



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

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| Monday 22 nd January | - | Year 3&4 Gym Festival @ HCC |
| | - | Maths Masterclass some Year5 @ HCC 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 23 rd January | - | Maths Enrichment Masterclass some Year 6 |
| Wednesday 24 th January | - | |
| Thursday 25 th January | - | Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue in Years 1+2, 5+6 |
| Friday 26 th January | - | Kids Café Woodbury |

Message from the Headteacher

Our week started with a superb treat for the children who got involved with "Musical in a Day". What a great opportunity for them to show their creative skills - and for us to find a number of budding actors in our midst! I know those of you that were able to come along to watch the end performance were highly impressed with how much the children had achieved. Well done to them all!

We had a visit from Brad Murray over at Payhembury where he worked with Mr Bladon and myself on Ofsted preparation as Payhembury are approaching the time for another visit. He also carried out my performance management process with the governors.

Julie Paddick visited this week to work with Mrs Palmer and Mrs Morris. Their focus was on Early Years and additional support across the Federation.

Mrs Morris has also been showing companies around the school to look at the IT as we are hoping to be in a position to upgrade a lot of the equipment and systems over the next few months - how fantastic!

Miss Stoneman attended, as subject lead for the federation, an RE conference on Tuesday and returned with lots of new and exciting ideas and work to do.

All staff attended bereavement training this week delivered by the mental health team.

Unfortunately, Miss Moore remains off school. She is missing the children dreadfully and myself and the team are all wishing her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back soon.

Over the next week we are interviewing for a clerk to Governors. We are hopeful that this will result in a new member joining the team very soon.

Next week is a busy week. Maths Master Classes will take place in the early part of the week over at Honiton Community College and the children will be sure to gain a great deal from this I am sure. Woodpeckers will also be showing their gymnastics skills at HCC on Monday.

Wednesday evening is the first Teaching & Learning Committee meeting of the new year which will be held at Awliscombe Primary School. One of their focuses will be on a learning walk around the school looking at our core values and Christian distinctiveness.

On Thursday we have the fire service delivering safety talks to Robin and Kingfisher classes.

Friday will be the turn of Woodbury to provide the goodies for Kids Café, held from 3-4pm. So please be sure to come along, show your support and enjoy this lovely event.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Samuel Wilkinson	
<u>Swans</u>	Leafy Hopkins	
<u>Robins</u>	Daniel Gregory	Evie Stewart
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Aston Prinsloo	Emily Greenland
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Shea Bowden Britton	Oriana Burford

Notices to Parents

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 £155.00. We are asking parents to pay a deposit of £15.00 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**.

Awliscombe Parish Relief Fund

Last time for our residential, we were fortunate to apply for help from the Awliscombe Parish Relief fund. This is available to those living in the parish. If you are thinking of applying or would like more info, please do contact the office by Thursday 8th Feb.

It's chilly and wet

It's still winter, children are outside for break and lunchtime, so do need to be wrapped up warm. School doesn't open until 8.45am so we shouldn't really see anyone on the playground before.

Lost Property

There is currently a selection of jumpers, t-shirts and socks in the lost property. Please could every item be named. If you are missing anything, go and see Mrs Goodman

Letters Sent

- Primary Maths Masterclass Year 5
- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service - Years 1+2, 5+6
- Change 4 life leaflet

- Quick stick Hockey Yr 5 + 6

Dates for the Diary

2016/17 Academic Year

19 th Jan	- Friday Club
22 nd Jan	- Gym Festival Yr3+4 @ Honiton Community College
22 nd Jan	- Maths Masterclass Yr5 @ HCC 3.30pm
23 rd Jan	- Maths Enrichment Masterclass Yr6
25 th Jan	- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
26 th Jan	- Kids Café - Woodbury
29 th Jan	- Quick sticks Hockey Yr 5/6
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



I think all the children enjoyed popcorn & Captain Underpants at film night last week and it was almost a full house! Friday 26th January is our next kids café, come and join us in the school hall for T & cake between 3pm and 4pm ish, please can Woodbury family group supply the cakes please, it's helpful if they are brought in to school on Friday morning so we know whether we will

have enough. We might also need extra helpers to wash up! As we are going to stop using disposable plastic and paper cups wherever possible, the UK creates far too much unnecessary plastic waste and our PTFA doesn't need to contribute to the plastic mountain, every little helps, so they say.

Our next PTFA meeting is Thursday 22nd Feb, 7.30 at the Honiton Inn, please join us for a drink and some event planning.

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 therapists on hand to massage, soothe and ease away those winter blues. More details to come over the next few weeks.

Please check out our Awliscombe C of E Primary School PTFA page, 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/>

Saints Southwest

Saints Southwest will be running their popular Soccer Schools & Multi-Sport Camps* during February Half Term with prices from JUST £7.50** for a full course, 10am-3pm in Paignton**, Dawlish, Lapford*, Ottery St Mary**, Plymouth**, Crediton, Langport**, Exeter**, Dartmouth, Chulmleigh*, Taunton, Kingsbridge, Newton Abbot** & Okehampton. Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm.

To BOOK please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.

Friday Club

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

Honiton Children's Centre - The Incredible Years

The course will run weekly during term time only and will be held at Honiton Children's Centre. We welcome all parents and or carers of a 3-5 year old.

This course will begin on the 26th February 2018 and end on the 2th of July (2 weeks break for Easter holidays, May Day Bank holiday (7th May) & 2 weeks break for May/ June half term)

The Group will be held on a Monday 12.30-2.30 at Honiton Children's Centre.

Please contact the centre for more information or to book a place. - 01404 540820

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra /Exeter Community Family Orchestra

Come and be part of an exciting, new multi-generational ensemble!

We at the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra are launching an Exeter Community Family Orchestra in partnership with Exeter University, and would love as many children and families to take part as possible.

Sessions are led by musicians from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and are designed to be fun and entertaining for all ages and abilities.

Best of all it is completely FREE!

For more info tel :- 01202 644717 | Email :- bjennings@bsorchestra.co.uk



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Lesley Presley "Elvis"

23rd February 2018 - 7.30pm

European & International Elvis Tribute Artist.

"As seen on TV"

Vegas Menu - Dress up if you want!



2-4-1 OFFERS DAILY (except Sunday Lunch)

GREAT MENU, SPECIALS & SPECIAL OFFERS

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LOYALTY SCHEME

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