches, which was commented on by the young leaders from Huish Academy who refereed the event. The netballers equally showed great teamwork & sporting qualities even when decisions did not go their way—they just picked themselves up and carried on playing. The teams were a credit to themselves and to school—well done! (More photos on page one & five.)



**Swimming:** Swimming lessons will start on Wednesday, 24 April for Isle Class. A letter was sent out to parents/carers on 15 March with details and a request for a contribution of £25.00 to cover some of the costs.

**Cross Country:** The Cross Country Team took part in the last race of the season at Curry Mallet. They ran a very challenging course having to dodge the stinging nettles and potholes. They ALL ran extremely well which was a fantastic end to the cross country season, well done! A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported the team over the season; it has been very much appreciated. (Mrs Ramwell)



## School Uniform Offer

Brigade, our uniform supplier, is offering a 15% discount on all parent online orders placed between Monday, 25 March – Monday, 1 April 2019. Please visit [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com) and place your order using the promotional code: SPRING1519.



## PFA News

Rachel Jones (Chair), Marilyn Selwood (Vice-Chair), Lyndsay Hardwick (Treasurer) & Kirsty Lock (Secretary).

### Diary Dates:

**Friday, 29 March:** Tickets are still on sale now for the PFA's Cambodian Fundraising Feast.

Reserve yours in person via the Facebook group or by email [racheljones76@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:racheljones76@hotmail.co.uk)

**Friday, 5 April:** Mufti (non-uniform) Day & Easter Egg Raffle. Children can bring in either £1.00 or an Easter egg for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale in the run up to the day and the draw will take place after school.

**Friday, 26 April:** PJ Party & Film Night—back by popular demand! In April, we will be asking all classes to vote for the films that they would like to see. Tickets will include a jumbo hot dog, popcorn and squash. More information to follow but if you have film ideas please let us know!

**Tuesday, 28 May:** Family Forest School @ Drayton Woods; 10am -2pm; £10 per family. Places are limited so contact [racheljones76@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:racheljones76@hotmail.co.uk) to reserve your place!

**Tuesday, 4 June:** Bags of Help clothing collection; bags will be distributed before May Half Term so you can have a good clear-out!



**Friday, 5 July:** PFA AGM; 3.30pm; School Hall.

**To join the PFA visit their FB page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

## Community Notices

**Saints Southwest:** Soccer Schools, Multi-Sport Camps & Goalkeeper Camps are running during the Easter Holidays. Alongside this they are also announcing the launch of BRAND NEW "Train

like a Pro' days (9-12 Years), Soccer Schools (5-8 Years), Girls Only Camps (5-14 Years), Saints Cadets (13-15 Years) & Soccer Tots (2-4 Years). All ages from 5-12 years are welcome for the full day 10.00am - 3.00pm and 2-4 years can attend our afternoon Mini Saints session which runs from 2.00pm - 3.00pm.

To book please call 03302 234932 or visit [www.saintssouthwest.co.uk](http://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk).

**Langport Town Clock Restoration and potential traffic queues:** The Town Council is delighted that the clock is now ready to go back up on the Town Hall and the work is scheduled to be carried out from **Sunday, 7–Sunday, 14 April 2019**. Due to the size of the clock, scaffolding will infringe onto the road, the zebra crossing will be closed, there will be single file traffic and three way traffic lights.

The cost will be met in part by generous contributions from Langport Town Council and Huish Episcopi Parish Council but anyone who would also like to make a a donation to Langport Town Trust please contact Sarah Patten on 01458 259700 or email her at [office@langport.life](mailto:office@langport.life)

The Town Council thank you in advance for your co-operation and support and apologise for any inconvenience.

### Champion Music Group:

Champion Music offers private instrumental tuition in the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Saxophone, Trumpet, Guitar and Drums. Lessons take place weekly in school time and cost £9.50 for 20 minutes and £13.50 for 30 minutes, or £6.75 for shared lessons in certain instruments. For more information and to apply online go to [www.championmusicgroup.co.uk/registration](http://www.championmusicgroup.co.uk/registration) or ask the School Office for a registration form.



### SAFEGUARDING

Don't think  
"What if I'm wrong"  
Think...  
"What if I am right"

If you have any concerns about a pupil you should report this to a member of staff immediately.

If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads immediately.

#### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis (photo R)

#### Deputy DSL:

Mrs Joan Meredith (photo L)



#### Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor:

Mrs Lou Ward

### GingerFred Studios Workshops

For 4-16 year olds who want to learn more about singing, dancing and acting. Each workshop (run by two professional teachers & three trainee helpers) is four days long and we always finish with a half hour performance for family and friends. Mon 8 – Thurs 11 April: George's Marvellous Medicine; Mon 29 July – Thurs 1 Aug: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; Tues 20 – Fri 23 Aug: Gangsta Granny; 10.00am-3.00pm with show at 2.30pm on the last day; £65.00 per child per course; to book email [info@gingerfredstudio.com](mailto:info@gingerfredstudio.com).



