



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days ...

- Monday 17th December -
- Tuesday 18th December - 5.00pm Carol Service
- Wednesday 19th December -
- Thursday 20th December - Christmas Dinner and Party
- Friday 21th December - End of Term Celebration Assembly
- Last Day of Term

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

We have had a fabulous week and the highlight was most definitely the nativity performance in the church on Wednesday evening. Thank you to all those who were able to watch the show, I am very sorry it was so cramped; it's a true reflection of the growing success of the school. When I first arrived at Awliscombe our numbers had fallen to 46 pupils. Currently we are hovering around 87 but I anticipate even more growth in September. With this in mind, it has become very clear that we aren't able to manage with just one performance and next year we will increase our number of performances and perhaps try ticketing to ensure everyone can be seated.

Swans and cygnets were so incredible; they learnt their words to perfection. Their singing was beautiful and I particularly enjoyed the costumes. As usual, but not to be taken for granted, was the amazing singing from the rest of the school. Every child contributes so much to each song. You can feel their enthusiasm and commitment to doing their best every time you watch or listen to them. I felt incredibly proud of the whole school.

I would like to send a couple of thank you messages. Firstly to the staff, they have worked tirelessly for the last couple of weeks to prepare for the show while still keeping everything else going. They really are a smashing team who are very dedicated to the children. Thank you to our PTFA who are always backing the school and organising and arranging the extras things for school. Lastly a massive thank you to those adults that stayed at the end of the show and helped take the props and equipment back to school. It saves my staff so much additional work and we are very grateful.

I'm already looking forward to next year's performance, we are always thinking about ways we could improve it.

The Awliscombe and Western Times has been running a poetry competition in the run up to Christmas and I am delighted to say many of our children entered poems. After the judging I am pleased to announce that we had three winners, James, Rosanna and Xena. Even more good news to follow, Xena was then chosen to read her poem at the Awliscombe Church Carol service on 16th December at 7pm. Well done to all the children who took part in the competition and an extra special well done to the winners.

Last Friday the choir sang to the residents at Hembury Fort Residential home. The residents enjoyed joining in with our Christmas songs and then finished by singing a carol to the choir. We were treated to some cake and squash, which they all very much enjoyed. A big thank you to Stamps Coach Company who transported the choir at no cost as a gift to the school and the residents at the home!

The choir finish their festive performances on Tuesday at our school's carol concert. Please join us from 4.45pm for mulled wine and singing.

We have had confirmation that the choir will be, once again, travelling to Wellington school in April to join in with their 'Come and Sing' event. The jukebox theme will include some old favourites as well as some modern songs. Children who take part in choir club in the Spring term will attend the event with 450 other children from the local area.

On Friday last week the second round of the PAW sports cup took place. 12 children from Awliscombe Woodpeckers went across to Payhembury with Miss Goodson to compete against Beech in Crazy Catch, Indoor Rowing and Indoor Kurling. Everyone had a chance to compete in all 3 activities and score points for their team. Matches in each activity were really close and Awliscombe narrowly won the Crazy Catch and Rowing while Payhembury took the title in the Kurling.

Final results were:

OVERALL RESULTS		
	PAYHEMBURY	AWLISCOMBE
Crazy Catch	L L W - W L 13pts	W W L - L W 17pts
Rowing	L - W L L L 9pts	W - L W W W 21pts
Kurling	W W W L L L L W W 29pts	L L L W W W W L L 25pts
Total	51pts	63pts

So many of the children displayed superb sportsmanship throughout the afternoon and Spirit of the Games awards were awarded to:

SPIRIT OF THE GAMES		
	PAYHEMBURY	AWLISCOMBE
Determination	Stanley	Ryan Harry Juniper Team 2
Passion		Aston Theo Katie
Respect / Politeness	Emma Jack Jodie and Grace Team 6	Grace
Encouragement / Support	Hugo Archie Isla Tommy Team 1	Barney Team 1
Achievement	Jack Max Jess Maya Freddy/Oliver	Theo Harry Barney Lacey Ryan Barns

Today is Christmas jumper day and the children look very festive. It has worked out well as we are off to the Phoenix theatre this afternoon to watch our annual show. It is definitely one of my favourite trips to take the children on. As we go together with Payhembury our numbers are so big that we fill the whole theatre with our children. I have to admit that I spend most of the show looking at the children rather than the actors as I watch their faces full of awe and laughter; it's such a joy to see how much they love it.

Next week is just as busy; we have our Carol Service in the church on Tuesday evening, please come and join us. We will all sing together some of the more traditional hymns for Christmas. It starts at 5 and will only last about 40 minutes. I know you have already received information on the details of the evening.

Our Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday and thank goodness for our PTFA who come along and help serve the lunch and clear away.

We will finish the term with an achievement assembly in the Church at 2.30pm, as always everyone is welcome to join us.

I hope your Christmas preparations are coming along well and you all have a good weekend, see you on Monday.

With regards

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Violet	
<u>Swans</u>	Samuel Seth	
<u>Robins</u>	Elsie Leafy	Emma
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Natasha	Serena
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Izzy	Revan

Notices to Parents

Letters sent

End of term
Puffin Island
KS2 Lunch Menu
Pre School Lunch Menu
Breakfast Club
Scarlet Fever

Sportshall Athletics

We now have the results of the Sportshall Athletics, this was a very competitive event and unfortunately this time we didn't make the top three.

1st place - Honiton Primary School

2nd place - Upton Primary School

3rd place - Offwell Primary School

Conjunctivitis

We have had a few cases of conjunctivitis in school this week. This can be easily treated at the chemist and children do not need to be off school.

2018/19 Academic Year

18th December - School Carol Service @ 5.00pm

20th December - Christmas Dinner and party

21st December - Last day of term

7th January - First Day of Spring Term

10th January - Hi 5's Netball

PTFA



Hi Folks, Thank you to all who provided cake and helped with Kids Café last week, we raised £100.85, yipeeee. Thanks also to those who helped on Nativity night and for the raffle donations on Christmas jumper day. We'll be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the Carol service on Tuesday when there will be a few hampers to win at our raffle. We have booked Fizz Pop Science to come and entertain the children after their Christmas Dinner with one of their fantastic shows, I'm sure it will be noisy and messy so

they'll love it! We NEED, REALLY NEED! lots of helpers at 3.30pm on Fri 21st to take down the indoor Christmas decorations, if everybody helps it will only take 45 minutes. Please follow our FB page, Awliscombe C of E Primary School PTFA. Thanks for your continued support. Blue Skies, Nic Greenland.

Events in the community

Primary School places

Parents are invited to apply for their child's primary school place for 2019. The timescale to apply is from 15st November to 15st January 2019. You can apply online at:-

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Any queries please call 0345 155 1019.

Concert in Church - Friday 14th December

India Electric Co. will be performing in Awliscombe church on Friday 14th December, as part of a unique series of candle-lit concerts. Cole Stacey, one half of the group, is a local Awliscombe boy, who is touring with band member Joe O'Keefe. They tour around Europe, performing modern folk music.

A limited number of tickets are available here: <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/454280>

Doors from 7pm, starting at 7:30pm.

This is an event run by the church, not the school but everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets need to be purchased before the event.