



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

Newsletter 7
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The next few days ...

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| Monday 30 th October | - | |
| Tuesday 31 st October | - | Swimming for Yr5/6 |
| Wednesday 1 st November | - | Kingfishers to HCC Science Department |
| Thursday 2 nd November | - | Bags 2 School collection |
| Friday 3 rd November | - | Shoebox Service @ 9.10am everyone welcome |

Message from the Headteacher

Half term already! I can't believe it's here so soon.

Thank you for attending parents evening this week. I hope you found them useful. If you need further time with your teacher please arrange an additional time to meet with them.

This week we also had a visit from Ferne Animal Sanctuary who gave an assembly on animal welfare. The children were fully engaged throughout the presentation.

Don't forget your Shoe boxes; they need to be in school by Friday (morning) 3rd November. Rev. Jane will be taking a service in church from 9.10am on the Friday morning for the shoebox appeal.

Can I remind you 'Bags for Schools' will be collected on Thursday 2nd November. This is for such a good cause too.

Next half term will be really busy especially with the run up to Christmas but it is one of my favourites. Keep an eye on the school diary so you don't miss anything that's happening.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA who work so hard to support the school. I am very grateful for all their time and effort. I especially enjoyed Kids Café this week, it's a lovely after school event where we can all catch up together. Thank you for the cake donations.

Hopefully Mrs Beer will be back after half term but we are very grateful to Mrs Penny Wilkinson who has stepped in to cover for her.

Have a great half term; see you on the 30th October.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Avalon Parsons	
<u>Swans</u>	Bo Beeken	
<u>Robins</u>	Luca Roberts-Mather	Jessica Summers
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Serena Osborne	Lou-Lou Williams
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Abbie Empson	Jake Carter

Notices to Parents

Applying for Secondary School Places - Deadline 31st October 2017

Letters have been sent home to year 6 children inviting parents to apply for their secondary school place for 2018. Don't forget that all parents of children in Yr6 need to apply for their secondary school place.

Bags 2 Schools

The PTFA have sent out a letter about Bags 2 Schools. Please have a look for all your unwanted clothes, shoes, belts, hats, handbags, ties or soft toys. This is a very easy way to make money for the school.

Letters Sent

- Donations for kid's café from PTFA
- Kingfishers Science @ HCC
- Bags 2 Schools letter from PTFA
- Jolly Good Jaunt

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

- 23rd - 27th Oct - Half term
- 30th Oct - Shoeboxes can be brought in from today
- 31st Oct - Swimming Starts for Kingfishers
- 2nd Nov - Bags 2 school collection
- 3rd Nov - Shoebox service @ 9.10am
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- 8th Nov - Child Assault Prevention - parent meeting @ 6.00pm
- 9th Nov - PTFA meeting @ The Otter 7.30pm
- 9th Nov - Boots flu immunisation
- 15th Nov - Tempest Photos pm
- 17th Nov - Children in Need
- 1st Dec - Kids Cafe
- 13th Dec - Theatre Trip
- 15th Dec - Christmas jumper day
- 18th Dec - Carol service 5.00pm
- 19th Dec - Christmas dinner and party
- 21st Dec - Last day of term for pupils
- 5th Jan - Non pupil day
- 8th 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

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have their project homework.

Don't forget your swimming costumes/trunks on Tuesday 31st October.

PTFA



It was great to see the children enjoying 'Kids Café yesterday. Thank you to Hembury for the cakes.

Hopefully your child has brought home a 'Bags 2 School' bag. Please use this opportunity for a good old clear out of your unwanted clothes over half term. The bags will be collected at 9am 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 collections raised over £300!! So please fill as many bags as you can! You can use an ordinary bin bag too, it doesn't have to be the official 'bags to school' bag.

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.

Hope you all have a great half term.

Thanks for your continued support

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>

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

Saints Southwest Holiday Soccer Schools

To Book - please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.