



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

Monday 2 nd September	- Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	- Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 4 th September	- First Day of Autumn term
Thursday 5 th September	-
Friday 6 th September	-

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

It seems a lot has happened since the last newsletter and I find myself writing the last one for this year. At this point we are all feeling quite frazzled but when we look back it's hard to believe what has actually been achieved over the year.

The new annual school report seemed to be well received by the majority of parents. I think there are always ways to keep improving so next year we will learn from this one and make a couple of tweaks. Thank you for your positive feedback, we appreciate your support.

Last week I am delighted to announce that both schools met the criteria and were awarded the School Sport Mark. Awliscombe achieved the bronze level. Next year we are definitely going to for the Gold. Mrs Moran has a plan to ensure we achieve it. We very much value physical education and have focused a lot of school resources on it so I am pleased such a wonderful recognition of the children efforts and the opportunities provided through school have been recognised.

A huge thank you for your continued patience with Parent Pay. Overall it has been a great success but like most internet things we have had a few glitches. It has made an immediate impact in both offices saving time on the dinner money collection. I am excited to see it working in September and I am confident everyone will benefit from it. Please can you sign on if you haven't done yet. All trips and consent form will be held on parent pay so it will be vital you are up and ready for September.

As you know Tesco has ceased producing our uniforms and we have decided to move to the provider we use for Payhembury School. They are a local company who is extremely efficient and in my opinion of good quality. We have had a review of the products available to us and there is a great cardigan available in the same material as the jumpers which is easy to wash, keeps its colour and shape. We appreciate that the girls love their dresses and pinafores and the jumper hides their uniform so we have decided to introduce a cardigan for any of the children to wear. We have also discussed the neck shape of the jumpers and we felt the round neck squashed the polo shirts; so we have moved to a v neck jumper. Please don't feel you can't wear your current uniform but we are slowly phasing the new ones in.

As the staff love to share the uniform we are moving to a new colour for them. As we are a federation and our staff move freely between the two schools we have decided to put the red and blue together and we are going purple. Please don't worry, there is no intention to change the

school colours but we find it hard when we turn up at a school where the other uniform colour is different. Luckily I didn't listen to Vicky Morris who wanted Pink!!!

Just a reminder, any uniform ordered during the summer holidays won't be ordered from the company till our return in September.

We are having work carried out on our school building this summer. Our roof and chimney is being repaired. We are also having our front entrance changed and our windows replaced but that will follow at a later date.

The SATs results were released this week and I am delighted to say both our schools have achieved wonderful results.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 children who have worked so hard this year and during their time at Awliscombe.

All our data from the formal statutory assessments throughout the school have been outstanding this year, and will send out a summary sheet next week.

This week our year 6 had their transition week. They were so excited before they went and those that returned from Honiton said it went really well.

Congratulations to Claire Gregory who has recently been appointed a new job at Upottery Primary school. Claire will be taking up her position in September on part time bases in a KS2 class. We won't be losing her totally as she will still work Thursday's in Swans and will keep leading the school choir. Obviously we are very sad to see Claire move on but I am so delighted we get to keep her for even just a day and especially for the choir. I was a little worried when Mrs Morris offered to lead the choir!! Have you heard her sing?

We will be advertising her current role next week and hopefully appointing a new person in the new term. I will confirm the temporary pre-school leader next week.

Next week don't forget to come along to Maddie Beer's leaving tea party. On Wednesday 17th July at 2.30pm we will be celebrating her amazing contribution to our school for the last 25 years. She is very special to us so come along and join us.

So finally I would like to say thank you to you all for the unwavering support you have shown me this year but also for the school. Our staff is amazing and I really feel I have the very best people teaching and looking after your children, I would like to say thank you to the staff for their hard work.

I hope to see you all at the leaver's service on Friday afternoon in the church, it's a special day for a wonderful group of children and I would love for you to join me in making it an extra special last day of term.

We will also be presenting all the trophies and awards across the rest of the school during the service.

Have a wonderful summer, I look forward to a break but I promise I will be so excited to come back in September,

Best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Harvey	Matilda
<u>Swans</u>	Kayleigh	
<u>Robins</u>	Bo	Trudy
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Martha	Ryan
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Penelope	Abbie

Notices to Parents

Letters sent

Uniform

Primary Times

KS2 Sats Results

SCHOOL GAMES MARK 2018-19

This week we learnt that we had successfully met the criteria for the SCHOOL GAMES AWARD 2018-19

To achieve the award the school has to provide evidence that it is meeting criteria in areas of PE, School Sport, Daily Physical Activity, Leadership and Club links. It also has to show that it is providing these opportunities across all age ranges, genders and abilities in both competitive and cooperative activities both within and beyond the school curriculum.

The award is presented in 3 categories Bronze, Silver and Gold depending on the level of access and opportunity the school has provided.

As we have never applied for this award before we were really please to have been recognised with the BRONZE award for 2018-19

We were so close to Silver that this will be the target for next year.

A huge thank you to the children for being engaged and passionate about the opportunities they have been involved with but also a big thank you to parents for supporting the opportunities that are offered and encouraging your children to 'give it a go'





WORLD CUPS....

There has been so much top level sport happening over the last few weeks - Womens World Cup Football, Mens World Cup Cricket, Womens Cricket Ashes, Wimbledon and much more. And so much of it being staged in our own country.

We can't always get to the venues to watch the action live but hopefully you have had a chance to watch some of our top sports people in action.

This week sees the start of the Netball World Cup in Liverpool - 12th- 21st July - A sport that England have brought to life with their recent successes

BBC will be streaming all games on the BBC Sport app

BBC will show games live from day 4

Sky have full coverage from day 1

and there has been a special SPORT RELIEF CELEBRITY NETBALL match which is on BBC2 7pm on 20th July

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2018/19 Academic Year

16th July - PAW cup

17th July - Mrs Beer's leaving tea party at 2.30pm

19th July - Leavers Service 2.00pm

19th July - Last Day of Term

4th Sept - First day of Autumn term