



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

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The next few days

Monday 19 th October	-Bikeability
Tuesday 20 th October	-Bikeability
Wednesday 21 st October	-Bikeability -Guitar lessons -Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 22 nd October	-Bikeability -Piano lessons
Friday 23 rd October	-

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

We have had another good week. We have settled into our new routines and it's hard to believe we only have one week left until half term. This week we have had bikeability for Payhembury Year 6 children and next week it is the turn of Awliscombe Year 5 children. All cycling lessons take place at Payhembury. There are a couple of reasons for this, firstly there is a large flat playground and space to store the bikes safely but most importantly the roads are much safer to learn on than the busy A373 outside of Awliscombe Primary School.

We are still awaiting our new ICT equipment which is a little frustrating, but hopefully it won't be long now. Like most things at the moment, there is extra waiting time for equipment as there has been a lot of new orders placed so schools are able to cope with remote learning if necessary. We were hoping to have Google Classroom set up by now but again we are in a queue to get the programme installed across both schools. Nationally there is a waiting list but fingers crossed we are nearly there. Google classroom is an online platform that will allow teachers and children to work together from home. It will allow work to be set, children to share their work with teachers and for feedback and marking to take place. It will act as a conduit for parents to engage with the children's learning and to communicate with teachers. We are very excited about it, so let's hope it's here soon.

I am spending a lot of my time ensuring we are ready for another potential lockdown and the need for remote learning. I am writing a new policy that I will share with you once ratified by governors. We are also looking at a number of online resources to support home learning.

I can see from the dates section on the newsletter that it is very blank towards Christmas. We are still not allowed to sing and I cannot see we will be able to have a congregation event before the end of term. This is obviously very disappointing and will leave a huge gap in our preparation for Christmas but we will find other ways to enjoy it.

Fantastic news - hot off the press - the school raised £90.31 for 'Just One Tree'. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause. I know the children really feel this is an important charity to support.

Lastly, we would like to open up Breakfast club to any new users. The club is run by Mrs Burford and Mrs Lucas every day from 8am and children can have breakfast with their friends. Please ring the office to find out more.

Mrs Hammett

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Oliver	
<u>Swans</u>	Barnaby	
<u>Robins</u>	Lily L	Lily T
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Daisy-Mae	Lacey
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Beth	Henry

Notices to Parents

Letters sent

Cygnets

After half term Cygnets will be able to have school lunches, don't forget to order them via parentpay.

If you would like to increase your pre-school hours, please let the office know by Friday 23rd October.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club is now able to increase spaces - this is for Reception children and upwards. Breakfast club starts at 8.00am and costs £3.50 per child which includes breakfast. If you are interested, please email or contact the office.

Shoe Box Appeal 2020

Once again, we are running the Christmas Shoebox Appeal on behalf of Blythwood Care. Suggested items include toiletries, stationery, clothing, small toys and sweets. Additional information available on www.shooboxappeal.org. Please return your filled shoeboxes to the church by Thursday 5th November 2020.

Secondary School places

Year 6 parents are invited to apply for their child's secondary school place for 2021. The timescale to apply is until the 24th October 2020. Any queries please call 0345 155 1019.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography are due to come into school on 10th November 2020. Things will be a little different this year as we are unable to invite siblings not in our school to the appointment.

A1 Print and Stitch

All uniform with a logo is available from A1 Print and Stitch in Honiton. Unfortunately, they have had to review these prices due to ever increasing costs for materials and stock from suppliers but have tried to limit the increases as much as possible and in some instances, they have actually been able to bring costings down. New prices come into effect as of Monday 2nd November after the half term break.

Product	Old Price	New Price
Cardigan	£ 9.50	£ 10.50
Cardigan Adults Sizes	£ 17.40	£ 16.00
V Neck Sweatshirt	£ 8.95	£ 9.95
V Neck Sweatshirt Adult Sizes	£ 14.58	£ 15.50
PE T-Shirts	£ 4.50	£ 5.00
PE T-shirts Adult Sizes	£ 6.00	£ 6.60
Book Bag	£ 4.68	£ 4.68

All prices include VAT where applicable

Price come in to effect from Monday 2nd November 2020

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Thank you for all your donations on Thursday for the Bags 2 School scheme!

We had a great response, so much so the bags had to be taken to be weighing station! We will know the total next week!

Thank you for your continued support.

Abby

2020/21 Academic Year

19th October - Bikeability Year 5

24th October - Last day for applying for secondary school places

26th - 30th October - Half term

2nd November - Non Pupil Day

5th November - Shoeboxes being collected

10th November - Tempest Individual Photos

21st - 31st December - Christmas Holidays

4th January - Non Pupil Day

15th - 19th February - Half term

5th -16th April - Easter Holidays

31st - 4th June - Half term

7th June - Non Pupil Day

23rd July - Last day of term