



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

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| Monday 19 th March | - |
| Tuesday 20 th March | - Year 6 Maths Enrichment @ HCC
- Year 6 Booster Class 3.30pm - 4.30pm |
| Wednesday 21 st March | - |
| Thursday 22 nd March | - Church @ 3.00pm + The Lost Sheep (puppet club) |
| Friday 23 rd March | - Choir out to Wellington School
- Friday Club 6.30pm - 8.00pm in Village Hall |

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

On Monday Mrs Morris and myself updated our Level 3 safeguarding training. This is a statutory requirement as we are the identified safeguarding officers for the school. It is an intensive day of learning and ensuring we understand the current law and expectations in dealing with issues as they occur.

We held an Administrator meeting for the local learning community at school this week. The focus at the moment is the GDPR (data Protection) which comes into force from 25th May. All schools are working carefully to be ready for any changes necessary.

Also on Tuesday afternoon Mrs Ireland met teachers from the local learning community to moderate children's work in preparation for the KS1 SATs. This is a very important activity that allows our teachers to assess whether we are working at, below or above the expectation of the national curriculum. The dialogue involved challenges our teachers and in turn raises school standards.

Peta Goodman, our school administrator, updated her EVC training this week. EVC stands for Educational Visits Co-ordinator. Peta has to work very hard to ensure we are all following the guidance when planning and carrying out trips.

The best part of my week has been the Youth Speak competition yesterday, held in our school hall. One of our two teams representing Awliscombe won the competition. Both teams were brilliant and I was incredibly proud of the children. I hope to be able to find a time for the teams to show you just how amazing their speeches are. Congratulations to the winning team, Abbie, Rosie and Charlotte.

Over the next two weeks a number of our staff will be receiving Lego therapy training. This seems more like a fun thing than a serious strategy to support children. In fact, this has been a proven successful therapy to support children in school. It's a way to engage children in a relaxed environment and an intervention programme is developed to surround the child's needs.

Next week is slightly less busy, we have maths enrichment for year 6's on Tuesday and on Friday our Choir will be singing at Wellington School.

Just to let you know that myself and Mrs Morris will be away on Thursday and Friday at a Church Leaders conference. However, we are not that far away and will be in daily contact with school. If you have any issues, please direct them first to the class teacher or Mrs Goodman in the office and they will all manage your requirements accordingly.

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention a letter I received from Nick Gibb the Minister of State for school standards. He wrote to congratulate staff and pupils on our very high standard of achievement in phonics in Year 1 in 2017. Our results showed 100% of our children achieved at or above the expected standard. This means that our school was in the top 5% of primary schools in England for attainment in phonics in year 1.

Kind regards
Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Lily	
<u>Swans</u>	William	
<u>Robins</u>	Elsie	Jessica
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Grace	Isabelle C
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Jack	Max

Notices to Parents

Collective Worship + The Lost Sheep Puppet Show

3pm Thursday - Puppet Show - Please do come and join us in the church for a performance of the Lost Sheep followed by Collective Worship.

Swans & Cygnets

We are getting low on spare clothes for children who get messy and have accidents whilst at school. If you have any old trousers, for both boys and girls aged 2 - 6, then we would appreciate them to replenish our supplies. Please bring into the Nursery. Thank you.

Choir

We have one more week until our performance at Wellington. Keep practicing and please read the letter with more details which has been sent out today.

Letters Sent

- Choir
- Primary Times

Dates for the Diary

2017/18 Academic Year

- 22nd March - Collective worship + Puppet Club "the lost Sheep" 3.00pm
- 23rd March - Come and Sing Choir event at Wellington School
- 23rd March - Friday Club 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- 28th March - Easter Service @ 2.00pm in the Church - All welcome
- 29th March - 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

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Thank you to everyone who supported pamper night last Saturday, we raised £250! Everyone enjoyed themselves and left thoroughly relaxed and even more gorgeous than when they arrived. It's time for a spring wardrobe clearout! We will shortly be sending home collection bags from 'Bags 2 School' this is an easy way to raise money for our school. Just fill your bag/s and bring them back to school. They are being collected on Mon 23rd April. The more they weigh the more they will pay!

Events in the community

Wedding Wishing Well Charity Ball

I am holding the annual charity ball on the 13th April 2018 at the Deer Park Hotel. The fun starts at 6.00pm and finishes at 1.00am. The evening includes a 3 course meal, Disco, Casino, and Photo Booth. Tickets are £45.00.

Could all ladies wear posh frocks and the gentlemen wear suits and black ties. If anyone would like to donate an Auction prize or Raffle prize, I would be most grateful. Any questions please contact Fran Keene 07813 356952 - Or see me in the playground.

Friday Club

Come and join us at Friday Club on 23rd March at Awliscombe Village Hall. 6.30pm - 8.00pm. THANK YOU from us all at Friday Club for your support, our session on 23rd March will be our last one before our Summer Break, we look forward to welcoming you all again in the Autumn Term. If you would be able to help us occasionally and would be willing to complete a free DBS check please let Ali Beard or me know. Thanks again. Michelle Lucas.

Exeter Aces Cycle Speedway

Exeter Aces Cycle Speedway are holding a Floodlight Turn On Evening on Saturday 24th March 2018 commencing at 7pm. We are located on Marsh Barton Industrial Estate, in Cofton Road, Cofton Road Wheels Complex, Exeter. EX2 8QW. Our canteen will be open on the evening for the sale of refreshments; tea/coffee, burgers, chips, snacks, etc.

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Thelma Hulbert Gallery

Look at the website for workshops
Tel 01404 45006 or www.thelmahulbert.com

Crealy Adventure Park

Crealy have been into school and dropped off a few 20% off vouchers. If you are interested in one please come to the office and see Peta.