



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

Monday 13 th May	- KS2 SATs - Maths Masterclass Yr5 - 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 14 th May	- KS2 SATs
Wednesday 15 th May	- KS2 SATs - National Maritime Aquarium Yr 3/4
Thursday 16 th May	- KS2 SATs - Census Day
Friday 17 th May	- Lyme Regis Yr 5/6

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good bank holiday. It's been a quiet week and that has seemed unusual, we always seem to be full of things happening. With SATs next week it is always a bit quieter.

Year 6 will have four days of tests starting on Monday but they are all over by Thursday lunchtime. We know we don't really like them but I am confident the children are fully prepared and there won't be anything on the papers the children haven't covered in class. Each day the children will be offered the opportunity to join together with their friends for breakfast. They all have breakfast together and it definitely helps calm their morning nerves as they soon settle into their normal routines and conversations. We wish Year 6 all the best for next week. There may be a few organisational changes during the week just to accommodate the SATs timetable but there will be little disruption on the rest of the school.

Thank you to Miss Gough for organising a parent information meeting regarding the Key stage 1 SATs. We hope you found it useful.

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Exmoor Challenge last weekend. You were all superstars!! 16 miles unaided, map reading and answering questions on route. We jointly worked with Payhembury and we put out five teams across the federation. Read Mrs Morris's recount later in the newsletter. A huge well done to the children on showing such courage, perseverance and enthusiasm. Thank you to Mrs Morris for organising it and all the parents that support all the training walks and the event too.

Moving onto something completely different a gentle reminder that children are expected to be in school every day till 3.30pm including Friday's. It is not appropriate to assume the weekend events can start earlier on a Friday and children can leave before 3.30pm. It is disruptive to all children in the class especially when the teacher has planned the work for them.

The focus next week will be SATs but on Wednesday Woodpeckers are going to Plymouth Aquarium linked to their topic work, this is a particularly super trip and one that I know Mr Davies is very excited about. Then on Friday Kingfishers class will take a trip to Lyme Regis following in the footsteps of Mary Anning fossil hunting and a visit to the museum. This links fantastically to their topic work.

We are still on schedule to begin the online payments from after half term and the final setting up of your individual accounts will be sent to you in the week before half term. Please don't worry about the transition across as we will be here to guide you all the way.

Finally I wanted to inform you of the grand opening of the new classrooms at Payhembury Primary school on 24th May. We are running tours in the morning just in case you would like to have a look around and see how the two schools are the same/different.

With regards,

Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Bertie Evie	
<u>Swans</u>	Noah	
<u>Robins</u>	Bo	Oscar
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Evie	Jazmine
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Freya	Shea

Notices to Parents

Letters sent

Maths Masterclass

SATs

Engineering Club

Exmoor Challenge

Last Saturday, saw 5 teams from the Federation complete the Exmoor challenge alongside over 500 other 10-17 year olds. This is an amazing event organised by the Rotary Club. Teams of 4, navigate their way around the mixed terrain of Exmoor for 16 miles, reaching checkpoints in given times as well as answering questions on the way. The junior teams are a mix of Year 7, 8 and 9 students.



Waking up to snow falling in Dunkeswell meant it was a rather fresh day - perfect walking weather but at times a little chilly for us spectators.

Rosie, Abbie, Isabel and Charlotte formed a great girls team, supporting each other and smiling their way round. They showed outstanding teamwork, which was commented on by several spectators. They came an incredible 13th out of 25 girls teams.

James and Michael were joined by Roseanna and Freya, a couple of Year 8 girls. It was lovely to see these four walking strongly as a team. They finished an impressive 25th out of 58 finishing mixed teams.



Everyone finished with a smile and a massive sense of achievement - they all proved that they can be successful at whatever they can put their mind to. A fantastic memory for life!

A massive thank you to all of the parents who supported us in the training walks and on the day.

2018/19 Academic Year

13th - 16th May - SAT's week

16th May - Census Day

17th May - Lyme Regis Yr 5/6

20th May - CAP's Follow up talk

20th May - Quad Kids Yr 5/6

23rd May - May Day - 1.45pm start

27th - 31st May - Half Term

3rd June - Non Pupil Day

7th June - Sports for Schools

10th June - PTFA Meeting

26th June - Sports Day

28th June - Reserve Sports Day

19th July - Last Day of Term

PTFA



Thank you all for supporting our Easter 'fund raisin' campaign, please return your boxes and we'll get counting! Our next big event is May Day on Thursday 23rd May, as usual we'll be asking for a few donations....sweets/small toy for jolly jars, chocolate for tombola or a raffle prize so we can make up a few hampers, please bring your donations on, or before Mon 20th May to give us time to prepare the prizes. If anyone could bring foliage/flowers to

decorate the stage/trellis on the morning of the May Day celebrations we would be very grateful. We'll be serving Hot dogs, Cream T's, hot/cold drinks and there will be face painting/glitters tattoos etc. Our next meeting will be on Monday 10th June, 7.30 at the Honiton Inn, Awliscombe, please come along to see what we do. Please follow our FB page, Awliscombe C of E Primary School PTFA. Thanks for your continued support, Blue Skies, Nic Greenland.