

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

31st March 2017



It has been a very full last week of term and as I write this it is only Thursday! We have first enjoyed an afternoon of 'Hatherleigh's Got Talent' - a super mix of singing, dancing, magic, joke telling, music-making and poetry recital. Thank you to everyone who joined in and to the school council for organising it!

On Tuesday evening we celebrated the end of term with our Spring Concert in the Community Centre which was a really joyful occasion. So many children performed with such enthusiasm! Thank you to all our music teachers for their excellent teaching and to Mrs Moss for organising the concert.

And that's not all . . . on Tuesday afternoon family and friends enjoyed Year 3 & 4 celebration of all things Egyptian. It was a lovely culmination of a term of learning and, once again, the enjoyment and enthusiasm of the children brought a smile to all our faces. Thank you to Mrs Orbell, Mrs Clark, Mrs Emery, Miss Ashton and Mrs Gibson.

WEST DEVON FOOTBALL FINALS

On a sporting note our children went through to the final of the West Devon Football Competition and represented the school well. Thank you to all our netball and footballers for a successful season.

MISS ASHTON

Last week we celebrated the arrival of two Hatherleigh babies and this week we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Ashton as she starts her maternity leave. Miss Ashton has been with us for several years now and has become a respected member of the team. We would like to thank her for her patience and hard work in supporting children's learning at Hatherleigh and wish her all the very best in the future.

CREATIVE WEDNESDAY—RED TEAM

A reminder to all **red** team members in years 1,2, and 3 - please bring an old paperback book with at least 100 - 200 pages to the creative Wednesday session on 19th April. If you do not have an unloved/unwanted book at home various charity shops sell them for minimal cost. In addition Okehampton library usually have a second hand book stall where books can be purchased for as little as 40p.

Clubs for Summer Term (Up to Half Term)	
Starting Monday 24th April and finishing Friday 14th April	
Monday	Film Club (Years 3,4,5&6) Big Story Club (YrR-Yr6), Choir (Years 4,5 &6)
Tuesday	Homework Club (Year 6)
Wednesday	Cricket (Years 5&6), Year 2 Game/Art Club, Year 3 Multi-Skills
Thursday	Nessy Club (Invitation only), Revision/DT Club (Year 6), Year 1 Multi-Skills
Friday	Athletics Club (Year 4,5&6), Year 2 Multi-Skills

BIG STORY IN THE SUMMER TERM

Thank you to all Big Story members for your liveliness and enthusiasm this term and to parents and other family members for their help and support.

As Choir is moving to Mondays and using the Music Hall, Big Story will be relocating to the Year 5 classroom (where hot lunches are served). We would be grateful if current Big Story members could look at the clubs in the newsletter and talk to your parents. If you DO NOT want to continue Big Story in the summer term, please could parents contact Rev. Ruth Hansford asap (Rev. Ruth is away the first week of term, so would appreciate knowing before the beginning of term if possible). Otherwise we will assume that you are coming. Rev. Ruth will contact those on the waiting list when she knows if there are spaces available. Anyone else interested in joining can contact Rev. Ruth to join the list and we will include them as soon as we are able. We look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

With thanks from Rev. Ruth Hansford and the Big Story Team
(To contact Rev. Ruth: Tel: 01837 810 314; Email: maggiethecat@waitrose.com)

Hatherleigh Youth Club is not on tonight.

What's on next week?

Easter Holidays
Monday 3rd to Monday 17th April
Tuesday 18th April
Return to School

This Week's Learners of the Week

Jude Campbell
Faith Elkins
Lottie Powlesland
Ajay McEleny
Eva Chiverton
Eleni Snellgrove
Jassem Labib
Poppy Mann
Edward Pearce

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★ **SUPERSTAR WRITER** ★
★ Abigail Bennett ★
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Film Club review of the week
for The Lego Movie goes to
Bhairavi Shivakumaran.
Well done!



GOVERING BODY NEWS SPRING TERM

This has been a busy term again for the Governing Body. We welcome Adrian Taylor (Parent) who has joined us as an Associate Member on the Curriculum and Well Being Committee. We are looking for a Governor who has expertise in buildings and Health and Safety to sit on our Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee. If you know anyone who fits the bill and would be willing to serve please let our Clerk, Heather Bartle, know.

