



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

Newsletter

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The next few days

Monday 1 st November	-	
Tuesday 2 nd November	-	
Wednesday 3 rd November	-	Guitar lessons
Thursday 4 th November	-	Piano lessons
	-	Bags2School Collection
Friday 5 th November	-	

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Well, we have made it to the end of our first half term. There have been many positive events that have taken place and the children have worked incredible hard throughout the weeks. One of the highlights has been the return of collective worship. Being back together singing and sharing has been really missed. We have had some great results in the sporting events too.

One of our challenges we are still managing is COVID. It hasn't gone away even though all the guidance has changed for us. I would ask that you monitor your children carefully for any symptoms. Fortunately, we have had very few cases in school this term and we are working hard to keep everyone safe.

This week two classes went on an adventure. Swans took a trip to Offwell Woods for a day and even though it was a wet day the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The second trip was to Buckfast Abbey for Robins. Ms Gough said that the children were beautifully behaved and there was so much to see and do. They had a very full day. It is such wonderful news to tell you that the school is able to return to Trips. They really extend our children's learning and provide opportunities for rich extension.

Thanks for your constant positive support this half term, I hope you can get some rest time over the next week and I look forward to seeing you all in November. Christmas will be looming so I can predict it will be very busy.

Have a lovely half term,

With regards,

Mrs Hammitt
Penny

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Oliver	
<u>Swans</u>	Barney	
<u>Robins</u>	Sidney	Matilda
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Samuel	Bella
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Luca	Evie

Notices to Parents

Bags2School

Can you start collecting all your unused/unwanted clothes for our collection of Bags 2 Schools on Thursday 4th November 21. More information will follow shortly.

Shoebox appeal 2021 - Blythswood Care

Your kindness and generosity bring so much joy and makes such a difference to very poor and needy communities at Christmas. A Shoebox filled with needed items shows a child or adult that someone far away cares for them and they are loved by god. Information is on the leaflet and more details and stories are on the website. Thank you for your help. Please bring your gifts to school by 11th November.

Secondary school places - September 2022

The application system to apply for a year 7 closes on the 31st October. Please apply via here - [Apply online at the Citizens Portal](#). If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019) and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you. Please note that it is not possible to make an application by email.

PE

We have completed our half term focus of "Social Me" this week in PE
Congratulations to the children below who have received end of term certificates. Next term we move onto "Thinking Me"

Social Me - My personal best - End of term awards

Robins - Zara, Percy, Avalon, Matthew

Woodpeckers - Lily, Adam, Daisy-Mae, William

Kingfishers - Dylan, Martha, Katie

Flu Immunisation Team

This has gone out as a Ping also - Please make sure you consent/decline by the 3rd November

Your child is in Year 7 to Year 11 (or Reception to year 11 if your school accommodates) from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on 18th November.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number - this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

Find your NHS number - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding/accessing your

child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

* We will be operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your school's link will close at midnight on the 3rd November 2021. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a local community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school. *

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines open 9:00 until 16:30)

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Virgin Care Immunisation Team

School Age Immunisations Team

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flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

1. Protect yourself

The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect your family and friends

Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid lost opportunities

If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu  **mmunisation**
Helping to protect you against flu

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Messages sent - via Schoolping

21/2022 Academic Year

25th - 29th October - Half term

4th November - Bags2School collection

18th November - NHS - flu immunisation

11th November - Shoeboxes being collected

18th November - Tempest

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

Honiton Library

Please find the details from the Living Knowledge Network about a literacy project from The British Library.

What makes your hero super?

[bl.uk/superheroes](https://www.bl.uk/superheroes)

From 11 October to 30 November, we're asking children to create a comic and help us assemble a new galaxy of superheroes! We're celebrating heroes of every kind - whether they have the power to scale walls, save forests or make someone smile.

Parents can help themselves to a raft of **free online resources**. There are top tips, videos and templates to inspire you to make comics, flying heroes and flip-books: <https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/what-makes-a-hero-super>

Share your creations

Share photos of children's work on Twitter @BL_Learning or by emailing childrens.books@bl.uk. On 30 November we'll pick 5 lucky schools and 5 lucky families out of our (virtual) hat to **win National Book Tokens**.

