



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

Monday 4 th December	-	Yr4 Dance @ HCC Gym
	-	Scholastic book fair 3.30pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 5 th December	-	Swimming for Yr 5/6
	-	Scholastic book fair 3.30pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 6 th December	-	Scholastic books being collected
Thursday 7 th December	-	Woodpeckers trip to Escot
	-	Football match v Payhembury @ 2.30pm
Friday 8 th December	-	Tea with the Head

Message from the Headteacher

Please accept my apologies for a short message this week. I try to write the newsletter on a Thursday afternoon and into Friday but today I have had meetings and am covering a couple of members of staff due to sickness. So I promise to update you fully next week. As we move into advent the children are working so hard on the activities planned.

Tomorrow Payhembury School have their Christmas Fayre from 4 -till 7 in the village hall and school so please feel free to come along.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Kayleigh Gregory	
<u>Swans</u>	Morgan McKnight	
<u>Robins</u>	Lacey Fordham	Bertie Howgill
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Harry Simons	Emily Greenalnd
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Isabel Prinsloo	Aleisha Offer-Hoar

Notices to Parents

PTFA

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA for the chairs and beautiful smartsacks (every visitor this week has commented on how cool they are)

The school has been decorated amazingly, thank you to all that gave up their time to help.

Kingfishers Projects

These are amazing! Thank you to all of the parents who have helped with these - the children have learnt even more about our WW2 topic. They have clearly shown imaginative skills in the machinery and "make do and mend"! The food has been delicious - we've had marmite cookies,

steamed chocolate (with potato) & roast pigeon. Please do have a look at our projects in the hall during Kids Café.

Kingfishers

A small group of Kingfishers went to Hembury Fort House on Wednesday to work with the residents making various Christmas crafts. The children and residents (and our staff) had a fabulous time. The children were absolutely amazing.

Scholastic Books

Mrs Hammett kindly judges our scholastic book banner entries, the following children are the winners from their classes:- Jimmie Hellier Cygnet/Swans, Jessica Summers Robins, Emily Greenland Woodpeckers, Georgina Trendell Kingfishers, and Roseanna Trendell was the overall winner. Congratulations to all that entered.

Mrs Hammett wanted to give a highly commended award to Amalie Strachan, Keir Osborne, Lily Fordham, Juniper Walker, Serena Osborne, Izzy Pollard and Max Clarke.

Applying for Primary School Places

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

Letters Sent

- Kingfishers to Hembury Fort House
- Year 4 HLC Dance event
- Year 5/6 Residential
- Theatre Trip

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 30 th Nov | - Scholastic books in school |
| 1 st Dec | - Kids Café |
| 7 th Dec | - Woodpeckers Trip to Escot |
| 13 th Dec | - Theatre Trip |
| 15 th Dec | - Christmas jumper day |
| 15 th Dec | - Nativity 2.15pm & 5.00pm |
| 18 th Dec | - Carol service 5.00pm |
| 19 th Dec | - Christmas dinner and party |
| 21 st Dec | - Celebration Assembly in church @ 2.45pm |
| 21 st Dec | - Last day of term for pupils |
| 5 th Jan | - Non pupil day |
| 8 th Jan | - First day of term for pupils |
| 8 th Jan | - Weight & measure Rec and Yr6 |
| 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 |

12th - 15th June - Residential
20th July - Last day of term for pupils

PTFA



Thank you to everyone who stayed after school last Friday to build Christmas trees and check lights, and thank you to the small army of decorating volunteers who came in Sunday morning, we managed to decorate the whole school in just 2 hours! The tree in the playground was certainly a challenge! Please, please, can people help on the last day of term to take it

all down otherwise Mr Norrington has to do it all himself.

Thank you to Blackburny for supplying yummy cakes for kids cafe.

Happy Christmas! Nic Greenland

Events in the community

Payhembury Christmas Fair

Come along to the "friends of Payhembury School" Christmas fair in Payhembury village hall from 4.00pm - 7.00pm on Saturday 2nd December.

Kings School

Kings School Christmas fair will take place tonight Friday 1st December from 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Ferne Animal Sanctuary

Christmas fair, santa's grotto, shopping evening, lunches. See website for more details
www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org

Church

The Christingle at Awliscombe Church is Christmas Eve at 3.00 pm all welcome, recorder players invited to join us to play Jingle Bells, please come early if you would like to rehearse.

Thank you.

Michelle Lucas

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Paper crafting Workshop - Saturday 16th December. Drop in between 11.00am – 3.00pm. More info see website:- www.thelmahulbert.com

NHS Virgincare

The School nursing service newsletter is available, please see website below
www.devonintegratedchildrensservices/public-health-nursing

The Otter Inn Weston

It's officially December!! Let those Christmas parties begin!!

We have lots going on, Live Music every Friday night!! Starting tonight the 1st December! 8pm ish
Join us for mulled wine, festive hot drinks! And Mince Pies!

Every weekend colouring competitions for all the little ones visiting us! Prizes to be won!!

Our Christmas Quiz is coming up 5th December!! Book your team on 01404 42594

Boxing Day: we will be serving Lunch only, bar open till 6pm

NEW YEARS EVE!! come and enjoy an early meal before setting off for those NYE parties, children eat free with an adult meal ordered from our main menu, 9pm onwards we will pop some party tunes on and see the New Year in!

Come and celebrate this Christmas with us and receive a voucher for you to enjoy