Getting to know the staff is very important to the Governors and, once again, we held our Joint Staff/Governor Meeting this term to look at how we can improve the school. The results of this meeting form part of our School Improvement Plan for next year. We also receive regular reports from Subject Coordinators and this term we received updates on Personal, Social and Health Education, Special Educational Needs, Gifted and Talented, Thrive and Outdoor Education. We undertake data analysis to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the school and look at how the school can improve.

In Curriculum and Well Being Committee we have been looking at policies including Supporting children with medical needs, Data Protection, Freedom of Information and Outdoor Education. We have also adopted a Smoke free Policy which includes the use of E-Cigarettes on school site. We regularly review accident trends, looking at both where incidents occur and the nature of any incident. There are no notable trends at the moment but we will continue to monitor.

In Finance, Personnel and Premises, the creation of a balanced budget for 2017/18 has taken priority. Whilst we are under budgetary pressure in common with all schools, we are pleased that this has been achieved and the school will continue to maintain seven classes next year. Work is continuing to find a resolution to allow us to open the footpath. We are very pleased with the success of our before and after school Childcare. This is available Monday – Friday mornings and Monday – Friday after school. Thank you to Cindy Squire who continues lead this Club so effectively and to Jason Collins who has been supporting her. Thank you also to Mel Cooper for running the Breakfast Club which is proving increasingly popular.

The safety of the children at Hatherleigh School is a priority for the Governing Body and it has therefore been decided to install an intercom and CCTV on the main gate to allow us to control access. Gates will not be closed until the children are in school and will be open to allow you to collect your child. However, any access between these times will be by use of the intercom. This will be installed during the Easter break during which time Right Angle have very kindly agreed to powder coat the gates free of charge. We are very grateful to them for this kind offer as this will greatly improve the look of the front of the school.

Whilst the Governing Body decided that, for the time being, the interests of our children would be best served by continuing to be a maintained school, we are looking to widen our links with other schools. We are taking part in a transition project with Okehampton College, Exbourne and Boasley Cross, and Caroline Boothe recently met with the Headteacher of Winkleigh School and will be working with them in the near future.

Part of the success of the school is our PTFA who work tirelessly to raise funds to support the education of your children. They recently supported the Kayaking for Key Stage 2 as well as giving funds for trips in Foundation and Key Stage 1. The Governors would like to thank the outgoing Committee of Judith Grant, Fiona Stewart Shaw, Anita Pearce and Hayley Spears and are grateful to Donna Lewis and Dana Butcher for standing as Chairman and Vice Chairman. Thank you also to Val Murrin for continuing as Treasurer. The PTFA is looking for a Secretary. If you are willing to take on this role please let Donna know.

We would like to wish you a very happy Easter.

EASTER HOLIDAY



CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

Weds - Fri April 5th - 7th 10am - 4pm
 For ages 7 - 16 cost £30
 South Zeal
 Bring a packed lunch

Contact Sarah to book on 01837 849185
 workshops@fireshowstuff.org.uk

Organised by the Sticklepath Fireshow Charity -
 holding creative events for
 children in our community.
 In conjunction with
 "Circus into Schools"



SHEBBEAR COLLEGE
 Senior School

OPEN DAY

Monday 1st May

10.00am - 4.00pm

Come and find out more about school life here at Shebbear.
 Enjoy a tour of the school and speak to teachers and pupils.
 Refreshments will be available.

You are welcome to drop in, but we recommend booking an
 appointment to ensure you will meet the Headmaster.

To book or for more information please contact:
 registrar@shebbearcollege.co.uk or call 01409 282 001

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Devon Junior Chess Association

