

AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

Newsletter

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The next few days

- Monday 13th December -
Tuesday 14th December - Christmas lunch
Wednesday 15th December - Circus skills day
Thursday 16th December - Flu Immunisation
- Online Pantomime
- KS2 Carols around the Christmas Tree
Friday 17th December - Last day of term

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What a week, I forget every year what it feels like for the last two weeks of the Christmas term. I try really hard to arrange all the performances so that I can make them all and this year we had additional issues with staff absence and no school communication or internet for the foreseeable. So, it has been interesting this week to say the least.

I have been so impressed with the children's commitment to all that has been happening in school. I know they are tired and the majority have been fighting some horrible colds and bugs. Thank you for keeping them going. Every day in school is so important to your child. We know it makes a difference as we assess their learning we can see that they are achieving well.

The new threat from the Omicron variant is still hovering around us. At the moment we continue to take extra precautions with masks and we are keeping up with our cleaning regime. Children are continuing with their hand washing and personal hygiene- catch it, bin it, kill it. Over the Christmas holidays should any guidance change and impact directly to families and children I will ensure a ping is sent out. Please take care to monitor each other and any sign of a temperature, new cough or lack of taste please go for a PCR. I know no one wants to be ill over Christmas but we need to keep on top of it. I really appreciate everyone effort to get tested.

Next week will be just as busy, we have a number of events taking place. Christmas dinner on Tuesday, Circus skills on Wednesday and Carols on the playground on Thursday and Christmas parties spread throughout the week.

The absolute best part of this week has been the Nativity performances. It has made the rest of the week seem not so hard. The children were amazing, the singing was incredible and I so impressed with all the words the children had to learn.

I would also like to thank the staff for their endless enthusiasm and dedication to ensure we were able to watch such a lovely show from the children.

I hope the weekend is relaxing and I look forward to seeing you on Monday for our last week in school.

With regards,
Mrs Hammitt

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Isaac	
<u>Swans</u>	Bonnie	
<u>Robins</u>	Zara	Oscar
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Kayleigh	William
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Rosie	Katie

Notices to Parents



Recently, three teams of Awliscombe runners qualified through to the East Devon Cross Country finals at Bicton Park.

To get there, they first had to race against schools from the Honiton Learning Community, where they faced stiff opposition from local schools. Three out of four of our teams got a top two finish, which qualified them for the East Devon finals.

At Bicton, the children were faced with a track consisting of playing fields, muddy lanes, gateways and long grass. Proper 'Cross Country' for those that remember from their own school days!

It was a new experience for most of the children, and great to be out at a big sport event with other schools from all across East Devon. Each race contained about 80 runners, and there were some real standout moments:

In the Year 3/4 Girls race, excellent perseverance was shown by Mabel and Lily, who showed real determination, even when slightly out of their comfort zones! Bo also received a 'Spirit of the Games' medal for cheering in all the other runners even after completing her own race in a creditable 22nd place.

In the Year 5/6 Boys race, there was a dramatic finish, with Keir sprinting for the finish funnel, only to be held back by Mr Moran, trying to contain the mass of bodies flying towards him! Keir's determination at the finish was acknowledged with a 'Spirit of the Games' medal. Daniel Gregory also deserves a mention for stopping to help a runner from another school who had fallen, waiting with him until the marshals arrived. This selfless act is the kind of sportsmanship that is really good to see.

In the Year 5/6 Girls race, all the girls did really well in a group with some very quick runners, but the highlight has to be Lily Fordham. She had an excellent run, in the top five throughout, eventually beating a close rival to take an amazing 2nd place overall. Lily has shown real talent and ability and can hopefully go on to big things in sport.

Whether the children were competing in competitive sport for the first time, trying hard to achieve their personal best mid-pack, or leading that way, they all had a great day and represented Awliscombe brilliantly. Well done all.

Mr Davis

Messages sent - via Schoolping / Paper this week

Nativity information

Lunch menu change on Wednesday 15th December

St Michael & All Angels Church

St Michael & All Angels Church, Awliscombe - Christingle - 3 pm start - Christmas Eve - **please wear a mask.**

Please take a **Covid lateral flow test** if possible before attending (test boxes are available from Honiton High Street on Mondays).

Thank you

Michelle & Timandra

2021/2022 Academic Year

14th December - Christmas dinner
15th December - Circus skills day
16th December - KS2 Carol concert
16th December - NHS - flu immunisation
16th December - School pantomime - online
17th December - Last day of term for pupils
3rd January - Bank holiday
4th January - First day of term
21st - 25th February - Half Term
11th - 22nd April - Easter holidays
2nd May - Bank holiday
30th - 3rd June - Half term
30th June - Yr6 Information Evening 5 - 6pm
6th June - Non pupil day
4th - 6th July - Transition days for Sept 2022 intake

Thelma Hulbert Gallery

We have a fun family workshop we have set up that can still take place with the new Covid restrictions.

[Funky Wreath Workshop | Thelma Hulbert Gallery](#)

Many thanks and best wishes for a fab festive time!

Anna Aroussi

Engagement Officer

Thelma Hulbert Gallery



Operation Rudolph

Operation Rudolph Honiton is here to help ensure nobody is struggling at Christmas. We want to help relieve the pressure on individuals and families who may find the Christmas season difficult financially or socially. The help provided by Operation Rudolph is open to anyone who feels they need it

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

The Christmas day meal is available for free for anyone who feels they may struggle on Christmas Day. This could include:

- + Being alone on Christmas Day
- + Finding it hard to fit a Christmas meal into the budget
- + Finding it hard to prepare a Christmas meal
- + Not having enough time, such as being a caregiver

However, this is not an exhaustive list and we won't turn anyone away. If you feel you need us, we will be more than happy to help.

This year we will be holding our Christmas meal in person at the Mackerness Hall and hope you can join us in the festivities. However, we also understand that some people may not be able to join us in person, as such we will also be operating a free meal delivery service on Christmas Day.

You can see the menu and book your place online or contact us via the information below

Want to find out more?

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GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS



We know that for many families across the UK, Christmas can be a financially difficult time. We want to help ensure no child is without presents on Christmas day. We have a simple message - 'please don't suffer in silence, we're here to help you' - we have hundreds of amazing donated gifts ready to bring joy to families on Christmas day. So if you are struggling, we are here.

A sign-up form is available on our website tripcta.org/rudolph

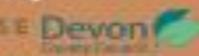
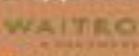
MEAT BOXES

Buying ingredients for a Christmas day meal is a financial strain that thousands of families across the UK can't afford, particularly with the impact of COVID. If your family is unable to purchase the ingredients for a Christmas meal, we can provide an amazing box of ingredients from Porkies The Family Butchers to help make your Christmas amazing.



Want to help?

Operation Rudolph needs volunteers for a range of different roles. If you can help, visit - tripcta.org/rudolph/volunteer



And Many More

