



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

- Monday 9th October - Dunster Castle - Yr 1/2
- Tuesday 10th October - Payhembury - Swans/Cygnets
- Wednesday 11th October - Reach Outdoor residential meeting
- Thursday 12th October -
- Friday 13th October - Recorders

Message from the Headteacher

Other than the harvest festival it has been a very quiet couple of weeks.

Our harvest festival service last Friday was lovely. The children sang like angels and drama scene was so well acted. I was particularly impressed with the narrators. The puppet show was really entertaining and I know the audience enjoyed it immensely.

On Monday Kingfishers took part in a handball tournament they came 4th overall. It is great fun for them to take part in regular competitions. A result from our previous week's sporting activity cross country both our teams came 3rd.

Thank you to Madame Shackleton, for organising our wonderful European languages' day on Wednesday. The children's outfits look amazing and I know they had a super day of learning.

The children in Kingfishers had a wonderful visitor this week. Ray Wilmington (Abby and Hannah Epton's grandfather) came into discuss his experience of WW2. I know the children were fascinated and

Next week Robins are going to Dunster Castle on a joint trip with Payhembury. It's a great opportunity for the children to see a true castle up close.

Next week I am away on a residential conference for a couple of days and I am afraid I won't be writing in the newsletter. So I will have more to say the following week.

Have a good weekend,

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Seth Millman	
<u>Swans</u>	George Bernet	
<u>Robins</u>	Rosie Summers	Leila Wilkinson
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Aston Prinsloo	Emily Summers
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Roseanna Trendell	Louise Simmons

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 **1st September until 31st October 2017**.

School lunches

Thank you to all of those parents submitting dinner forms and payment at the beginning of each month in line with the system implemented last year.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind all parents that pre-orders and payment should be made for all meals. Everyone should have received a blue meal order form sheet for October. We do appreciate that, on the odd occasion, it might be necessary to pay on the day as a "one off" however this is not to be used as a regular payment method.

Clothing

Please could everyone have a check of the uniform that you have at home - it may be that someone else's jumper has been accidentally picked up. If you have then please can you return to the office.

School Field

Please could everyone be vigilant and let us know if you see people in the school field. Unfortunately it would seem that dogs are being walked here and the mess isn't being cleaned up. This really isn't pleasant for our PE session.

Dunster Castle

Just to remind Robin's the children need to be in school at 8.45am Monday morning, as we are leaving promptly at 9.00am. Don't forget the packed lunch and plenty of drinks.

Kingfishers

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Ray Willmington (Grandad to Hannah and Abbie) who kindly gave up his Monday morning to come and talk to us about life in the war. It was really interesting and made us think about how different life was.

Letters Sent

- Shoebox appeal letter and leaflet

Honiton Learning Community

We've attended two of the HLC sports events this half term. Twelve children from Kingfishers went to a cross country event. Everyone ran the 1200m exceptionally well - with both teams coming 3rd overall.

A mixed group of year 5 children went handball this week. Mrs Paul commended them on their improvement during the afternoon both in their team work and handball techniques. They came 4th in their league. Well done.

The next event will be a gym festival for children in Robins.

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

9 th - 13 th Oct	- Last week of clubs
10 th Oct	- Swans/Cygnets trip to Payhembury
11 th Oct	- Summer residential meeting - Awliscombe 5.00pm & Payhembury 6.30pm
16 th Oct	- HLC gym festival for year 1 and 2
16 th Oct	- Parents evening 3.45pm onwards
18 th Oct	- Parents evening 5.00pm onwards
19 th Oct	- Kids Cafe
23 rd - 27 th Oct	- Half term
30 th Oct	- Shoeboxes can be brought in from today
31 st Oct	- Swimming Starts for Kingfishers
2 nd Nov	- Bags 2 school collection
3 rd Nov	- Shoebox service @ 9.10am
9 th Nov	- PTFA meeting @ The Otter 7.30pm
9 th Nov	- Boots flu immunisation
15 th Nov	- Tempest Photos pm
17 th Nov	- Children in Need
1 st Dec	- Kids Cafe
13 th Dec	- Theatre Trip
15 th Dec	- Christmas jumper day
18 th Dec	- Carol service 5.00pm
19 th Dec	- Xmas dinner and party
21 st Dec	- Last day of term for pupils
5 th Jan	- Non pupil day
8 th 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

PTFA



Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM last night, sadly it is my last meeting as Chair as I have stepped down. I am delighted to welcome the very capable Nic Greenland to this role. I hope everyone will continue to give her, and the school, the same unfailing support that they have given over the last few years.

I am amazed and extremely proud to announce that last year the PTFA raised over £4,000 for the school! My personal thanks go to everyone on the 'team' who made this possible. Some of this money has already been spent: 3 large event shelters, a new PA system and microphones, help with transport costs for school trips, class Christmas presents, play equipment and Christmas entertainment. We have also agreed to buy new chairs for three of the classrooms (no more snagged tights -hurrah) and chair tidier's too.

The PTFA has exciting plans for the year ahead and with your continued help and support want to further improve the playground/outside play opportunities.

Finally 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 Nic Greenland (or the school office) know.

European Day of Languages

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2017



We celebrated European Day of Languages on Wednesday and what fun was had by all! We feel strongly about the importance of learning new languages from an early age. Our everyday focus is French but EDL gives us a great opportunity to explore other world languages and cultures.

Children began to trickle into the playground early in the morning having made great efforts to dress in costumes representing many different countries from around the world. They were enticed by the smell of croissants and pains au chocolat! I lead the morning assembly which focused on the relevance of language learning, included our favourite Languages Day tune 'Hello to all the children of the world' and a multi-lingual version of 'How Far I'll go' from the Disney film Moana. During the day, we did origin of words and flag themed treasure hunts, Euro disco and took a closer look at all our European neighbours with our Passport to the European Union booklets. A highlight was the tasting session in the hall where some of our brave children took great delight in devouring snail's whole!

Best wishes to you all and 'à bientôt'
Madame Shackleton



Events in the community

The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival - now until Sunday 15th October

There are events for all ages and all abilities. For more information please refer to the website www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org

Seaton Jurassic

Please look at their website for activities and events. www.seatonjurassic.org

Saturday Science in Tiverton on 7th October

"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 sciencedipity@outlook.com or text 07847006048, or they can book directly via the website <http://sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/>

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>