



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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## The next few days ...

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November -
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 3 + 4 Swimming
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November -
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Maths Enrichment Masterclass Yr 6 @ HCC
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a restful October half term. We started our week with children taking part in a Handball tournament at Honiton Primary School. Unfortunately, we came last but Mrs Morris was so proud of the group because they played with respect and discipline. A special mention to Jack in Year 6 for his amazing scoring skills, he scored from the opposite length of the court. What a super star!!

It has also been Art week. I have seen a lot of paint and many overalls this week. All through the week, the children have enjoyed the activities planned and it has felt really light and cheerful in school. I can't wait to see the work produced by the children.

Another new activity the children took part in this week was the cycling event held at Bicton on Wednesday. Here is a quick summary I received from Mrs Moran.

Wow! What an experience for the children.

4 girls from Awliscombe joined 4 boys from Payhembury to make the first combined Fort Federation cycling team!

We headed off to Bicton College on a beautifully bright and sunny but slightly chilly October day.

Lots of excitement and questions about the event was evident in the journey over. Once we arrived there was still some excitement but also a few nerves and trepidation when we saw the bikes and challenging course.

All children firstly took part in the speed time trial where they were set off at 20 second intervals to complete one lap (approx.500m) of the windy, bumpy and hilly course as fast as possible.

The children were then placed in ranked races for the scoring section of the afternoon.

Everyone had to complete an endurance race using the same challenging course but this time they had to keep going and going and going... How many laps could they complete in the 10 mins!

There was an extraordinary amount of determination and self-belief on display and everyone kept going to give the team the best result they could.

There were 8 teams taking part and the Fort Federation team came a very creditable 5th place - very impressive for the first time of entering.

The children were incredibly supportive of each other and should feel proud of their achievements.

Thanks also to Mrs Paul for accompanying and supporting everyone with so much enthusiasm and pride. Well done to all the children who took part.

On Thursday year 5 and 6 took part in a HI 5 netball tournament. The children won 2 out of 5 games. Again, we had some standout children for their high skill level and commitment, particular well done Sophie, Michael and Charlotte.

Did you see the amount of clothes donated this week to bags4school? It was a sight to behold. I spent a lot of my half term sorting through and contributed a few bags but the mountain waiting to be collection on Tuesday morning was staggering. Thank you so much for giving so generously.

It seems a quiet week ahead but we will soon be into Christmas practicing in preparation for the busy few weeks towards the end. Please take note of the dates planned for Christmas shows.

I hope you have a super weekend, it does forecast rain but fingers crossed it stays fine.

With regards,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Joshua	
<u>Swans</u>	Zach	
<u>Robins</u>	Daisy Mae	Keir
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Martha	Jazmine
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Izzy	Michael

### Church

Introducing Messy Church at Awliscombe Primary School

From Wednesday 5 December there will be a Messy Church session from 3.30-5.00 pm in school once each half term.

**What is Messy Church?** It's widely recognised that life is very busy these days, and that there are many demands upon families' time at the weekend, making any attempt to go to church, however occasionally, almost impossible. Messy Church is an attempt to offer something to fill that gap but in a very different way. Each session is focussed on one Bible story, or may be a key Christian value, such as love for our neighbours, or care for those less fortunate than us. Within

the 90 minute session there will be a range of games - some more physically active than others, a variety of craft activities, a Bible story - often told in a dramatic way - and a 5-10 minute act of worship. A simple snack will also be provided, although if your child has particular dietary needs, you might wish to provide something for them yourself. Parents are extremely welcome to stay for some or all of the session - our aim is to have fun, play and worship together as a family.

**We really look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5 December at 3.30 pm.  
Parents will receive a letter nearer the time with more information.**

The Revd Sue Roberts

## **Notices to Parents**

### **Letters Sent**

Staying Safe

Swimming - Woodpeckers

Maths Enrichment Masterclass

Hi 5's Netball

Quick Sticks Hockey

Co-Ordination Event

School Photo's

### **Shoeboxes**

Don't forget shoeboxes to be in by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Poppies**

The children will be going around to the classrooms next week selling poppies. Mrs Beer will be selling Erasers, Reflectors, Pencil Sharpeners and Pencils, these all have a suggested donation of 50p and the Rulers, a suggested donation of £1.00.

Kingfishers will be leading a remembrance service on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **2017/18 Academic Year**

6<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 3/4 swimming starts

8<sup>th</sup> November - PTFA meeting @ Honiton Inn

12<sup>th</sup> November - Co-Ordination Event

13<sup>th</sup> November - School Photos - am

14<sup>th</sup> November - Staying Safe in PM

15<sup>th</sup> November - Shoebox appeal service @ 10.10am all welcome

28<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccination Reception to Year 5.

1<sup>st</sup> December - Awliscombe village Christmas market

5<sup>th</sup> December - Messy Church

7<sup>th</sup> December - Kids Café

5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> December - Scholastic Books

12<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity

14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

14<sup>th</sup> December - Phoenix Theatre

14<sup>th</sup> December - Concert in church 6pm

18<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service

20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner

21<sup>st</sup> December - Last day of term

7<sup>th</sup> January - Start of Spring Term

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Come and Sing

## PTFA



Hi folks. I would like to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who left donations for our 'Bag 2 School' collection. We had so many that the van driver decided to take it back to the depot to weigh rather than do it on site. He guessed at £300+, which will be a record for our school WHOOP, one step closer to those much needed tablets. We have a PTFA meeting next Thursday (8<sup>th</sup>), 7.30 at The Honiton Inn. Please join us for a drink and some event planning, everyone is welcome. 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

### Friday Club

Friday Club is on 9th November - 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm, Awliscombe Village Hall - Children 5 to 11 years welcome.