

HAMBRIDGE PRIMARY NEWS



Executive Principal address:

I cannot believe that we have now come to the end of September. Our new Foundation Stage children have settled well in their classes across our schools, getting used to new surroundings, making new friends and forming positive relationships with staff. It can be a very daunting experience for some and yet for others it appears to be a seamless step into the next stage of their educational lives. We welcome all our new pupils across the varying year groups including new staff that joined us for the first time this term. We wish them every success for the start of their school journey.

‘The first day of school
Can be hard for Mum and Dad
Part of you feels excited
The other part feels sad.
For many years you've held their hand,
And have been their loving guide
Now you know the time has come
To leave them by my side.
But it is only for a little while
As your child will learn and grow,
And at the end of every day
They will share with you all they know.
So as you walk away
Don't worry anymore
I'll take care of all those precious gifts
When you leave them at my door.’

Heather Barraclough
Executive Principal

School places

This year, Somerset County Council have decided to go paperless and will not be sending letters about how to apply for school places.

If your child is in Year 6 you need to apply for their secondary school place by October 31st and can do so here: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-transfer-schools/>

If your child is due to start in reception in September 2019 you have until 15th January and need to go here: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-start-school/>

School Council

Your school council have had a busy start to the term and have decided to split any fundraised monies between the school and a yet to be named charity. The children have decided to split all proceeds as follows: 20% to school and 80% to charity.

The first event in the calendar is Children in Need (all money will go to Children in Need). On Friday 16th November the school council are holding a pajama day. Everyone (staff included—Mrs Chesterton is very excited!) can wear their pjs and slippers to school for a donation of £1. Please bring slippers and change in to them at school! The children will also need loose change should they wish to participate in the fun stalls that will be around at play time.

Friendly Face Team

The friendly face team are organising a cake sale for Friday 5th October. Cakes will be 50p each and will be available at break time. The team are raising money for new items to wear on 'Friendly Face' duty at lunch times.

Disabled Space

Please can the disabled parking space be left free for people who have disabilities (and we do have several). At the moment the markings are not that clear and we have asked the village hall if this can be repainted, but we have been given no time scale for when this will be done. So please could you be mindful that the space just to the left of the door into the village hall is intended solely for disabled badge holders who may need some extra space to people and equipment in and out of their vehicle. Thank you.

Microsoft Office

As a school, we buy in to the Microsoft School Agreement. Because of this, children are eligible to download the complete Microsoft office package on up to 5 devices at home, for free (RRP £79.99). If this is something you are interested in, please let the office know and our ICT team will make arrangements for you.

Hair cuts / presentation

We frequently receive comments regarding how smart our uniform is. To ensure that this remains the same, please save fancy hair colours and cuts for the longer holidays.

Bring your Parent to lunch day

On Wed 17 October we are having a bring your parent to lunch day. Should you wish to join us for lunch on this day, meals will be £2.30 per person and there is a booking slip at the bottom of the newsletter to register your choice of meal. Apologies this can't be done through parentpay as the system will only let you book one meal per child per day. But if you wish to pay through parentpay just let the office know, otherwise please include payment with your order. Thank you.

FOHSA

Tickets for the FOHSA Barn dance are available to buy from the school office £10 for adults and £5 for children and this includes a jacket potato dinner. It would be a shame if this event had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

Huish Community Learning Partnership

There are some information briefings for parents at Huish Episcopi Academy which you may be interested in attending. There is another attachment on this email which has details of the dates content and how to book a place.

Montpellier

This is your final reminder to let us know if you are happy to host a French student next year—sadly it means we need to DBS check you but this won't cost you anything and is very simple to do. So far we have 7 host families—thank you to those families! Last year more than 20 children wanted to come over so if you're considering it, please say yes and let us know! Also the flights are now available for the return trip and if we book them nice and early then we will get a better price, so please let us know as soon as possible if you think your child would like to take part in this exchange.

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): Rebecca Denley
- Deputy DSL (Hambridge School): Nichola Chesterton and Neil Thompson
- Little Levels Pre-School DSL: Rebecca Yeadon
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor: Laurie Burn

News from Mrs Bond

After many sleepless nights, discussions with close family and friends and, unsurprisingly, quite a few tears I have decided that it is time for me to wave goodbye to Hambridge. This was not an easy decision as the school has been a huge part of my life for almost a decade. I have grown as a teacher, met some wonderful friends and taught some amazing children. However, it is now time to focus on my own children, for they are growing far too quickly (as parents I'm sure you all understand this). I started at Hambridge in 2009 as a fresh faced NQT and leave as (a not so fresh faced) wife and mother of two with some incredible memories, experiences and hopefully a bit more knowledge. I have worked for two incredible headteachers, but most recently Mrs Chesterton, who I would like to thank for doing her upmost to keep Hambridge the special place it is and continuing to put the children at the centre of all she does.

