

Huish Episcopi Primary School

October Newsletter -4th edition

2011 SATs results- the Headlines!

- The SATs results of our Year 6 in Summer 2011 place us in the top 12% of schools in the country for the progress our children make from the age of 7.
- 89% of our children achieved Level 4 or above in English (national average is 80%)
- 89% of our children achieved Level 4 or above in Maths (national average 81%)
- 89% achieved level 4 in both English and maths (national average is 74%)
- Our 7 years olds also did very well in their key Stage 1 SATs. In the last 4 years there has been a steady rise in the overall average points scored by children in their assessments. School points scored are above national averages. Furthermore the % of children who reached expected levels in reading and maths (Level 2b) are above national averages.

We are very proud of these achievements. The children have worked very hard to make the progress we have seen.

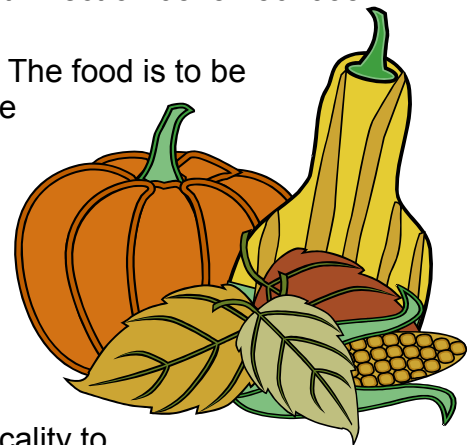
Starting School September 2012

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is due to start school in September 2012, you should have received a 'Starting School' booklet from the Schools Admissions team. If you have not received your copy please contact Somerset Direct on 0845 4564038.

Harvest festival

Thank you so much for your generous harvest donations. The food is to be packaged up and given to elderly local residents within the schools catchment area. We had a wonderful harvest assembly lead by Mr Walrond who is a local farmer at Glebe Farm in Pitney. His message helped the children appreciate the importance and joy that can come from sharing. Each Key stage performed a harvest song which was really beautiful to hear. All the staff felt very proud of the children's performances.

Finally some of the children's will be displaying their cooking skills when we invite elderly residents from the locality to an afternoon tea next Thursday (13th October). If you know anyone who would like an invitation, please let the school office staff know.



Photographs



The photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs in the afternoon of Monday 10th October. We have arranged for photographs with pre school siblings to be taken from **3.00pm** If you have a pre school child and would like a photograph taken with brothers and sister in school, please complete the reply slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to school by **Monday morning**.

Aquathlon

Four children from Kingsmoor and Isle class, Matthew, Owen, Neve and Louise, took part for the first time in an Aquathlon at Huish Episcopi Academy. The team had to swim 200m and run 1500m. They all performed really well and enjoyed trying something new. Overall the team came second a fantastic achievement, a special mention for Matthew who won the boys event. Well done!

Amazing Authors in Kingsmoor Class

The children in Kingsmoor class have really grown their brains as authors over the last couple of weeks. They have planned and written some adventure stories, based on the Alpha Force series of books by Chris Ryan.

The characters are children who have different adventures and are called Alex, Li, Paulo, Hex and Amber.

Here are some exciting extracts from what they have written!

Amber heard a woof woof.

"What was that?" said Amber.

"How do I know?" said Hex.

Li looked up in the trees. She scanned the forest then she saw the beast... (Ben A)

They stopped. They stared. Stared into black fog. The wind had soon packed its bag and gone away. It was all still in the old, black ad white theme park. Alpha Force were all on a day of duty. They heard a horrifying screech in the distance.

"Um... what was that?" muttered Amber. (Ben L)

The big black iron gates swung open. They screeched as they went, like they were waking up. The funfair stood before them, but no noise was heard. The rides were still and a cold wind blew shivers down their spines. The feeling had been drained out of the people who still lived in cloudy, wet Deignmouth nine years ago. Life was grey. (Neve)

Alpha Force started to run.

"Follow me," shouted Paulo, "and quickly!"

At that moment, Hex turned around and saw one of the men holding a long, tubular stick, positioning it on Li. Hex turned back and saw Li there, helpless, running. Just as the man started to blow into the stick, Hex dived in front of Li. Swoosh. It had hit a target. But not Li, Hex. Right in the heart. (Benoit)

The whole of Alpha Force was dreading today. Today was the day of... going into the forest, the dark and deadly forest. The forest was like a maze, a long maze, a very long maze. (Danielle)

The wolves got closer and closer. Alex ran as fast as a bullet. Li's legs went numb. Amber was out of breath, Paulo had butterflies. And the wolves were close. (Blayne)

Next week at HEPS

- Salford Reading testing/High frequency words testing
- Fun Run-Curry Rivel (Tuesday)
- Open Evening- sign up for your appointments!
- Look out for us in the Western Gazette- photos of our reading challenge!

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School Photographer – Please return this slip by Monday 10th October am.

Name of Child (ren)

Class

I would like to have a photograph of my child (ren) with their pre school sibling.

I will arrive at the school hall at 3.00pm on Monday 10th October.

Signed Date