



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

Newsletter  
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## The next few days ....

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	- First day of Summer Term - Guitar lessons
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	-
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	-
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	- Piano lessons
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	-

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin with Happy Easter. It feels strange to think this is the second Easter without an Easter service but luckily Rev. Sue has still been able to do Collective Worship through TEAMS meetings. I am keeping my fingers crossed to be able to offer an end of term service.

It's been such a relief to be back to school and I feel the children have adjusted to the change again with real enthusiasm and even though we all enjoy a holiday I feel we are all looking forward to the summer term.

Thank you for supporting the school and all the new requirements we have implemented over the last few months. I appreciate that all changes can impact on families and routines, making life more complicated.

After the Easter holidays Mrs Ireland will be with us for about three weeks before starting her maternity leave. Mrs Campbell will be taking over Swans and cygnets until her return next year. Mrs Milton, our regular trusted supply teacher will be covering the PPA sessions for teachers and a day in Swans and Cygnets too. I am pleased to be able to cover Mrs Ireland's absence with familiar and valued members of our team, the children won't need to be apprehensive about any further change this year.

Hopefully this Easter the shops will re-open, and I ask that you consider the school uniform. A1 Print and Stitch is open for orders and collection. Please ensure the children have black school shoes and not trainers, and please no open toe sandals.

If the weather takes a turn and it does get warmer, please don't forget to apply sun cream in the morning before school and a hat and sunglasses will be essential for outdoor playtimes.

For the holidays, please ring the COVID line on **07498 645336** if you or a family member shows symptoms of COVID and are going for a PCR test. I only need to be informed until **Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, after which time you need to follow the normal track and trace NHS Covid reporting system.

A Lateral Flow test should **not** be used to test a symptomatic person. Only a PCR test is suitable for a person with symptoms.

### Primary school testing

The asymptomatic testing programme offers primary school, school-based nursery and maintained nursery school staff home Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits for twice weekly testing. Those who test positive then self-isolate in accordance with the relevant guidance. **Pupils are not included** in the rapid, regular asymptomatic testing in primary school and nursery settings. Primary school aged children should only be tested if they are symptomatic, and their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child. [Schools may also offer a PCR test kit](#) to the parent or guardian of any primary school child who becomes symptomatic onsite, if they believe that the child faces significant barriers to testing through the usual routes.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful holiday and a Happy Easter.

Mrs Penny Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Barney	
<u>Swans</u>	Tosia	
<u>Robins</u>	Blake	Arthur
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Morgan	Oscar
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Natasha	Grace

### Notices to Parents

#### Playground Planters

After Easter, we are looking to rejuvenate the playground planters and hopefully create a couple of vegetable beds too.

We are looking for any donations (big or small) of COMPOST, TOPSOIL or WELL-ROTTED ANIMAL MANURE for our new raised vegetable beds.

If you have any that you would be happy to give to this school project, please could you leave any donations by the Wild Area gate in the corner of the top car-park over the Easter holidays. There will be a builder's bag there for any loose material, so any amount will be appreciated, from the leftovers of a plant pot, to a trailer-full!

Please make sure you follow any social distancing rules when dropping off.

Thank you!

Mr Davis and Miss Gough

### Messages sent - via Schoolping

Summer menu

Non school uniform with optional "crazy hair"

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Consultation PHSE & RSE Policy

### [Books for KS2 children aged 7-11 | School Reading List](#)

The School Reading List compiles this list of recommended books monthly. This book of the month list highlights new releases and editions of fiction and non-fiction books suitable for children and young adults aged 5-16.

[schoolreadinglist.co.uk](http://schoolreadinglist.co.uk)

### School Library

We have been sorting out the school library and we are looking to update the selection of fiction books, particularly those accessed by the Woodpeckers and Kingfisher classes (KS2). Obviously, there is a significant cost involved in this so, before we start looking for funds, we were wondering if anyone had fiction books, in good condition, that are no longer being enjoyed at home and that you would be happy to donate to the school library.

We are looking for books that have recently been published (in the last 5-10 years) as well as some of the classics.

The link below has excellent lists of must-read books for KS2, divided in to year groups.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

We have also been asking the children what they would like to see in their library, as it's important for us to maintain a love of books in our current bookworms and to capture the attention of our reluctant readers! Through our chats, the following authors were suggested:

JK Rowling, Cressida Cowell, Philip Pullman, Liz Pichon, Dermot O'Leary, Jaqueline Wilson, Darcy Bussell, Rick Riordan, Tom Fletcher, Helen Moss, Andy Griffiths, Louis Sachar, Peter Bunzl, Pamela Butchard, Jeff Kinney, Daisy Meadows and more!

Children can bring books into school and there will be a box in the library where they can leave them to be quarantined and sorted.

Thank you

Mrs Rainbow and Mrs Wilkinson

## PE, School Sport and Physical Activity



### Basketball Skills Challenge

#### Results

Everyone in Yrs3/4/5/6 across both schools, has taken part in the Basketball Skills Challenge since returning in early March.

We have been able to enter the results into the Devon School Games Virtual Competition - children will receive either a Bronze, Silver or Gold level certificate depending on their results. These should arrive after Easter

In addition to this we have also competed across the schools for the PaAw Cup

Some children will be coming home today with mini certificates to celebrate their achievements in the individual skills of:

Ball Handling (either; Round the Leg or Figure of Eight)

Dribbling (either one hand only or using both to move around cones)

Passing (either chest pass or bounce pass against a wall)

Well done to everyone who achieved one of these



Congratulations to the following children on achieving the top score for their year group across the two schools:

#### AWLISCOMBE

#### PAYHEMBURY

Lacey \_\_ (Yr6)

Josh and Lily \_\_ (Yr5)

Keir and Lacey (Yr4)

George and Bo (Yr3)

Max \_\_ (Yr6)



A VERY BIG WELL DONE to AWLISCOMBE as WOODPECKERS won the Yr3/4 challenge and KINGFISHERS the Yr5/6 challenge which also gave them the OVERALL SCHOOL TITLE

Awlliscombe now go 2-1 up in the cumulative competition

Athletics will be the first summer challenge – Yr1/2 classes will also take part in this challenge

Bag 2 School collection is booked for **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May!** A great opportunity to have a clear out of good condition unwanted clothing, bags, shoes to be re-used in exchange for money for the school!

Donations must be brought to school at morning drop off on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May ONLY**.

We will not be collecting or storing items this year.

Bag 2 School will not be sending us bags this time so please use any clean plastic bag that can be tied.

With charity shops being closed for so long we are hoping you have lots to donate! This has been a successful fundraiser for the school, and we hope you support it this time too!

Bag 2 School accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

**NOT accepted:**

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

For further information: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

**2020/2021 Academic Year**

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Good Friday

5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Monday

5<sup>st</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays

16<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Summer Term

31<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June - Half term

7<sup>th</sup> June - Non Pupil Day

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Last day of term

