



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

Newsletter 13

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The next few days ...

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| Monday 10 th December | - Scholastic Books 3.30pm - 4.00pm |
| Tuesday 11 th December | - Swimming Yr 3/4 |
| | - Scholastic Books 3.30pm - 4.00pm |
| | - Dress rehearsal @ 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 12 th December | - School Nativity @ 5.00pm |
| | - Scholastic Books 8.30am -9.15am |
| Thursday 13 th December | - |
| Friday 14 th December | - Christmas Jumper Day |
| | - Phoenix Theatre "Puffin Island" |

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

On Saturday the school choir sang at the Awliscombe Christmas market. They did a super performance. The event raised £360 with half the proceeds being donated to the Beehive's Christmas Day lunch, which provides a Christmas dinner for those who would otherwise be alone at Christmas.

Our week began with a Maths masterclass for four children in Kingfishers. The children have the opportunity to work with likeminded pupils from the other primary schools to focus on maths problem solving and reasoning.

Tuesday was spent working with Brad Murray, a primary advisor from the local authority. He spent the day observing teachers and lessons. Scrutinizing work books and talking to the children. He will be back in the New Year to continue with the work.

Scholastic book club arrived in school this week, it is being stored in the hall and is open to browsing at the end of the school day.

There was a full governing body meeting on Wednesday evening. We spent a considerable amount of time discussing the parents' questionnaires, a summary from the Governors will be following shortly.

Yesterday I had the great pleasure to lead the local Youth Speak competition at Honiton Leisure Centre. There were an incredible 13 teams entered in the competition this year. The standard was really high, but I am so delighted to announce that one of our teams won the whole competition and we are now taking part in the next level of the competition. I was so proud of both our teams they were truly awesome.

The choir are singing at Hembury Fort Nursing home today, but I will tell you more next week.

With rehearsals in full swing the school is going to be ready for our Nativity performance on Wednesday, there is a dress rehearsal on Tuesday at 2.30pm in the afternoon which is more

suitable for younger children to attend and then the evening performance at 5pm on Wednesday. We anticipate the church will be very full and therefore we won't have a small play area at the back of the church on this occasion.

Then to finish the week with a really special day, its Christmas jumper day and the children are going to the Phoenix theatre to watch Puffin Island. This is one of the children's favourite trips.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Oscar	
<u>Swans</u>	Kayleigh	
<u>Robins</u>	Sophie	Daniel
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Evie	Ryan
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Penelope	Michael

Notices to Parents

Letters sent

Indoor Sports event Yr 3/4
Puffin Island
Scholastic books
Youth Speak
Robins letter

Youth Speak

Yesterday 13 teams from across the learning community participated in the Youth Speak Competition. We entered 2 teams.

Team A - Charlotte, Isabel and Abbie spoke about:- How electric vehicles could change our lives.

Team B - Sophie, Rosie and Roseanna spoke about:- Vultures vs Poachers.

The competition went incredibly well, though the tension was thick and the standards were high. Everybody was really passionate about their topic. We learnt about endangered animals, whether milk prices were fair and whether people should be microchipped.

Awliscombe Team B came 1st place! Whoop Whoop!! This means they go through to the next round at Maynard's School in January. Well done to everyone.

Robins

For our Design and Technology lessons based on the Great Fire of London, we will be making traditional houses and shops out of cereal boxes. I would be grateful if you could send your child into school with a cereal box for the project by next Wednesday.

Thanks for your support

2018/19 Academic Year

5th - 12th December - Scholastic Books
11th December - Dress rehearsal @ 2.30pm
12th December - School Nativity 5.00pm
14th December - Christmas Jumper Day
14th December - Phoenix Theatre
16th December - Carol Service @ Church 7.00pm
18th December - School Carol Service @ 5.00pm
20th December - Christmas Dinner and party
21st December - Last day of term
7th January - First Day of Spring Term
10th January - Hi 5's Netball

PTFA



Hi Folks, Thank you to all who helped with the decorations last Friday and Sunday. Special thanks to the Maynard's for collecting the tree in the playground. We'll be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the 5pm Nativity show and also at the Carol service when there will be a few hampers to win at our raffle. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday 14th in exchange for a raffle prize please. We have booked Fizz Pop Science to come and entertain the children after their Christmas Dinner with one of their fantastic shows, I'm sure it will be noisy and messy so they'll love it! 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

Primary School places

Parents are invited to apply for their child's primary school place for 2019. The timescale to apply is from 15st November to 15st January 2019. You can apply online at:- www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Any queries please call 0345 155 1019.

Concert in Church - Friday 14th December

India Electric Co. will be performing in Awliscombe church on Friday 14th December, as part of a unique series of candle-lit concerts. Cole Stacey, one half of the group, is a local Awliscombe boy, who is touring with band member Joe O'Keefe. They tour around Europe, performing modern folk music.

A limited number of tickets are available here: <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/454280>

Doors from 7pm, starting at 7:30pm.

This is an event run by the church, not the school but everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets need to be purchased before the event.