



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

- Monday 8th October -
- Tuesday 9th October - Year 5 + 6 Swimming
- Wednesday 10th October -
- Thursday 11th October -
- Friday 12th October - Kids cafe

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

We have moved into October and I am sad to see the end of September. It has been a smooth start to the new school year.

This week we have had a quiet one.

Woodpeckers went on an exciting trip to Exeter Cathedral. On their return Miss Goodson received an email from Lisa Gordon at Exeter Cathedral less than an hour after they had left. She was very complimentary about the children throughout our visit, as were the guides. They also saw James Mustard, a Canon Precentor, on at least 4 occasions during the visit, each and every time, he specifically told me how well behaved, inquisitive and smart the children were. On our last interaction with him, he even gave us some of his time to share a story about one of the missing statues of a Saint outside the Cathedral, which was very kind of him.

It was lovely to hear all the positive feedback from everyone and the class really did do a great job. They were polite and asked questions and listened really well too. A great day was had by all.

Just to keep you up to date we have employed Mrs Moran as our specialist PE teacher across the federation. She is providing professional development and support to all our teachers, organising our sporting events throughout the year and managing the subject for both schools. Hopefully you will see more opportunities for sports for all classes.

Swimming on Tuesdays continues for Kingfishers and Mrs Moran is supporting that activity too.

The first Kids Cafe of the new school year will be taking place on Friday 12th October. Please come and join us in the school hall.

Next Thursday and Friday, Mrs Morris and I will be away for a few days. We have leadership training to attend. If you have any problems please see your class teacher or Mrs Matchett who will be covering for Mrs Morris and will be in regular telephone contact with us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Lily	
<u>Swans</u>	Finlay	
<u>Robins</u>	Bella	Trudy
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Leila	Harry
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Braken	Sophie

Notices to Parents

Letters Sent

Height and Weight of children in Reception and Year 6

Flu Vaccination Programme - electronically via portal - any problems see Mrs Goodman in the office

Kids Café

Parents Evening

Swans & Cygnets

Please make sure you close the white gate when entering and leaving the unit, especially in the morning. It is a busy time of day but by keeping it shut, we can ensure the children's safety.

Nasal Flu vaccination - Very Important - Electronic consent - Reception to Year 5

Dear parents & carers,

From September 2018 the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all **Primary Children from Reception to year 5**. Delivery of the vaccine will run October - December 2018 across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay and this year the Immunisation Team are adopting electronic consent.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please can we request that you access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=ad5c14d151e8f615cd9b037d272bd861833c319036ad1693268b2a43c80d9392> and follow the online instructions.

We would like to request that consent is provided electronically before Tuesday 9th October 2018. This is to ensure our nurses have sufficient time to clinically assess the information. This link is secure and unique to your child's school. Full details and information to assist you in completing the electronic consent is detailed on the consent portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to one of the school Immunisation Nurses regarding the nasal vaccination.

Many thanks for your cooperation

2017/18 Academic Year

9th October - Yr 5/6 Swimming

12th - Kids cafe

16th October - Yr 5/6 Swimming

22nd - 26th October - Half Term

30th October - Bag2School collection

31st October - Vision screening Reception only

2nd November - Kingfishers projects in

13th November - School Photos

28th November - Flu Vaccination Reception to Year 5.

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



Hi everyone, last night we held our AGM and I'm very pleased to say that last year our small but mighty school raised £3,300! which the children directly benefited from. Thank you so much to everyone who attended last night, bringing with them lots of enthusiasm and exciting fund raising ideas! We will need them because the school is in desperate need of more laptops/tablets. These are obviously a big ticket item which we will need to raise extra money for, we can do it!!

Next Friday (12th) we are having our first Kids Café of the year (a bit later due to the September schedule being very busy) The café will be in the school hall from 2.30pm until approx 4pm and we would especially like to welcome all the new parents to come along if you can. Come and say hi and see what we do and why we do it, we'll be setting up from 2pm so if you are able to offer any help before, during or after we'd be very grateful. Can everyone who is able, donate some cake/savouries for us to sell at the café. Please keep saving your unwanted stuff for our Bag 2 School collection on Tue 30th Oct. Thank you for all your support, blue skies, Nic

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.

Friday Club

Friday Club returns on 12th October- 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm, Awliscombe Village Hall - Children 5 to 11 years welcome. Children have fun playing games, making a craft, playing football, table tennis and much more. The club is run with a Christian Ethos and on a donation basis. It usually includes a short Bible based talk with refreshments and ends with a tuck shop enabling sweets to be purchased at low charges to cover costs. The next Friday Club is 9th November.