



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

Newsletter 4
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The next few days ...

- Monday 1st October -
- Tuesday 2nd October - Year 5 + 6 Swimming
- Year 3 + 4 Exeter Cathedral
- Wednesday 3rd October -
- Thursday 4th October - Census day
- PTFA AGM
- Friday 5th October -

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

A message from me this week as Mrs Hammett has been called away.

As you can all imagine, it has been a busy start to the term.

Thank you to all parents that have returned their data and consent forms already. Although I am sure you all find it a pain, it is an essential task at the beginning of each academic year so we appreciate your understanding.

Oak and Kingfishers had a fantastic trip to Morwellham Quay on Monday and I have it on good authority that the children not only enjoyed it thoroughly but also learnt a great deal. What a great day out.

Some truly fab costumes across both schools for European Day of Languages. Thank you to Madame Shackleton for arranging the day and supplying the pastries. Yummy!

Harvest Festival, as always, was delightful. A beautiful service at both Payhembury, given by Ash Class, and Awliscombe, by Robins. Well done to all of the children that took part and many thanks for all of the very generous donations.

An end to another busy week. Mrs Hammett will be writing again as usual next week, but in her place this week I would finally like to wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Miss Jarrett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Matilda	
<u>Swans</u>	Leo L	
<u>Robins</u>	Bo	Samuel
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Lily	Aston
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Emily G	Rosie

Notices to Parents

Letters Sent

Census day menu

Clothing

- Please could we remind children to be suitably dressed with coats & hats for our unpredictable weather. The weather is changeable and can vary on a daily basis, especially at this time of year. The morning can be very chilly.
- Unfortunately we are still finding lots of unnamed clothing. Please can you check that your children's clothing is named, it helps us to return clothes to its owner if they are.
- The children should have their PE Kit in school every day, tracksuits are fine for outside games but should be wearing shorts for indoor games.

Safeguarding

Just a reminder, parent access is through the front and side of the school playground by the office. This gate should only be opened by a member of staff, you may find that you have to ring the bell a couple of times as it doesn't ring inside if the phone is in use. Classrooms will be open at 8.45am, with registration at 8.55am. Children are late after 9.00am.

Some children are arriving very early, as much as we love this eagerness its not ideal on these chilly mornings. Staff do not take responsibility for children until 8.45am, when they meet the children outside. Any children arriving after 9.00am are marked as late.

Parking

We have noticed that cars are driving far too fast up and down the lane. We appreciate that we have even less space for parking as the school grows, so we ask everyone to park carefully and considerately to other road users and pedestrians. Please be vigilant as cars park on either side and children and adults appear from nowhere!

2017/18 Academic Year

2nd October - Yr 5/6 Swimming

2nd October - Exeter Cathedral Yr3/4

4th October - PTFA AGM

4th October - Census day

9th October - Yr 5/6 Swimming

16th October - Yr 5/6 Swimming

22nd - 26th October - Half Term

30th October - Bag2School collection

2nd November - Kingfishers projects in

13th November - School Photos

5th - 12th December - Scholastic Books

14th December - Christmas Jumper Day

14th December - Phoenix Theatre

20th December - Christmas Dinner

21st December - Last day of term

7th January - Start of Spring Term

PTFA

This Thursday (4th October) everyone is invited to come to the PTFA's (Parent, Teachers and Friends Association) Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held in the hall at Awliscombe Primary School. It is open to all and is a good opportunity to find out more about how

the PTFA supports the school and a chance to socialise with other parents. We are always grateful for fresh fundraising ideas and volunteers!

We are having a 'Bag 2 School' collection after October half term, this is a really easy way for us to raise extra money to contribute to school trips and equipment, please start saving the following: Adults & childrens clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags & soft toys. We will be giving out collection bags the week before half term but you can actually use any type of bin bag. If you don't have storage room we can store them for you. Just bring them into school, here's the company web address if you'd like to see what they do: www.bag2school.com Please check out our FB page: Awliscombe C of E Primary School PTFA. Thanks for your continued support. Blue Skies, Nic Greenland.

Events in the community

Sidmouth Science Festival

Visit **Sidmouth Science Festival** for hours of entertaining and thought-provoking events including talks and workshops. Learn about fossils, stars, energy, light, weather, brains, rockets and much more. Race a jet car. Get involved in a technology workshop. Visit the gallery of schools' art. Speakers this year include **Marty Jopson** (BBC OneShow), **Prof Iain Stewart** (BBC4 presenter) and **Dr Suzie Imber** (Winner of BBC2 Astronauts).

The 2018 Festival runs from **Friday 5th until Sunday 14th October** with events for all ages and all abilities, most of them free. Please check out our website for more details: www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org

The Festival Team hope to see you in October.

Secondary School places

Year 6 parents are invited to apply for their child's secondary school place for 2019. The timescale to apply is from 1st September to 31st October 2018. Any queries please call 0345 155 1019.

Badminton Festival
Girls born in 2006 or later
Boys born in 2008 or later
Sunday 30th September 2018



**Whether you have played
before or not, come along to—**



**Teign School Sports Hall, Chudleigh Road, Kingsteignton,
Newton Abbot TQ12 3JG on Sunday 30th September and
join in the fun.**

**There will be coaching, games for you to enjoy and a
chance to demonstrate your skills.**

You might even get selected to join the county squad.

COST £2.00 payable on the day.

Times—Girls born in 2006 or later 1.00pm—2.30pm

Boys born in 2008 or later 2.30pm—4.00pm

Please wear suitable clothing. Rackets and shuttles will be provided if you don't have your own.

Organised by Devon County Junior Badminton
For more information contact Sue Jarvis—scjbadadders@yahoo.co.uk