



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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## The next few days ....

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Quicksticks Hockey
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	-	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	-	Yoga - Year 2
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	-	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	-	

## Message from the Headteacher

This week we have had news from Miss Moore that her cast has finally been removed and is now on her final path back to fitness. We are hoping to see her in school next week and to take over her full duties just before the start of the holidays. I would like to personally thank Clare Gregory for doing a magnificent job in Miss Moore's absence. We are truly lucky to have such dedicated and talented staff at our school.

Unfortunately, there are a number of nasty viruses, coughs and colds making the rounds at the moment. People are finding it very difficult to fully recover and illnesses seem to be lingering. I wanted to assure you that, if the children become ill while at school, we will always put their welfare first and call you. I am aware of the comments currently circulating on social media which are unhelpful and unsupportive of what the school is doing. Please come and talk to me directly if you have any issues. I add a small reminder that we all take extra time ensuring our children wash their hands frequently especially before eating.

Our Woodpecker class went to a gym festival at Honiton Community College on Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed it. They had lots of opportunities to develop their gymnastic skills.

We are still sending children to attend a Maths master class to Honiton.

We also had a visit from the Devon Fire service. Two classes this year attended a workshop presented by a serving fire fighter. Hopefully the children have shared all they learnt with you. On Wednesday evening we had a governors teaching and learning committee meeting at Awliscombe School. We alternate the venues after each meeting. We discussed both schools in terms of current standards and the progress the children are making. We also focused on the Christian distinctiveness and our school core values. The Governors undertook a learning walk where they visited every room within the school and monitored carefully all aspects of our focus. The whole school especially the classrooms really looked fantastic. There has been a significant improvement throughout the school which is fantastic to see.

Next week seems very quiet at the moment. Kingfishers will be taking part in a quick sticks Hockey competition on Monday at Honiton Community College and we have Emily Meek (a school nurse) coming to teach Woodpeckers as their topic covers aspects of health.

I hope you were able to join us at Kids Café this afternoon, thanks as always to our PTFA for organising it.

Have a great week, I hope the rain stays away.

With regards,  
Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Kitty Howgill	
<u>Swans</u>	Daisy-Mae Williams	
<u>Robins</u>	Katana Bowden Britton	Barney Puleston
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Jazmine Willson	Freya Keene
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Michael Lucas	Aleisha Offer-Hoar

## Notices to Parents

### Awliscombe Parish Relief Fund

Last time for our residential, we were fortunate to apply for help from the Awliscombe Parish Relief fund. This is available to those living in the parish. If you are thinking of applying or would like more info, please do contact the office by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Letters Sent

- School meals order form for February

### Swans and Cygnets

Please can you bring in an item from home for "Show and Tell". Each child will have a chance to talk to the class about why it is special. Please can we not have any electrical items.

## Dates for the Diary

### 2016/17 Academic Year

- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan - Kids Café - Woodbury
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Quick sticks Hockey Yr 5/6
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Tag Rugby Yr5/6
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Rev Jane's final service and tea
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Kids Café - Hembury
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents Evening
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents Evening
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents Evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mar - Vision Screening programme for Reception children
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar - Pamper evening in village hall
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar - Easter Service @ 2.00pm in the Church - All welcome
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mar - Last day of term for pupils
- 16<sup>th</sup> April - First day of term for pupils
- 7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday
- 28<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half term
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Non pupil day
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> June - Residential
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term for pupils



Thank you to the parents of Woodbury family group for the Kids Cafe cakes. Upcoming we have our Pamper night on Sat 10th March in the village Hall, this raises a lot of money for school trips and equipment so please come and support, if you haven't been to one I highly recommend it! We have professional therapists on hand to massage, moisturise and manicure away

those winter blues. More details to follow over the next few weeks.

Please check out our Awliscombe C of E Primary School PTFA page, it's a great way to find out what is going on or volunteer to help with an event. Thanks for your continued support Nic Greenland.

### **Events in the community**

#### **Saints Southwest**

Saints Southwest will be running their popular Soccer Schools & Multi-Sport Camps\* during February Half Term with prices from JUST £7.50\*\* for a full course, 10am-3pm in Paignton\*\*, Dawlish, Lapford\*, Ottery St Mary\*\*, Plymouth\*\*, Crediton, Langport\*\*, Exeter\*\*, Dartmouth, Chulmleigh\*, Taunton, Kingsbridge, Newton Abbot\*\* & Okehampton. Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm.

To BOOK please visit [www.saintssouthwest.co.uk](http://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk) or call 01803 206350.

#### **Honiton Children's Centre - The Incredible Years**

The course will run weekly during term time only and will be held at Honiton Children's Centre. We welcome all parents and or carers of a 3-5 year old.

This course will begin on the 26th February 2018 and end on the 2th of July (2 weeks break for Easter holidays, May Day Bank holiday (7th May) & 2 weeks break for May/ June half term)

The Group will be held on a Monday 12.30-2.30 at Honiton Children's Centre.

Please contact the centre for more information or to book a place. - 01404 540820

#### **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra /Exeter Community Family Orchestra**

**Come and be part of an exciting, new multi-generational ensemble!**

We at the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra are launching an Exeter Community Family Orchestra in partnership with Exeter University, and would love as many children and families to take part as possible.

Sessions are led by musicians from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and are designed to be fun and entertaining for all ages and abilities.

Best of all it is completely FREE!

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