DEVON 'Cherry Blossom' JUNIOR OPEN

9:30am Sat 22nd Apr 2017 at St. Peter's School, Lypstone EX8 5AU

SECTIONS: Under 9 * Under 11 * Under 14 ENTRY FEE £10.00

-  **PLAY will start at 9.30am.** Please arrive in good time. The day will finish after the prize giving; this will be as soon as possible after the last round finishes – at about 5.15pm or earlier.
-  **TIME CONTROL** is 30 minutes per player per game. Everyone plays in all 6 rounds (except for byes). EPSCA Rapidplay rules will apply: <http://www.epzca.org.uk/rules/epzcaquickplayrules06.pdf>
-  **Sections may be amalgamated** depending on size of entry. Age is taken as on 1st September 2016.
-  **FACILITIES:** There will be a REFRESHMENT STALL selling drinks and snacks. Sandwiches will be available. There will also be a CHESS SHOP selling books, sets and other items.
-  **SUPERVISION: We will be responsible for players' safety and behaviour only in the playing rooms.** Please arrange for the players to be supervised by a parent, carer or other adult in the rest area and especially outside. BRING something to do between rounds.
-  **PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each section. Other prizes will be awarded according to the size of the entry.
-  **DIRECTIONS:** <http://www.stpetersprep.co.uk/index.php/contact-the-school/how-to-find-us>
 St Peter's School, Harefield Nr. Lypstone, EX8 5AU Head towards Exmouth on the A376. After passing the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, continue for a further mile. When the road narrows at the brow of a hill, the double white lines are reinforced by white diagonal lines. At the crossroads, with the school sign, turn left and take the first right into Harefield drive. The school is at the end of the drive. The school is a good 30-minute walk from Lypstone rail station.
-  **Enquiries to: Devon Junior Chess** devonjuniorchess@gmail.com
ENTRIES as below or ONLINE at: <http://devonjuniorchess.co.uk/events>

We will be following local and national safeguarding procedures: see <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/safeguarding-children-policy/>

Rotary Club of Okehampton

Primary Schools' Photographic Competition 2017

"For budding photographers"

We invite you to participate in this annual competition the theme for which this year is "LANDSCAPES".

1st Prize £15

2nd Prize £10

3rd Prize £5

Winning entries then go through to an Okehampton Learning Community competition with prizes of £30, £20 and £10 as well as up to 3 "highly commended" prizes of £5 each. The school which submits the winning entry will also receive a digital camera.

Rules:

Entries can be of any size, mounted or unmounted.

The name, age of pupil and school should be clearly written on the back of the entry (N.B. – not the position in the school competition)

Closing date for entries to school is Friday 21st April 2017.

The final will be judged by Rotary Club members on Thursday 18th May 2017 with the results posted as soon as possible after that.

EVENTS AT OKEHAMPTON LIBRARY

Easter Chocolate Draw

Friends of Okehampton Library draw tickets on sale 50p each – draw to take place 15 April

3 – 15 April during library opening hours

Spring Crown – craft activity for children

Drop into the library to make a spring crown, decorated with flowers, bees and bugs.

Free - no booking necessary

Sunday 30 April 12:00-16:00

May Fair, Simmons Park

Pop along and meet the Friends of Okehampton Library, who will be at the fair with various activities, storytime and selling second hand books.



Easter Holiday Athletics Sessions At Exeter Arena (EX4 8NT)

Mini's and Juniors (Age 4 – 12) Star Track

Monday 10th April 2017 ~ 10:00am – 11:15am
Thursday 13th April 2017 ~ 10:00am – 11:15am

£7 per session (Non-Member) £6 per session (Member)

Seniors (Age 13 - Adults) Technical Sessions

Monday 10th April 2017

- Sprints/Starts ~ 11:30am – 12:45pm
- Hurdles 1:00pm ~ 2:15pm
- Long Jump 2:30pm ~ 3:45pm

Thursday 13th April 2017

- Sprints/Relays ~ 11:30am – 12:45pm
- Pole Vault (beginner) ~ 1:00pm – 2:15pm
- High Jump ~ 2:30pm – 3:45pm

1 Session £7 2 Sessions £11 3 Sessions £15

Spaces are limited so please book a place by sending us an email or giving us a call.
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Email: admin@sw-athletics-academy.co.uk



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EASTER EGG HUNT



GOOD FRIDAY 14th April

2.30pm

MONKOKEHAMPTON OLD SCHOOLROOM & CHURCH FIELD



DRAW

PROCEEDS FOR THE HALL FUNDS

For more information call Anita 01837 851203

EASTER EGG HUNT

SA SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

3PM START

Search the Made-Well Gardens for eggs

Please contact the Made-Well Office if you are planning to attend
£2.50 Per Child

Booking is essential!

The Café will be open selling refreshments, light snacks, homemade cakes & treats

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