

# HAMBRIDGE PRIMARY NEWS



## Head of School address:

Welcome to the families of Sani Poulton and Bram Thompson who have joined our school community this term. I hope you are starting to settle in well.

I know it is a bit late but as it is the first newsletter of the year I would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We are 10 days into our Spring Term and the children are already fully immersed in their learning. As you walk around you may see rainforests popping up in each of the classes. KS1 are learning about rainforests, KS2 about rainforests and Brazil and Liberty are learning about the Americas and Mexicans. All extremely interesting.

## KS2 Trip to the Eden Project

We are excited to announce that the school is organizing a KS2 trip to the Eden Project on 23 March. It will take place at the same time that our French students will be with us but we have included them in our numbers. We have booked 2 workshops that our pupils will undertake and will advise you of further details in the near future.

## Golden

Golden Tickets have been awarded as follows:

### Discovery

Scarlett Palmer-Richards

Grace Page

### Pippin

Emily Austin  
Etienne Richardson

### Kingston

Jack Male

Megan Jakeman

Ella Hoskyns

Eva Denslow-King

Evelyn Kelland

Edward Hart

### Bramley

Abby Leete

Lizzie Rodway

Isabel Hart

Ciaran Bulgin

Ethan Denslow-King

### Liberty

Josh Hockey

Benjamin Austin

Many congratulations to those children who received their tickets. I love them coming into my office to show me their awards.

## Swimming

Swimming will now take place in the Summer Term and we are hopeful that this will take place in the new facility at Huish Academy. We will let you have further information, including days and timings as soon as we are able.

## Parking

Please can we remind parents to park and drive sensibly in the car park.

### Hambridge Village Shop

A reminder that this is now open and is able to provide you with many basics. Having tried and tested the bread, I can confirm that it is exceptionally good! Please support this new enterprise if you can.

### Bag Sizes

Our cloakrooms are full to bursting and we don't have enough space to put up any more pegs. Please can we ask you to look at the size of your children's bags and, where possible, get smaller ones!

#### KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Did Father Christmas bring gadgets for your household this year? Do you need help and practical advice in setting them up safely? The NSPCC and O2 are working together with the aim of helping parents keep their children safe online. The partnership now offers advice to parents through Net Aware ([www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)) and the Online Safety Helpline. For help on a specific issue, call the O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline—0808 800 5002. Parents can also book an appointment with an O2 guru in their local O2 store to get advice on keeping children safe online or setting up parental controls on devices.

### Clothes Bank

As it is now Spring, you may be thinking of clearing your houses of old clothes etc. Please don't forget to use our clothes bank if you do!

### Clubs

Origami Club has been very popular choice this term and there is a waiting list for after half term. Mrs Perkins is very happy to run the club with all of the pupils wanting to join but would need another helper. If you are a keen paper-folder and would like to help please speak to the school office.

The following clubs will be starting next week: Choir, Study, Netball, Baking and Making, Yeovil Town Football.

Anyone on the waiting list for Book Club are now able to join the club.

Musical Theatre: there will be no club on Wednesday 24 January.

### Music

There are now spaces for three pupils with Stuart Clark teaching the guitar. If your child is interested please see the school office.

### QR code

Kingston Class have created a QR code that takes you directly to the school's website. This can be found on the last page of this newsletter. If you wish to have a go you will need to download a QR code reader onto your phone or other device.

#### Roving Reporters Report

*Hello, this edition we have been talking to teachers about their lessons and methods of teaching.*

*Discovery: the class are being taught about habitats. Pupils were played music and the children had to work out what type of habitat the music was about.*

*Pippin: when we went into the class, half of the class were doing forest school and the other half were doing PE. We spoke with Mr Driver and he said that he enjoys teaching the lessons and the children seem to really enjoy his lessons. They have been making dens. We asked him if it was safe and he said it was as the*

*children have staff with them.*

*Kingston: The class were learning about the equator and what countries are around the equator. Mrs Brandt said the pupils are given information and the pupils have to then do independent research.*

*Bramley: Their topic rainforest. The class have been designing posters and later on will be learning about weather reporting.*

*Liberty: The children think that Mr Thompson's lessons are funny and enjoyable. The topic is about the Maya civilization and Day of the Dead. In Mexico.*

*Jemima Von Tyszka  
and  
Ruby Kelland (Year 6)*

### Uniform

We will be adding a tartan pinafore to the school uniform ordering service. If you would like to have a look on [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk) it should be available shortly.

### French Exchange

We have just heard that there has been an increase in numbers of the French visitors coming to visit us in March. We, therefore, are looking for another 4 families to host 3 girls and 1 boy. It is not a requirement to return to France.

