



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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## The next few days ....

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| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December    | - NHS Flu nasal jab (mop up)  |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December   | -   |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December | - 200 year celebrations<br>- Scholastic books in                        |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | - Youth speak - Year 6<br>- Choir to Honiton 55+ Centre                 |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December    | - Choir to Hembury Fort House<br>- Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra - KS2 |

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Wow I hope you have heard the news!!! Our school choir has been chosen as a finalist in the BBC Radio Devon Choir competition, small school category. To add to the good news Payhembury School has also made the final four. How proud am I? I feel fit to burst with excitement. I heard it was the first time two schools from the same Federation had reached the final together.

I do feel I am being tested with all the additional extras at Christmas time this year what with the General Election on 12th totally disrupting our pre planned days for nativity and carol services across the Federation and now a Choir competition final on 18th December!!! But don't worry we won't be beaten but we do need to make a few compromises. As we have 35 children in our choir and they already have a full performance schedule booked; we are going to cancel our Carol service on 18th December and move it to the last day of term at 2.15pm. Normally we do an achievement assembly but we are going to combine the two and sing together for the last hour of this term. Please join us. We did think about trying to fit the Carol service in another night but I really do feel the children are giving 100% and will be completely shattered if we try to do that. I know you will all understand and I would like to thank you now for your support of your child and the school for the up and coming events taking place in December. The amazing choir will sing at Hembury Fort Nursing home, Honiton 55+ at St Michael's day care, Carols in the Park at the Deer Park for Hospiscare and the Awliscombe Christmas Market.

Have a listen to the radio clip when it was announced Awliscombe was through to the final.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07sbpt2> - You need to pick up the recording at 2hour21minutes. You can vote through their website and yesterday BBC radio Devon came and recorded the children professionally. **We need your votes next week.** They will be playing the choir in the mornings on the radio too. Congratulations to Mrs Gregory too for being a wonderful Choir conductor.

So back to the week we have just had, I had to do my mandatory Asbestos training, which I need to redo every three years, I have legionella coming up soon to. I just thought I'd tell you that we have to keep up to date in all areas of Health and safety. This week we had our three yearly external audit for Health and safety and we were pleased with the outcome. The audits are useful

as they ensure we are fully up to date with any changes and ensures our practice and policies are fit for purpose. We use any recommendations to focus our actions plans and the governors have a clear understanding of outstanding issues to monitor.

Thanks for supporting non-uniform day today, the donations will contribute to the fabulous hampers raffled by our PTFA.

Next week, we have a couple of important events taking place. On Wednesday 4th December, we will spend the day celebrating our 200 years as a school. We have very little information about the school back in 1819 but I am told there was a small school here on this site. I have tried numerous times to secure a representative from the church. I asked two Bishops, an Arch Deacon but unfortunately, no one could make it and I began my enquiries back in April but no luck I'm afraid. Again not to be defeated we are carrying on with a day of celebration on 4th. The children will spend the day reflecting back through history on what our school would have been like and then in the afternoon we will open our school to visitors to walk around to see what it's like in 2019. If you would like to visit in the afternoon, please drop the office a line and let us know what time. We will run tours from 1.30 through to 2.30pm then we will all go up to church for a service at 2.45pm then we will return to the school hall for a tea party. I hope you will come and join us for these. We are also launching the scholastic book fair on the same day so you could pick up a number of little Christmas pressies too.

Next week we have two teams entered for the Year 6 Youth Speak on Thursday - parents are welcome to attend. On Friday, all of KS2 will be attending the Great Hall at the University of Exeter for a performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Timings mean the children will need a packed lunch.

Mrs Hammett

<u>Cygnets</u>	Freya	
<u>Swans</u>	Ettie	
<u>Robins</u>	Leo D	George
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Rosie	Theo
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Xena	Isabelle

### Notices to Parents

#### Letters sent

Choir letter

200 year celebrations

Nativity letter

#### Books for Schools

Please can we all start collecting books for schools tokens from the sun newspaper. If we are able to collect 1300 tokens then we can claim £600 worth of books for our school.

#### East Devon School Games - Ability Counts Festival

Today a group of 12 children from across the Federation attended the Ability Counts festival at East Devon.

The children were able to challenge themselves in activities such as Archery and Indoor Rowing as well as competing in teams of 4 at Seated Volleyball, New Age Kurling and Boccia.

All these events allowed children with differing abilities to engage and compete in an environment that supported their confidence to improve and work with each other. It was lead by Sports Leaders from The Kings School, Ottery St.Mary who did an amazing job of encouraging everyone. We had a fantastic set of results with our team from seated volleyball and New Age Curling winning their events!!

This means some of the children from each school will now represent the Fort Federation at the Devon Ability Counts Games an early next year (more details to follow nearer the time.

Children in the winning teams include:

George, Barney and Lou-Lou (Awliscombe)

Ellie, Archie, Harry, James and Stanley (Payhembury)

In addition to these fabulous results we also had specific children rewarded for their Sports Values of: determination, sportsmanship, respect and enthusiasm.

Well done to Isabelle and Lou-Lou (Awliscombe) and Harry Matthew and Theo (Payhembury)

And finally - each school was awarded 2 medals to present to their Most Valued Person of the Day It was a difficult decision but these are presented to:

Ellie and Archie (Payhembury) for their quiet determination and accuracy in New Age Kurling

George and Lou-Lou (Awliscombe) for their teamwork and perseverance.

A fabulous morning of competition and confidence boosting



### **Sportshall Athletics**

On Monday a group of 6 girls and 4 boys went to Honiton Sports Hall to compete in the Sports Hall Athletics

They took part in Chest Push throwing, Speedbounce and Standing Long Jumping as well as several races.

The races were shorter 1 lap and 2 lap relays as well as an obstacle relay and a distance race. The children had to work out how to complete a 9 lap race using all of their team to their best ability. With only 4 boys to choose from this meant they had even more laps to share around!

The team were overjoyed to achieve a 4th place finish which was a huge improvement on last year - well done to: Lou-Lou, Grace, Isabel, Jazmine, Freya, Isabelle, Ryan, Aston, Harry, Barney

## **Admissions to Primary School 2020 for children born between 01/09/15 and 31/08/19**

Parents are invited to apply for their child's primary school place for 2020. The timescale to apply is from the 15th November 2019 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

You can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) Any queries please call 0345 155 1019.

### **PTFA**



Hi!

The outside Christmas tree is being erected on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If anyone is able to help with this, can you let Sam (Beth & Noah's mum) know so she can let you know timings.

Many Thanks for your continued support! Abby Wilkinson

### **2019/20 Academic Year**

4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - 200 year celebrations

4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Scholastic Books arrive

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Youth Speak Yr6

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Choir to Honiton 55 Centre

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Choir to Hembury Fort House

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - KS2 to the Great Hall - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Village Christmas Market - Choir singing

9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Carols in the Park hospiscare - Choir singing

10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Nativity afternoon and evening

11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Nativity evening

11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Scholastic books being collected

13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Christmas jumper day - Chocolate or raffle prize

13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Phoenix Theatre Exeter

17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Christmas Dinner and Party

18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Choir to Torquay BBC radio Devon final

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - KS1 Come & Sing @ 3.00pm

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Celebration assembly/Carol Service @ 2.15pm

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Last day of term

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 - Church carol service

24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Christingle

6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - First day of term

15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 -- Deadline for Primary School admission

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 - Half term

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Last day of term

13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Bank Holiday

14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - First day of term

8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - May Bank Holiday \*moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - Half term

1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 - Non pupil days

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 - Last day of term