



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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## The next few days ....

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September -  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September -  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September -  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September -  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September -

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school. It has been such a wonderful week; I know we are all feeling quite tired but what a great day we had on Monday when we saw each other for the first time. The children have been awesome, they are all getting used to the new routines and procedures.

The strangest thing I noticed on Monday was how full the classrooms feel. We had to empty out the rooms and the school from particular items and then we had only single year groups back before the summer. Today we have full and busy classrooms which is fantastic to see. We started back with 107 children in Payhembury and 97 children in Awliscombe. Both schools are as large as I have ever known them. I am delighted to see both schools are flourishing.

Just a couple of issues that have surfaced this week. Firstly, as we are following new and strict guidance regarding the start and end of school times please can I remind you all to follow your classes allocated slots. Turning up late is very hard for us to deal with. Obviously, there are those times when it can't be helped but we are seeing a persistent lateness from some families. Children who have not been picked up will be taken to the office until they are picked up.

If you have any lockdown or summer work you would like to share with the teacher then please bring it to school in a sealed plastic bag and we will leave it for 72 hours and then share it with the teacher.

We have noticed how difficult it is for the children to carry their belongings into school without a bag, we believe it would be more sensible to allow a bag to hold their books/journals and lunch boxes. Please don't bring toys, show and tell or other items in from home.

We always had an achievement assembly on Fridays and we will be continuing with them next week but instead of bringing your trophy or certificate in we ask you take a photo at home to email into the school office and we will show it on the big screen.

Finally, a small reminder to bring healthy snacks at break times. We do not want sweets/crisps or other unhealthy items on the playground in the mornings thank you.

I know it has been a more unusual start to term but speaking to the other Headteachers locally we are all trying to make the best of a complex set of guidance to ensure our children have fun and learn lots but keeping them safe at the same time.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>		
<u>Swans</u>	Layla	
<u>Robins</u>	Joshua	Seth
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Leafy	Charlotte
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Tilly	Serena

## Notices to Parents

### Letters sent

Data collection sheet

General Permissions booklet

Collection of child/ren from school

Menu

Please note the desserts until October half term are as follows and not as on the menu :-

Monday - Pip Organic Fruit Lolly

Tuesday - Chocolate Cake

Wednesday - Flapjack

Thursday - Ice Cream tubs

Friday - Custard Biscuit

### Uniform

Please, please, please can everyone ensure that clothes are named - it is amazing how many new items have already been located around school without names in, sharpies are awesome - so much easier that sewing on any labels!

### Parentpay KS1

KS1 children need to register their choices of meals in advance (the same as KS2) even though you do not have to pay for them. If you are still having problems please come to the office and see Peta.

## PTFA



### 2020/21 Academic Year

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half term

2<sup>nd</sup> November - Non Pupil Day

21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Holidays

4<sup>th</sup> January – Non Pupil Day

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half term

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

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