



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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## The next few days ....

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	-	Yr 5 Handball
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	-	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	-	European day of languages
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Census Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	-	

## Message from the Headteacher

I have looked out my office window at Payhembury and I have watched Awliscombe pupils riding around during bike ability - and just occasionally I forget where I am. It's so great to see how we are working together as a federation of schools. The children have really loved the chance to work on their road safety and cycling proficiency this week.

I am delighted to see the older children have managed to get through the week so enthusiastically after the long day to London on Wednesday. I have been listening to the different tales of the day. I know it was long but clearly it was all worth it. Thank you to our volunteers for giving up a day to be with the children and to the staff for organising such an ambitious trip. I heard a member of the public approached Mrs Morris and said they had never seen such a well behaved group of children in London before. Comments like that make me very proud.

I am looking forward to our harvest festival service this afternoon, I know the children have been practicing daily for the special service.

Unfortunately, Mrs Beer is poorly at the moment and won't be in for the next few weeks. I have been able to arrange a cover teaching assistant for Mrs Beer and her name is Mrs Wilkinson. She has a specialism in English. She will cover in Robin's class until Mrs Beer returns.

Next week seems busy; on Monday we have Year 5 at a Handball competition against other school in the learning community. The children love the fast pace of handball. It should be a great afternoon.

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October it is European Languages day. The children are encouraged to dress in an outfit in the form of a traditional costume from another country. Madame Shackleton has so much planned for the children.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October it is census day. A very important day for the school's finances. Our future budget will be drawn up from the number of children on roll. Our funding for school dinners for the next year will be worked out on the number of children in Robin's and Swan's ordering school dinners on that Thursday. Please can I ask any child entitled to a free school meal orders one on the day so that we will be paid for the meals in the future. There is a change in menu its creamy carbonara with garlic bread or mac n cheese with garlic bread. Pudding - vanilla ice cream in tubs with chocolate/strawberry sauce or sprinkles.

And finally at some point next week a gentleman called Ray Wilmington is coming in to talk to the children about his experience during world war II. This is linked directly to their learning topic this half term.

Have a good weekend,

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Barney Walker	
<u>Swans</u>	Sophie Puleston	
<u>Robins</u>	Samuel Roberts	Eden Woodman
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Jazmine Willson	Penelope Anning
<u>Kingfishers</u>	James Quick	Hannah Empson

## Notices to Parents

### 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.**

### Vacancies

We are still looking for a Breakfast Club leader. Application forms can be found on the Fort website, the closing date is 4<sup>th</sup> October.

### 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.
- **Art apron** - Please can children in Kingfishers, Woodpeckers, Robins bring in an old shirt or apron to wear during art, thank you.
- Unfortunately we are still finding lots of unnamed clothing. Please can you check that your children's clothing is still named, it helps us to return clothes to its owner if they are.
- Just a reminder that children should have their PE Kit in school every day, tracksuits are fine for outside games but should be wearing shorts for indoor games.

### Letters Sent

- London Trip information sheet
- Swans/Cygnets Payhembury letter
- Handball @ Honiton Leisure Centre some Kingfishers
- Dunster Castle Letter Yr1/Y2

## Dates for the Diary

### 2016/17 Academic Year

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Handball @ Honiton Leisure Centre, some Kingfishers
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct - European Day of Languages - Dress up day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - PTFA AGM
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Yr1/Yr2 trip to Dunster Castle
- 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
15 <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



This **Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> October)** everyone is invited to come to the PTFA's (Parent, Teachers and Friends Association) **Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm**. 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 the PTFA supports the school and a chance to socialise with 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.

## Events in the community

### **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.

### **Seaton Jurassic**

Activities for autumn and winter for more information check the website [info@seatonjurassic.org](mailto:info@seatonjurassic.org)

### **Saturday Science in Tiverton**

"Electrifying Science" is a 2 hour, hands-on workshop on circuits, conductors & insulators, static fun & kids will make an electronic toy to take home. Suitable for all primary school aged children. Parents can email me on [sciencedipity@outlook.com](mailto:sciencedipity@outlook.com) or text 07847006048, or they can book directly via the website here (<http://sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/>).

**MUMMY MIA! @ The Beehive, Honiton** - Monday 23 October & Tuesday 24 October 2017, 10 - 4 (Performance 3.30 on Tuesday) Age 7 - 11 - website - [music@kyrke-smith.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:music@kyrke-smith.eclipse.co.uk)

### **Deep Music - Specialist Day for Double Bass**

All young players of the double bass - and any other young musicians who would like to try the bass - can sign up to the DMEH specialist double bass day with expertise from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on **Saturday 30th September in Exeter**. Completely Free of Charge! For more information please contact [Heidi.Pike@babcockinternational.com](mailto:Heidi.Pike@babcockinternational.com) or call 01392 287235 to book a place.

### **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, as part of this exciting 3 year project.

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.

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)

Healthy Living Centre in Hemyock EX15 3SH