



# AWLISCOMBE NEWS

# PRIMARY

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## The next few days ....

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| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November     | - Christmas Card order last day |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November   | - Tempest Photography           |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November | -                               |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November  | -                               |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November    | -                               |

## **Message from the Headteacher**

Dear Parents

This week has flown by so quickly I am shocked it is Friday already. I hope you were all able to get some rest over half term.

Another week of changes for all of us but life in school is working well. Children have returned enthusiastic and seem very settled with the new routines.

Teachers have finished their first round of catch-up assessments with their children and next week we will be sending home instructions on how to book an online parents evening with your class teacher. During these meetings teachers will be able to provide you with a clear level of attainment and how we are providing for your child in class to ensure catch up is taking place if necessary.

We have trialled a new online programme called Schoolcloud.com which will allow virtual face to face meetings between parents and teachers. So far it has been successful so a letter will be sent with instructions for booking a slot in the coming weeks to meet online with your class teacher. I am excited to think we have found a safe easy solution that we will use over the coming months to assist with communications between home and school.

The meetings will be 10 minutes long and are timed through the system but if you are cut short and need further discussion then we will be able to reschedule additional time with the teacher. Fingers crossed it works as smoothly as promised but I would really appreciate your feedback on the system after you have tried it.

Thank you for the wonderful donations of shoeboxes - I think this was our best year yet. However, at one point this week it looked like I might be sending them all home again as the distribution chain closed. Fortunately, we were able to find an alternative company able to get the parcels delivered in time. I know there will many children benefitting from your generous boxes. It will make a brighter Christmas for them all.

Finally, I forgot to wish Ms Chandler a happy Wedding Day during half term. I am sorry not to have included it on the final newsletter last half term. But I am delighted to announce she was able to get married and is now Mrs Campbell.

Have a good weekend,

*Mrs Hammett*

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Felix	
<u>Swans</u>	Sidney	
<u>Robins</u>	Blake	Samuel W
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Mabel	Samuel R
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Katie	Barnaby P

### Notices to Parents

#### Letters sent

Updated practices (email)  
School photo's  
Christmas Cards order form

#### 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.

#### Shoebboxes

Thank you to all of you that donated to the Christmas shoebox appeal. I have taken 20 full shoeboxes to the Exmouth collection depot ready to be loaded onto a lorry to Moldova.

The lorry is not going to be leaving the UK until the end of November so if anyone else would like to donate a shoebox gift, please let me know and pass it to me to take down to the Exmouth depot. Thank you. My phone number is 01404 841875. Clare Harvey



*2020/21 Academic Year*

10<sup>th</sup> November - Tempest Individual Photos

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