



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

- Monday 16th November -
- Tuesday 17th November -
- Wednesday 18th November - Parents Evening 4 - 6 online
- Thursday 19th November -
- Friday 20th November -

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

The children bounced into school this morning; everyone loves non-uniform day. Thank you for your support and donations.

The high light this week was the Remembrance Service on Armistice Day. This year we had to do something a little different as were able to meet together. Kingfishers lead the service over a TEAMS meeting with the other classes. It was very special. I wanted to thank Kingfishers for be such great role models.

Individual photographs were taken this week too, we were very luckily to have Jane from Tempest as she is very experienced and a super photographer; because of this is she is always in high demand. As she left on Tuesday, she made a really lovely comment about our schools being the best and most polite schools she visits and how it is always a great pleasure to work with our children. She complimented the children on their behaviour, manners and cheerfulness. Clearly this is such a joy to receive this feedback and I wanted to past this on to you all.

Coming home today will be your invite to a parent's evening with your class teacher. We are using on online app called School cloud. Having spoken to another local school who has also started to use it this week they experienced one glitch initially in the bandwidth and firewalls but are hoping we will be able to overcome these issues. However, I would ask that you bear with us on the first evening just in case things don't run quite as smoothly as we hope. Fingers crossed it will be great and we hope you will really like the fact that you can stay at home for your meetings. There is also no way the teachers can over run! The system is designed to allocate you all equal time. Your meeting times are guaranteed. Obviously if you need more time, we can always reschedule another alternative meeting time. I am sure I would have struggled with this as a class teacher as you all know how I love to talk too much. I would value your feedback after using the system. I have asked teachers to give a clear picture of your child's attainment starting back in September and the progress they have made since and also what still needs to be addressed if gaps opened in their learning during the lockdown period.

I am delighted to confirm we have our new online learning platform set up and is ready to go. We have secured some DFE funding to ensure we could offer a level of remote learning if we entered a full lockdown again. Google classroom will be introduced to the children and will be used to link

school and home learning more effectively. We will send details home to parents too so that you can assist your child in using the platform. Alongside google classroom we now have working 30 new Chrome books for the children, so whole class teaching will be able to take place. Honiton Community School use Chrome books so hopefully the children will be really ready when they move up into Year 7.

Admission to primary school 2021 (for children born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017)

You will be aware that children born between the dates above are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2021. The application facility opens on 15th November 2020 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2021. It is important that parents apply before the closing date.

We are hoping to put something together for all prospective Reception parents but are not sure of the format at the moment due to current Covid restrictions and unfortunately, we are unable to offer guided tours during the day. Please email the office if you have any questions or require further information closer to the time. We are currently anticipating a few available spaces in both reception classes in September so if you know of families looking for a reception class please for September let them know.

I have analysed our school attendance figures for the last nine weeks of term and compared them to national statistics and they are tremendous. Well done everyone. During this very difficult time when we are under so much stress and uncertainty the school attendance is currently 99%. Even without COVID in the old normal times this would have been considered outstanding but it's even better in today's circumstances. Thank you and well done.

Finally, please can I ask parents to ensure they inform me directly if anyone in your direct family are showing symptoms of COVID.

Please ring the COVID telephone line if out of hours. It really helps me manage and understand our school situation in terms of potential issues. I have a duty to record all negative and positive testing with our school community for track and trace. Even if you have tests at the weekend or during the holidays I still need to be informed. Please call the office during school working hours so that someone will be able to speak directly with you. Informing a class teacher is not enough please inform me directly through the office. The out of hours telephone number is 07498645336. Please leave a message or text me if I don't answer straight away. I will get back to you. I really appreciate your assistance with this.

Next week seems quite quiet but we will wait and see. I hope you have a lovely weekend,

with regards,

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Alfie	
<u>Swans</u>	Bertie	
<u>Robins</u>	Laila	Adam
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	George	Rosie
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Evie	Ania

Notices to Parents

Letters sent

Parents Evening - email

Instruction of parents evening quick guide - email

Non-uniform day - email

Photograph reminder - email

Christmas cards/tags/mugs/coasters reminder - email

Finish times - email

Grapes

Please can you be reminded to cut your child's grapes in half.

Children in need

Thank you to everyone for coming in non-school uniform, we joined in with Joe Wicks PE sessions today, and some have come home with various Pudsey activities. Thanks to all of your donations we have raised £102.00, which we will send off to Children in Need.



PE and School Sport

Run Challenge

The children joined in with the run challenge with superb enthusiasm and exceptional determination to improve week after week.

The results after the first round of recorded metres was VERY close.

2 more measured runs were completed to give everyone the chance to improve on their first score and to run as many metres as they could in their given time.

Robins / Ash ran for 2mins

Woodpeckers/Beech ran for 4 mins

Kingfishers/Oak ran for 6 mins

Both schools have entered their results into the Devon Virtual Games but we won't hear about this competition until the end of term or maybe even January.

But in the mean time we can give the results for the **PAAW** cup (PAyhembury vs AWliscombe)

We looked at how the children IMPROVED their distances as well as who achieved the FURTHEST distance.

We did a competition for each YEAR GROUP and a competition for each CLASS and a SCHOOL competition as well as INDIVIDUAL achievements.

It was a very exciting challenge to see the children taking part in and everyone should feel proud of the distances they ran.

Here are the results for IMPROVEMENT

Year group winners

Yr1 - Awliscombe Yr 2 Payhembury

Yr3 - Payhembury Yr4 Payhembury

Yr5 - Awliscombe Yr6 Payhemury

Class winners: Robins Beech Oak

Overall School Winners: Payhembury

Individual Winners:

Yr1 - Catherine (Pay) + Ettie (Awl) - 70m

Yr2 - Isla (Pay) - 35m

Yr3 - Maisie (Pay) - 245m

Yr4 - Ella (Pay) - 195m

Yr5 - Jessica (Awl) - 345m

Yr6 - Jess (Pay) - 320m

Ollie (Pay) + Blake (Awl) + Cayden (Awl) - 25m

Archie (Awl) - 130m

William (Pay) - 165m

Nicholas (Pay) - 335m

Theo (Awl) - 265m

James (Pay) - 255m

Here are the results for Most Metres Covered

Year group winners

Yr1 - Awliscombe Yr 2 Payhembury

Yr3 - Payhembury Yr4 Awliscombe

Yr5 - Payhembury Yr6 Payhemury

Class winners: Ash Woodpeckers Oak

Overall School Winners: Payhembury

Individual Winners:

Yr1 - Elizabeth (Pay) - 400m

Yr2 - Emma (Pay) - 445m

Yr3 - Bo (Awl) - 780m

Yr4 - Ella (Pay) - 835m

Yr5 - Jodie (Pay) - 1190m

Yr6 - Grace (Pay) - 1210m

Oscar (Awl) - 390m

Archie (Awl) - 475m

George (Awl) - 810m

Nicholas (Pay) - 945m

Ashton (Pay) - 1280m

Max (Pay) - 1360m

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

NEXT CHALLENGE(S)

This term we the PAAW cup challenges will be about improving and doing our best with our Ball skills and Gymnastics skills.



2020/21 Academic Year

18th November 4-6pm - Parents Evening
23rd November 4-6pm - Parents Evening
25th November 4-6pm - Parents Evening
26th & 27th November - Bikeability
21st - 31st December - Christmas Holidays
4th January - Non Pupil Day
13th & 14th January - Bikeability
15th - 19th February - Half term
26th March - Chance to Shine
5th -16th April - Easter Holidays
31st - 4th June - Half term
7th June - Non Pupil Day
23rd July - Last day of term