



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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## The next few days ...

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	-	CAPs training
	-	Sportshall Athletics Yr 5/6
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	-	Swimming for Yr 5/6
	-	CAPs training
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	-	CAPs training
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	-	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	-	

## Message from the Headteacher

This week has whizzed past and this has signalled the approach of Christmas, it is at this point in the term that it all starts to get hectic. I really love the build up to Christmas but it's fitting everything in that's hard.

Next week our children have their workshops from the CAPs team. It went really well at Payhembury this week so I can't wait to welcome them on Monday. I hope the children will come home and discuss with you all they had learnt from the three sessions. We hope they will learn some values life skills that will empower them in the future.

I brought my Christmas jumper yesterday, last year I forgot to get organised but I was determined not to fail again this year. Just a quick reminder Christmas Jumper day will take place on Friday 15th December and we are raising funds for Save the Children.

I am delighted to announce that our Nativity service has been confirmed. I know it is a mammoth task for the teachers but it really is the best way to celebrate our approaching festival. The date for the Nativity is Friday 15th December with the first performance at 2.15pm and the second at 5pm.

I want to thank our wonderful PTFA who have been working exceptionally hard this term to support the school in so many ways. This week new chairs and "smart sacs" arrived and what a difference they make! "Smart sacs" sit on the back of the chair and children can store all their books, pencil cases and drinks bottles next to them within easy reach.

Mrs Goodman has tried to ensure all the dates for the coming few months are included on the newsletter. I hope you will be able to join us for as many as you can.

Have a great weekend,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Samuel Wilkinson	
<u>Swans</u>	William Pollard	
<u>Robins</u>	Dylan Vince	Lily Fordham
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Jazmine Willson	Braken Atherton
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Jack Williams	Max Clarke

## Notices to Parents

### School Dinners

The kitchen would like to apologise for the disappointing school dinner on Monday 13th November. A new ingredient was used and the outcome was not what they had anticipated. Please be assured that this ingredient will NOT be used again and the kitchen always strive to prepare healthy, tasty meals for the children. All children who paid for a meal on Monday will be entitled to a complimentary meal on meat free Monday 4th December.

### Applying for Primary School Places

We are now inviting parents to apply for their Primary school place for 2018 for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014. The timescale for completing this is **15<sup>th</sup> November until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. You can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline).

### Robins

Can children please bring in either an old t-shirt or aprons to wear over their uniform for art and other practical activities.

### Choir

Please can all children be at Awliscombe Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November for 11.00am to start singing at 11.15am.

### Cygnets

Next week we are looking at vehicles with 4 wheels. If you have a favourite one at home, you may bring it in to show us. Please bring your wellies too.

### Tempest Photo's

Please can all orders for photographs be in the office by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Letters Sent

- School photos
- NSPCC
- Sportshall Athletics
- Primary Times

## Dates for the Diary

### 2016/17 Academic Year

- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Scholastic books in school
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Kids Cafe
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Theatre Trip

15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	- Christmas jumper day
15 <sup>th</sup> December	- Nativity Services
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	- Carol service 5.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	- Christmas dinner and party
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	- Last day of term for pupils
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	- Non pupil day
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	- First day of term for pupils
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	- Weight & measure Rec and Yr6
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	- Film and PJ's night
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	- Half Term
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	- Last day of term for pupils
16 <sup>th</sup> April	- First day of term for pupils
7 <sup>th</sup> May	- Bank holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	- Half term
4 <sup>th</sup> June	- Non pupil day
20 <sup>th</sup> July	- Last day of term for pupils

## PTFA



Thank you to Claire and Matt Carrison for donating some Christmas decorations. They were looking a little tired last year and we may still have to buy more depending on how they look when we unpack them so, if anyone has some going spare, we could definitely use them. Following on from that, we need some help on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November after school to get the Christmas decorations out and check that the lights work etc, then on

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 we'd like some volunteers to help decorate the school. The kids love it and we usually have lots of fun. All help will be gratefully received!

The Next Kids Café is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please can Blackbury Family Group supply the cakes. Scholastic books will be on sale at the café, information from them will be sent out beforehand.

Have a great weekend, Nic Greenland

## Events in the community

### Friday Club

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with publicising and attended Friday club last Friday. Ali and family are very grateful for all the support you gave them and look forward to seeing you in January. Kind regards Michelle.

### Family drop in workshop at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery

A box for something precious - Saturday 25 November - drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm. Join artist Monica Shanta Brown for a fun art activity! You will be creating your own box and decorating it to make a little world. All ages and abilities welcome. Suggested donation £2 / child. See website [www.thelmahulbert.com](http://www.thelmahulbert.com) Tel 01404 45006

### Ferne Animal Sanctuary

Christmas fair, santa's grotto, shopping evening, lunches. See website for more details [www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org)