



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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## **The next few days ....**

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| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September    | - Bikeability @ Payhembury<br>- Cross Country @ Allhallows playing field |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September   | - Bikeability @ Payhembury   |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September | - London trip Yr 5/6   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September  | - Bikeability @ Payhembury   |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September    | - Bikeability @ Payhembury<br>- Harvest service in the church @ 2.30pm   |

## **Message from the Headteacher**

Firstly an apology for not seeing you all this week, I have been stuck at Payhembury School finishing off the building works that are almost complete. We will hopefully be free of builders by the middle of next week and I will be able to get back to normal. The beginning of term has been very busy and I haven't been about much, so I am sorry for that.

Next week is a busy one; we start with a trip to Allhallows in Honiton for the cross country event on Monday afternoon. This is a Honiton Learning Community sports event and I know the children are very keen to take part.

Kingfisher's are off to London on Wednesday and will be going to visit the imperial War Museum. It is a wonderful opportunity, I think the museum is one of the best in the country and the children will get so much learning from it. I would like to reiterate for all parents the amount of detail the teachers have put into organising this trip. With the current security level across the country and specifically London we have sort the advice of many different agencies and have been given clear guidance on going up into the city.

Also next week parents and families can go to visit Honiton Community College to have a look around. If you want to have a visit just ring their office to arrange a time.

On Monday and Tuesday; then Thursday and Friday we have small groups of Year 5 pupils from Awliscombe taking part in bike ability course. The roads around Awliscombe Primary are not suitable to learn on so luckily we can borrow Payhembury playground.

The Harvest festival will take place at 2.30pm at Church; please come along to this special service. We encourage the children to bring non-perishable goods so that they can be given back to those in need within our local community.

Finally just to let you know we currently have three jobs adverts out across our Federation. We still need a breakfast club leader for Awliscombe. The staff team are currently covering but we really do need someone to fill that position. We have two positions as Mealtime assistants at

Payhembury primary school (11.45- 1.30pm) and finally we need 2 level3 early years practitioners to support our preschools. Our numbers are growing so healthily we now need more staff. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please see me or Vanessa Jarrett for more details.

I hope your weekend to relaxing and we see more of the sun.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Letty Gower	
<u>Swans</u>	William Pollard	
<u>Robins</u>	Lucien Hopkins	Evie Stewart
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Harry Simmons	Emily Greenland
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Shea Bowden Britton	Georgia Puleston

### Notices to Parents

#### Dog fouling

Unfortunately we have had a few incidents of people letting their dogs foul outside of the school, and not clearing up after them, please be aware of this. We wouldn't want anyone treading in it.

#### Contact Information Packs

Reminder: please make sure you return all your contact/information packs to the office by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. It is a statutory obligation that we have current, up-to-date contact details held in school for each individual pupil.

#### Clothing

Please could we remind children to be suitably dressed for our unpredictable weather. The weather is changeable and can vary on a daily basis, especially at this time of year.

#### 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 **1<sup>st</sup> September until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**.

#### Letters Sent

- Ofsted short inspection report
- Ofsted letter
- Measuring the height and weight of children in Rec and Yr6
- Bikeability letter
- Cross Country Letter
- Summer Residential
- Honiton Community College letter

## Dates for the Diary

### 2016/17 Academic Year

25 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Yr5 Bikeability @ Payhembury
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Cross Country @ Allhallows Honiton Yr 5/6
25 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Honiton Community College Open Days
28 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Yr5 Bikeability @ Payhembury
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- London Trip Yr5/6
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- 5.00pm - 7.00pm Open evening for Yr6 at Honiton Community College
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Harvest Service @ 2.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	- European Day of Languages - Dress up day
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	- PTFA AGM
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	- Last week of clubs
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	- Summer residential meeting - Awliscombe 5.00pm & Payhembury 6.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	- Half term
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	- Tempest Photos PM
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	- Children in Need
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	- Theatre Trip
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	- Christmas jumper day
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
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



Don't forget everyone is invited to come to the PTFA's (Parent, Teachers and Friends Association) **Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. The meeting will be held in the hall at Awliscombe Primary School. It is open to all, is a good opportunity to find out more about how we support the school and to meet other parents.

[www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) provide a wide selection of named stickers, sew-on and iron-on labels. Awliscombe Primary school is registered with them so if you use the **school id:28941** a fantastic 20% of the price is refunded directly to the school.

## European Day of Languages



### European Day of Languages Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

On **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** we would like to invite the children to help celebrate European Day of Languages by coming to school dressed in another country's traditional costume. This may be European or non-European. We shall enjoy a French breakfast in the playground and activities throughout the day to raise awareness of our wonderful world's rich and diverse linguistic culture.

### Swans and Cygnets

Please bring wellington boots all next week for the gardening and woodland walk.

We will also be transforming large boxes to make rockets. If you have any materials to decorate them, please bring them in.

### Events in the community

#### A night with the stars

Churchinford Village Hall, Taunton Road, TA3 7RG Saturday 23 September

For further information [blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk](mailto:blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk)

#### The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival takes place next month.

The Festival runs from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with events for all ages and all abilities as shown in the attached At a Glance. Please check out our website [www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org](http://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org) where you can find details of the full programme, news about events and how to reserve places for some events.