### Reading help

The school would really welcome some parent helpers to come into the school when you are able to help listen to our children read. If you are keen to help, please speak to the school office.

### Cross country

As I write, I am looking out of my window and have just seen some children returning to school covered in mud and very wet. I would like to congratulate these children on getting out there, representing our school and for making us all very proud. A thank you, as well, to those parents who were able to take some children and drive the minibus. Thank you and well done to all! (I hope those of you who lost shoes on the way round were reunited with them!)

### Fitness For All

A little reminder to say all parents are very welcome to come to Fitness for all on a Monday morning, straight after school drop off. This club for parents is suitable for any level of fitness and is run by Natasha Howells. It is really fun, inclusive and a great way to get fit and, most importantly, it promotes the fact that fitness is for all to our children. Each session is just £2 - so please do come along and give it a try.

*"Its a great way to start the week because I feel like I can deal with anything the rest of the week throws at me after that. I now use it as part of my weekly fitness regime and I've lost 10kg in the last year. And at £2 - its a total bargain!"* Bill Bradshaw

*"Parent fit is a great way to start the week. Being able to do an exercise class straight after school drop off is so convenient and by 10am*

### 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 (DSL)  
(Hambridge School): Nichola Chesterton



Deputy DSL (Hambridge School):  
Rebecca Denley



Little Levels Pre-School DSL:  
Rebecca Yeadon



Safeguarding and Child Protection  
Governor: Martyn Cannon

*on a Monday morning you've already done a good work out!"* Becky Longly

### ...and Finally

We never really seem to keep our New Years resolutions. However, Kingston and Bramley classes have been studying Neil Gaiman and I have come across this wonderful quote which I hope our pupils will take with them this year:

*I hope that in this year to come,  
You make mistakes  
Because if you are making mistakes  
Then you are  
Making new things  
Trying new things  
Learning, living  
Pushing yourself,  
Changing yourself  
Changing your world.*

Nichola Chesterton  
Head of School

## Diary Dates:

**PLEASE NOTE:** Updates and amendments will be in red.

Date	Time	Event
8.1.18	09.00	Return to school
22.1.18	16.- 00– 18.00	Hockey Taster Festival, Huish Leisure
26.1.18		Vision screening for Year R
31.11.18		British Cycling in to work with Year 5/6
6.2.18	16.00– 17.30	Yr 5/6 Basketball Huish Leisure
9.2.18		INSET day
12-16.2.18		HALF TERM
19.2.18	16.00– 17.30	Yr 5/6 Hockey, Huish Academy AGP Pitch
28.2.18		More Melody les- son by Taunton School
1.3.18	From 16.00	Cross country at Long Sutton
13.3.18	16.00– 17.30	Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby, Somerton RFC
15.3.18	From 16.00	Cross country at Curry Mallet
19.3.18	am	Football/Netball tournaments, Huish Academy
From 20 March		Book Fair
20 and 21.3.18		Parents Evening
19-26.3.18		Montpellier pu- pils arrive
23 March		KS2 trip to Eden Project
23 March		Last day of term

## Clubs:

Day	Times	Club
Mon	08.00 – 08.50	Hula Hoop (Mrs Howells)
	09:00 – 10:00	Parent fit (Mrs Howells)
	3:30 – 4:30	Netball (Mrs McKay)
	3:30 – 4:30	Study Club (Mrs Brandt)
	3:30 – 4:30	Sewing (Mrs van Duin)
Tues	8:00 – 8:50	Streetdance (Miss Hartland- Mann)
	3:30 – 4:45	Let's Get Cooking (Mrs Denley/Mrs Hamm)
	3:30 – 4:15	Baking & Making (Mrs Phipps)
	3:30 – 4:30	Book Club (Mrs White)
	8:00 – 8:50	Fun Fitness (Miss Hartland Mann)
Wed	1:00 – 1:30	Photography (Mrs Chesterton)
	3:30 – 5:00	Serious Chess coaching (Mr Lawrence) All year groups
	3:30 – 4:30	Musical Theatre (Miss Rolley)
	3:30 – 4:30	Art (Mr Driver)
	8:00 – 8:5	Dodgeball (Miss Hartland-Mann)
Thurs	3:30 – 4:3	KS1 Choir (Mrs Whitlock)
	3:30 – 4:3	Choir (Mrs Wild/Miss Knollman)
	3:30 – 4:30	Origami (Mrs Perkins)
	3:30 – 4:30	French ( Mr Hallett)
	12:15 – 1:10	Chess (Mr Lawrence)
Fri	3:30 – 4:30	Yeovil Town Football
	3:30 – 5:15	Film club



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