



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

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| Monday 16 th October | - | Gym festival Yr1/2 |
| | - | Parents evening 3.45pm onwards |
| Tuesday 17 th October | - | |
| Wednesday 18 th October | - | Parents evening 5.00pm onwards |
| Thursday 19 th October | - | |
| Friday 20 th October | - | Kids Cafe |

Message from the Headteacher

Mrs Hammett, Mrs Morris and Mr Bladon are all away from school attending a 2 day DAPH conference so unfortunately are not around to include their usual message in this week's newsletter. Instead, I am going to give it my best attempt....

Robins and Ash Class went off for the day to Dunster Castle on Monday. The children had a fantastic time and have told me that the best bit of the day was going into the dungeon. I have it on good authority from Angus that they found the skeleton of a 7 foot man! A big thank you to all of the parents that gave up their time to help out on this trip, as without that support, we would not be able to make these days happen.

On Tuesday, Cygnets and Swans spent the afternoon with Willow Class at Payhembury exploring the wild area in search of alien underpants! The children have informed me that lots were found....They continued to have a lovely time toasting marshmallows around the campfire and making new friends; I did pop down at one point and it was lovely to see the children out enjoying themselves together.

Finally the meetings for the Year 5 & 6 residential were held this week. Hopefully any questions that you had were answered but if anyone would like further information please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist where possible.

Another lovely week across the FORT federation and now we hope that you and your families enjoy a restful and relaxing weekend.

Vanessa Jarrett

Star of the Week - Well Done To....

<u>Cygnets</u>	Harvey Ball	
<u>Swans</u>	Morgan McKnight	
<u>Robins</u>	Daniel Gregory	Tilly Beeken
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Lacey Beck	Freddie Walker
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Shea Bowden Britton	Emma Pollard

Notices to Parents

Applying for Secondary School Places

Letters have been sent home to year 6 children inviting parents to apply for their secondary school place for 2018. The timescale for completing this is **1st September until 31st October 2017.**

Shingles

Just to let you know we've had a case of shingles in school. If you have any concerns please let us know and we will be happy to advise appropriately.

Clubs

All clubs have now finished for this half term. If anyone is interested in leading a club next term please do pop in to see Mrs Morris. It would be great to be able to have more volunteers to enrich the after school activities for the children.

Cygnets

Please see Mrs Gregory if you would like to make an appointment on Wednesday afternoon about your child's progress.

Letters Sent

- Parent interviews
- Swimming lessons Yr5/6
- Gymnastics festival Yr1/2

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

16 th Oct	- HLC gym festival for year 1 and 2
16 th Oct	- Parents evening 3.45pm onwards
18 th Oct	- Parents evening 5.00pm onwards
19 th Oct	- Kids Cafe
23 rd - 27 th Oct	- Half term
30 th Oct	- Shoeboxes can be brought in from today
31 st Oct	- Swimming Starts for Kingfishers
2 nd Nov	- Bags 2 school collection
3 rd Nov	- Shoebox service @ 9.10am
9 th Nov	- PTFA meeting @ The Otter 7.30pm
9 th Nov	- Boots flu immunisation
15 th Nov	- Tempest Photos pm
17 th Nov	- Children in Need
1 st Dec	- Kids Cafe
13 th Dec	- Theatre Trip
15 th Dec	- Christmas jumper day
18 th Dec	- Carol service 5.00pm
19 th Dec	- Christmas dinner and party
21 st Dec	- Last day of term for pupils
5 th Jan	- Non pupil day
8 th Jan	- First day of term for pupils
19 th Jan	- Film and PJ's night
12 th - 16 th Feb	- Half Term

29 th Mar	- Last day of term for pupils
16 th April	- First day of term for pupils
7 th May	- Bank holiday
28 th - 1 st June	- Half term
4 th June	- Non pupil day
20 th July	- Last day of term for pupils

PTFA



I would like to introduce myself as your new PTFA Chair. I have 2 girls at the school, Emily Y4 and Charlotte Y1. I have spent 2 years on the committee and the last 12 Months as Vice Chair where I've been learning all I can and I'm now looking forward to this exciting new challenge.

I think we can all agree that Kath has been an amazing Chair! She has led our small but mighty PTFA with such confidence and enthusiasm that in the past 12 Months the parents, carers and friends involved with our school have managed to raise over £4,000! This has enabled us to buy equipment such as event shelters, a much needed PA system and new play equipment. Kath deserves a HUGE thank you for all the work she has done so if you see her in the playground, tell her she's amazing!

