



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

Monday 27 th November	-	Yr5 Maths Masterclass
Tuesday 28 st November	-	Swimming for Yr 5/6
Wednesday 29 th November	-	Yr 5/6 Hembury Fort House
Thursday 30 th November	-	Scholastic book fair starts
Friday 1 st December	-	Kingfisher projects in Kids Cafe

Message from the Headteacher

Our CAPs workshops were very successful and the children had a great time taking part in the activities. However I hope the learning they took from it stays with them for life and they feel more empowered to say No and ask for help should they ever need it.

It's been a fairly quiet week apart from CAPs. Mrs Jarrett attended health and safety training and we had a governor's finance and premises meeting. Next week we have a full governing body meeting on Wednesday.

Cricket and swimming are as normal and we have a small group going out to Honiton Community college for maths masterclasses on Monday after school.

David Dominey, our finance support officer will be working with us on Monday. We will be working towards setting our next year's budget. Every year the challenge of making our money stretch is becoming increasingly hard and as I expect you are aware through the media that Schools are fighting very hard for additional funds.

Mrs Morris is taking a small group of children to Hembury Fort nursing home. In the press recently it was discussing the benefits to both young people and the elderly to spend time together. We always go to the Home to sing carols but we are also visiting to make Christmas wreaths together this year. We hope we can bring some Christmas cheer to all those involved.

Scholastic book shop will be arriving next week and we have it set up in the school hall for a period four days. It will be available to for you to view before and after school. It will also be available at the kids café on Friday at 3.30pm in the school hall. Blackberries family group are making the cakes next week. Please come along and join us for a cake and a catch up.

Finally its almost time for the travelling nativity scene to get on its way and will start making it rounds on the 1st December please see a previous letter for details about the travelling crib.

Have a super weekend, take care if you are shopping I think it's going to be a busy one.

With best wishes,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Lily Tapp	
<u>Swans</u>	Bo Beeken	
<u>Robins</u>	Charlotte Greenland	Natasha Carrison
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Anna Skowronska	Freya Keene
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Isabel Prinsloo	Kyle Dymond

Notices to Parents

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/admissiononline.

Choir

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

Kingfishers

Please bring in your projects on Friday - We shall be displaying them at Kids Café.

Swans and Cygnets

Next term our topic is all about people who help us so we were wondering if any parents had any skills they would like to share with us. If you are interested please come and see Miss Moore or Mrs Gregory.

Letters Sent

- Collection of children from school
- Yr 5/6 Hembury Fort House
- School Christmas lunch
- Seddons Christmas colouring competition
- Book fair leaflet
- Book fair competition
- Yr 3/4 trip to Escot
- Nativity - "The Sleepy Shepherd"
- Travelling Nativity Crib

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

- 30th Nov - Scholastic books in school
- 1st Dec - Kids Cafe
- 13th Dec - Theatre Trip
- 15th Dec - Christmas jumper day
- 15th Dec - Nativity 2.15pm & 5.00pm
- 18th Dec - Carol service 5.00pm
- 19th Dec - Christmas dinner and party
- 21st 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
20 th July	- Last day of term for pupils

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On Sunday we'll be decorating the school for Christmas, please come and join in, the kids love it, 10.30 onwards, it doesn't take long if we have lots of helpers! After school today we need to find all the trees, lights, fireplace and of course the Christmas post box so some help to do that would be gratefully received.

The next Kids Café is Friday 1st Dec, 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.

See you on Sunday, Nic Greenland

Events in the community

Awliscombe Christmas Market

This Saturday, 25th November, Awliscombe Christmas Market with mulled wine, coffee, mince pies, stalls and our Choir singing!! 10-12pm in Awliscombe Parish Hall in aid of the Admiral Nurse for Honiton Campaign!

Best wishes
Jane

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 Tel 01404 45006

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.

Ferne Animal Sanctuary

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