



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

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| Monday 15 th January | - | Clubs start this week |
| | - | Make a musical play in a day - 2.45pm performance all welcome. |
| Tuesday 16 th January | - | Maths Enrichment Masterclass Year6 |
| Wednesday 17 th January | - | |
| Thursday 18 th January | - | |
| Friday 19 th January | - | |

Message from the Headteacher

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a super festive break and it has been really lovely returning to school on the 8th this year. I really appreciated the time after Christmas to get some quiet time.

The staff returned to school on Friday 5th January for a training day. It was focused on our Christian distinctiveness and our core values. Over this first week the children have revisited the core values and looked at how they affect themselves and those of others in school. The children have produced some outstanding work and have had many exciting, stimulating discussions as a result. I endeavour to walk through the classrooms everyday talking to and looking at the standards of work the children are producing. This week has been a real delight; the children have clearly loved the focus and have excelled in their work. I hope the children have been coming home talking about what they have been doing.

On Wednesday evening Payhembury hosted a training session for East Devon Schools on Anaphylaxis shock and Asthma. It was delivered by the school Nurses and we were able to send all our staff on the training.

Unfortunately Miss Moore has been signed off for a further two weeks. So I am not expecting her this half of the term. Luckily Mrs Gregory has stepped up to cover for her. She is doing a great job for which we are very grateful.

Next week doesn't look too busy.

Have a great weekend, See you all on Monday.

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Seth Millman	
<u>Swans</u>	Morgan Mcknight	
<u>Robins</u>	Charlotte Greenland	Leila Wilkinson
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Lacey Beck	Freddy Walker
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Emma Pollard	Michael Lucas

Notices to Parents

Applying for Primary School Places - Deadline 15th January 2018

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/admissionsonline.

Residential

If you haven't returned the residential form and deposit already, these need to be with us by Friday 26th January. If you require another letter please come to the office.

The cost of the residential will be £155. We are asking parents to pay a deposit of £15 by Friday 26th January 2018 to confirm their child will be attending the residential. We will then provide a payment scheme for parents to pay in 4 monthly instalments of £35.00 from February 2018. The last of these instalments must be paid by **Friday 25th May 2018**.

Phones

If anyone has an old phone, home or mobile that they no longer need, we would love them in Swans and Cygnets for role play.

Youth Speak

Two teams represented us at the Rotary Youth Speak Competition on Thursday at Honiton Community College.

This is a public speaking event and involves children presenting information about a subject of their choice and responding to a question on it. There are really strict timings for each speaker and its nerve racking just watching them.

Even though we didn't make it through to the next round - Finley, Aleisha, Louise, Georgina, Emma and Hannah were amazing!!

I could clearly see an increase in confidence from last year. They had all learnt their speeches really well and spoke with clarity, expression and passion about their chosen subject.

One team debated on "Plastic is not so fantastic" and the other "How long should children spend on their devices"

Well done to everyone involved including the Year 6 team who supported them on the day.

Make a musical in a day

On Monday, children in Woodpeckers and Kingfishers will be working with Mr Peter Kyrte-Smith to create and perform a musical based on Amada Ahoy!

We shall be presenting this to the rest of the school at 2.45pm.

Parents are most welcome to join us for this in the hall.

Letters Sent

- Maths Enrichment Masterclass
- Film Night
- Youth Speak Year 6
- Afterschool clubs

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

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| 12 th Jan | - Film and PJ's night |
| 15 th Jan | - Make a musical play in a day - Performance 2.45pm - all welcome |
| 16 th Jan | - Maths Enrichment Masterclass Yr6 |
| 19 th Jan | - Friday Club |
| 22 nd Jan | - Gym Festival Yr3+4 @ Honiton Community College |
| 22 nd Jan | - Maths Masterclass Yr5 |
| 23 rd Jan | - Maths Enrichment Masterclass Yr6 |
| 26 th Jan | - Kids Café - Woodbury |
| 29 th Jan | - Quicksticks Hockey Yr 6 |
| 8 th Feb | - Tag Rugby Yr5/6 |
| 8 th Feb | - Rev Jane's final service and tea |
| 12 th - 16 th Feb | - Half Term |
| 22 nd Feb | - Kids Café - Hembury |
| 10 th Mar | - Pamper evening in village hall |
| 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 |
| 12 th - 15 th June | - Residential |
| 20 th July | - Last day of term for pupils |

PTFA



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas.

We had our first PTFA meeting of the year last night to plan the next few events. Upcoming we have our Pamper night on Sat 10th March in the village hall, this raises a lot of money for school trips and equipment so please come and support, if you haven't been to one I highly recommend it! We have professional beauticians on hand to massage, soothe and ease away those winter blues. More details to come over the next few weeks.

Please check out our Facebook page: Awliscombe C of E Primary School PTFA it's a great way to find out what is going on or volunteer to help with an event. Nic Greenland

Events in the community

The Exeter Children's Orchestra (ECO) are having an Open Day on Saturday 20th January.

They can come along and join in from 10am - 12pm. We run a policy of "no scary auditions" and the music will be selected to enable everyone to join in and see if they like playing with a friendly children's orchestra.

For those newer to music, we also have a separate **Junior Orchestra** from 11am - 12pm, so it would be great to also see those not as confident come along and join in too! For those who are more experienced and higher up their grades - we have a **Youth Orchestra**.

Everyone will need to bring their instruments with them, and a music stand is always helpful!

We cater for Recorders, Flutes, Clarinets, Oboes, Saxophones (all kinds), Bassoons, Trumpets and Cornets, Tenor Horns, Baritone Horns, French Horns, Trombones, (Bass or Treble Clef), Tubas, Violins, Violas, Cellos, String Bases (including bass guitars) and Percussionists. We'd even be happy to see harpists! We will be serving refreshments, and we also run a tuck shop!

Contact us for more information - <https://www.facebook.com/exeterchildrensorchestra/>

Friday Club

Friday Club (for 5 - 11 yrs) starts again on Friday 19th January, 6.30 pm until 8.00 pm, at the Village Hall.