Someone once said to me, you're either a Hambridge person or you're not and believe me when I say that I am (and will always be) Hambridge.

Thank you to all the parents I've met, the colleagues I have worked with and, most importantly, the incredible children - you make Hambridge what it is and the place I am proud to say I started my teaching career.

Best wishes and thank you all
Mrs Bond

Mrs Bond will be with us until Christmas. More details on her replacement will be shared in due course.

Golden Tickets –

Well done to the following pupils who have gone the extra mile:

Discovery Class

Madeline
Scarlett PR
Wright x 2
Sophie
Harrison
Scarlett H
Evie

Pippin Class

Christopher
Annabel
Freya
Louie H
Grace
Amelia H

Kingston

James
Daniel
Ella Ho
Ella Ha x 2
Toby
Elizabeth

Bramley

Fox
Eva x 2
Ciaran
Kaya
Charlotte
Isobel
Kittie
Lucy
Jack M
Charis
Imogen

Liberty

Aaron
Miss Wilkin
Finn
Toby
Harry H
Amelia
Tom C
Abby

Governing body

As you may or may not know, Hambridge Primary School has a governing body. Their responsibility is to:

- support and challenge the Head of School
- to ensure Safeguarding procedures are being followed

make sure that the quality of teaching and learning within all classes is at least good.

All governing bodies are made up of people from the school and wider community who give up their time, for free, in order to support the schools.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Martin Cannon for his time and energies as a previous vice and chair of our governors. Martin has supported the school for a number of years but has now stepped down from the school governing body.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Laurie Burn to our governing body. Laurie joined towards the end of last academic year and is already embracing school life by leading whole school assemblies.

I am pleased to inform you that Daisy Bell will remain as our chair this academic year and Ange Hart will be vice chair. Both are existing members of the governing body and we are grateful to them, and all other governors for their continued help, support and challenge.

Reminder for Year 6 parents

Just a reminder that there is a parents evening at Huish Episcopi Academy for parents for Year 6 children. If you need more details please see the

copy of the letter from Huish Academy which is attached.

Half term Activities

Also attached is a leaflet from Huish Leisure advertising their Half Term Holiday Activities should anyone be interested.

Dyslexia Awareness

A reminder that pupils can wear green to school on Monday 1 October to show support and awareness for Dyslexia.

Golden Ticket Assembly—19th October

Due to the 'We the Curious' trip that involves Years 4, 5 and 6, there will be no Golden Ticket Assembly on Friday 19th October. This would have been the turn of Bramley parents—who's children will be in Bristol. Normal service will resume with Kingston parents from Friday 26th October.

School Photos

A reminder that individual photos will be taken on Monday 8th October 2018.



The Levels Academy Trust

Raising Aspirations, Realising Potential TOGETHER

House Points

This weeks house points awarded

Red 174

Blue 189

Green 184

Yellow 315

Current House point standings:

Red 690

Blue 739

Green 746

Yellow 804

And finally...

We would like to wish Jasper and his sister good luck as they go to Ireland to represent Great Britain competing in the World Championship for Laser Run this weekend—let us know how you get on!

Dates for your diary:

01.10.18—Wear green for Dyslexia day

05.10.18—Friendly face cake sale

08.10.18-School Photographs

13.10.18-FOHSA Barn dance

23.10.18—Liberty Class Assembly

17.10.18—Bring your parent to lunch

17.10.18—On-line safety workshop at Huish Academy

24.10.18—Harvest Festival

16.11.18—Children in Need pajama day

23.11.18-FOHSA Christmas bingo

26.11.18—Children’s well-being workshop at Huish Academy

03.12.18/04.12.18– KS1 Nativity

06.12.18– CLP advent Concert, Somerton

07.12.18-FOHSA Christmas Fair

11.12.18/13.12.18– Parents Evening

18.12.18-Bramley Class Assembly

19.12.18-KS2 Carol concert

19.12.18-Christmas Lunch

20.12.18-FOHSA Christmas Party

Yes I /we would like to join my child for lunch on Wednesday 13 October. My/our choice of meals is ticked in the boxes below.

Meatballs & Pasta	
Cheese & Tomato chickpea and Lentil bake	
Jacket Potato with Tuna	
Apple Pie	
Fruit/yoghurt	
I enclose £2.30 per meal ordered	
Please add £2.30 per meal ordered to my parentpay account	
Signed	