The PTFA also funds the Christmas entertainment which the children absolutely love, the purchase of class Christmas presents and funds all the transport for school trips. Basically the children benefit directly from every cake sold, every cup of Tea poured and every raffle ticket bought!

There are lots of ways you can help the PTFA team, you don't have to commit to anything on a permanent basis just a bit of help here and there, before, during and after events. We are always grateful for every single bit of help. All the parents/carers at the school lead busy lives and 'many hands make light work' as they say.

We have some exciting events planned for the year ahead and with your continued help and support we aim to further improve the playground and outside play opportunities.

Our next event is 'Kids Café on Thursday 19th October from 3pm in the school hall, this happens approximately every 6 weeks. Please can parents of Hembury family group provide the cakes for this café. The school has 3 family groups: Blackbury, Hembury & Woodbury if you're unsure which group your child/children are in please ask the office.

Next week we will be sending home a 'Bags 2 School' bag (if you need more bags, you don't need an official bag, an ordinary bin bag will do) so you can all have a good old clear out of your unwanted clothes over half term. The bags will be collected on Thursday 2nd Nov, they are weighed on site on collection day and we receive a cheque there and then so it's a really easy way to raise money for the school. The last collection raised over £300!! So please fill as many bags as you can!

Finally, does anyone work for or have a partner who works for a company that does 'match funding' (where, for one event, with your participation, the company will match what we raise) It could make a tremendous difference to the amount we could raise this year so please let myself or the office know.

Thanks for reading

Nic Greenland

Events in the community

Seaton Jurassic

Please look at their website for activities and events. www.seatonjurassic.org

MUMMY MIA! @ The Beehive, Honiton with KS Musical Plays

No, it's not ABBA with a spelling mistake...! It's a specially created musical play for 7-11 year olds set on the banks of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt 5000 years ago.. Pyramids and pharaohs.. boats that sail through the sky and the underworld... and lots of mummies (dead and alive..!) - they're all here in a show full of great songs, dramatic drama & cool choreography.. - and there's a chance to take part in a 2-day workshop and performance THIS HALF TERM at The Beehive, on Monday 23 October & Tuesday 24 October 2017, from 10 - 4 with a performance at 3.30 on Tuesday.) £40 Contact Peter Kyrke-Smith to find out more or book a place e: music@kyrke-smith.eclipse.co.uk

Blackdown Hills Natural Futures Exhibition

The children from our school were involved in art workshops and environmental activity days with Daisi artist Monica Shanta-Brown and Blackdown Hill's Heritage Educator, Cat Farnell.

The final stunning artwork that focus' on the habitats and environments unique to the Blackdown Hills, along with additional prints and creative activities are on public exhibition until the end of December. The artwork will be displayed in the main studio room at the Hemyock Healthy Living Centre.

During October Half term there will be special opening hours and refreshments **Thursday 26th 9.30am-1pm and Friday 10.45am-1pm Monday 23rd 9am - 4pm (no refreshments)**

Frances Hatch exhibition at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery now until 28th October

This is just a quick reminder that we have an exhibition of paintings and drawings by a Dorset based artist - Frances Hatch. Her work is very inspiring to look at and work from because she makes her artwork on site, at the scene which she is depicting, using materials she finds around her, and turning them into paint or incorporating them into the visual texture of the painting. You can find out more about Frances here: <http://www.franceshatch.co.uk/>

The exhibition continues until Sat 28 October when we will have our Museums at Night event - more info: <https://www.thelmahulbert.com/?q=whats-on/events/halloween-party>

The Park Community School

Are you interested in training to become a secondary school teacher? School Direct Open Evening at The Park Community School Barnstable on 18th October 2017.

For any further information and to register your interest in attending the event please contact info@ndtsa.org or telephone 01271 440898. website <http://ndtsa.org/teacher-training/>

Uffculme School Craft Fair

Saturday, 18th November 2017, 10am - 4pm at Uffculme School Free Entry.

If you are interested in selling your wares then please contact: Phryne on phryne68@gmail.com for an information pack.

Axe Valley Wildlife Park

Please visit our website for activities over half term. website www.axevalleypark.co.uk

Honiton Baby & Kid's Nearly-New Sale

Sat 11th Nov 1.30pm @ Honiton Community College - If you would like a stall contact Faye: faye@babyandchildrensmarket.co.uk 07834 972934