## Diary Dates: *(Updates in red)*

### Spring Term 2019:

**Monday, 25 March:** Phonics Screening Information Meeting for Year 1 parents/carers; 2.30pm; Aller Class.

**Tuesday, 26 & Thursday, 28 March:** Parents' Evenings; 3.45pm-6.45pm (Tues); 3.45pm-5.25pm (Thurs).

**Monday, 1 April:** Kickboxing Club Grading Assessments; club will run until 5.00pm on this date.

**Friday, 5 April:** Easter Service; 2.45pm-3.15pm; School Hall; Term Ends at 3.30pm.

### Summer Term 2019:

**Tuesday, 23 April:** Term Starts.

**Thursday, 2 May:** Tempest Photography; Class Photos; 9.00am.

**Monday, 6 May:** Bank Holiday (no school)

**Monday, 13 May:** SATs Week; Year 6 pupils.

**Wednesday, 22 May:** Year 6 LAT Trip to Matilda the Musical, Bristol Hippodrome; 12.00pm-7.00pm.

**w/c 27 May:** Half Term.

**Monday, 10 June:** New Parents' Meeting (Reception Sept 2019 intake); 6.00pm-7.00pm.

**Friday, 21 June:** Levels Academy Trust Olympic Sports Day; Yeovil Athletics Arena.

**Wednesday, 3 July:** Year 6 Induction Day; Huish Academy.

**Wednesday, 3 July:** Play Session for new intake (Reception Sept 2019); 9.30am-11.30am; Parrett Class.

**Thursday, 4 July:** Play Session for new intake (Reception Sept 2019); 1.30pm-2.30pm; Parrett Class.

**Monday, 8 July:** Bridgwater Singing Festival; McMillan Theatre; pm/evening.

**Thursday, 18 July:** School Sports Day; Huish Episcopi Primary Sports Field; time tbc.

**Friday, 19 July:** Year 6 Leavers Assembly (time tbc) and Term Ends.

### KS2 Swimming (Wednesdays) 2019:

**Spring Term 2019: Kingsmoor:** 27 Mar.

**Summer Term 2019: Isle:** 24 Apr; 1, 8, 15, 22 May; 5, 12, 19 26 Jun; 3 Jul.

### 'Learn with Us' Sessions:

All sessions will run from 9.00am-10.00am.

**Tues 2 Apr:** Kingsmoor Year 6s.

**Summer Term 2019 'Learn with Us' dates will be published in our next newsletter on Friday, 5 April.**

### Next Issues of this Newsletter:

5 Apr; 3 May; 17 May; 7 June; 20 June; w/c 24 June - special photographic edition of Olympic Sports Day; 5 July; 19 July.

### School Meals Menu Weeks:

**Week 1:** w/c 22 Apr; 13 May.

**Week 2:** w/c 25 Mar; 29 Apr;

20 May.

**Week 3:** w/c 1 Apr; 6 May.



## Sports Matches 2019:

**Tuesday, 2 April:** CLP Tag Rugby Tournament; Years 5 & 6; Somerton RFC; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

**Thursday, 2 May:** Year 3 & 4 Netball Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Tuesday, 7 May:** CLP Quadkids; Huish Episcopi Primary; 4.00pm-5.30pm.

**Friday, 17 May:** Girls Cricket Day; Huish & Langport Cricket Club; 10.00am-3.30pm.

**Thursday, 23 May:** CLP Cricket Tournament; Curry Rivel Cricket Ground; 10.00am-3.00pm.

## After School Clubs

All clubs run from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

### Spring Term 2019

**Mondays: Science Solution Squad** (KS2) with Mr Clements; **Book Worms** (KS1) with Miss Walker; **Kickboxing** (KS2) (please note small charge for belts, all other equipment provided) with Mr Odierno.

**Tuesday: Multiskills/Games** (KS1) with Mrs Lyes; **Booster Club** (by invitation only, KS2) with Miss Chadbourne.

**Wednesdays: Hockey** (KS2) with Mrs Lyes; **Dodgeball** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell.

**Thursdays: Dramarama** (KS2) with Mrs Kenchington; **Persistent Puzzlers** (KS1) with Mrs Vogel; **Tag Rugby** (KS2) with Mrs Lyes.

**Fridays: Netball** (by invitation) 12 Mar with Mrs Ramwell.

**Details of the clubs for the Summer Term will be sent out before the end of this term and will appear in the next issue of this newsletter on Friday, 5 April 2019.**

## Celebration Assemblies 2019:

(Fridays at 3.00pm; top gate opens at 2.50pm; parents/carers welcome.)

**29 Mar & 12 July:** Aller;

**26 Apr:** Isle;

**10 May:** Sedgemoor;

**24 May:** Parrett;

**7 June:** Kingsmoor;

**28 June:** Northmoor;

**19 July:** Year 6 (time tbc).



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