Authors Aloud UK in partnership with Puffin Books invite you to join authors Jamie Littler and Helenka Stachera in conversation with Annie Everall, to celebrate publication of their brilliant new books Frostheart 3: Rise of the World Eater and The Ice Whisperers.

Authors Aloud UK
Presents
Jamie Littler
and
Helenka Stachera
4th November
7pm

The event will take place on **Thursday 4th November 7 - 8 pm** on Zoom

Please register to attend here: <https://tinyurl.com/AAUKLiSt1>

Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom with the link to join on the night

About the Books

The Ice Whisperers

The haunting and magical story of two sisters born forty thousand years apart.

When Bela's mother dies, she is summoned to deepest Siberia. When Bela's mother dies, she is summoned to deepest Siberia to stay with an uncle she's never met. Exploring his strange scientific workshop, she uncovers a secret she was never meant to find - a portal to an icy land, frozen in time and full of prehistoric legends brought to life. But this frozen land is in danger, and it's up to Bela to find a way to save it. To succeed, she must join forces with the impossible: Renya, the long-lost sister she never knew she had, born 40,000 years ago . . .

Frostheart

The crew of the Frostheart return for the final, rip[1]roaring book in the bestselling trilogy. Frostheart was an incredible success, with over 33,000 copies sold in its first three months on sale, making it the bestselling middle-grade debut of 2019. It was also shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2020.

The Frostheart trilogy concludes in this epic story of bravery, loyalty and friendship. Ash faces his greatest challenge yet as the evil Wraith leader Shaard unleashes the dreaded Devourer from its centuries-long imprisonment. Only by uniting can the peoples of the Snow Sea hope to stand against the monster's wrath, but as the Devourer targets the stronghold of Aurora, the tribes remain as divided as ever. In a last desperate move, Ash and the crew of the Frostheart journey to the yeti lands, where humans are forbidden, in search for the truth about the Devourer's origins, and the one weakness that may prove its undoing...

About the Authors

Helenka Stachera

Helenka Stachera grew up in a yellow-brick house in the woods with her British mother and Polish father, which stoked her lifelong obsession with fairytales and legends. A Bath Spa graduate who now lives in Bristol with her husband, Helenka wrote her magical debut novel to explore themes of family and belonging that, as an adopted daughter, are very close to her heart.

Jamie Littler

Jamie is an author-illustrator who graduated from the Arts Institute at Bournemouth in 2008, and has won a High Commendation in the Macmillan Children's Book Award. When not trying to tame his un-naturally fast growing hair or having staring matches with next door's cat he likes drawing, colouring in, cutting things out and sticking things in. He sometimes uses a scanner and a computer, and too often is tempted to throw his printer out of the window. But he would just have to go and pick it up again. His interests are pretty wide and varied; although he does have a soft spot for wild animals and things that go bump in the night. Jamie's illustration work includes Hamish and the Worldstoppers which was the bestselling children's debut of 2015 and Wilf the Mighty Worrier, shortlisted for the Laugh Out Loud Book Awards. Frostheart is his first foray into fiction.

What people are saying about the books

The Ice Whisperers

'Every way I look at it, I love this book from the crystalline brilliance of its surface to its tender, glowing heart' - Zillah Bethell

'An epic icy adventure with a warming tale of sisterhood at its heart' - Maria Kuzniar

Frostheart

'Wild, funny, lavishly illustrated and filled with excitement' Guardian

'A gloriously imagined first novel' Daily Telegraph

'A heart-stopping tale . . . [that] really lives up to the hype' Sunday Post

'This freezing world should warm the hearts of young readers' The Times

Thelma Hulbert Gallery

So, at very long last we are offering a family workshop at the gallery. Next week!

[Half Term Workshop: Code Red Animation | Thelma Hulbert Gallery](#)

This is a short workshop linking in with the Big Draw 2021 theme of #MakeTheChange using drawn animation we will create a collaborative film, highlighting the Climate Emergency, which will be ready to show at our Climate Conversation [event](#) on 12 November.

If it's not too late to include this in your newsletters or socials that would be fab!

We are aiming for this workshop to take place outside, to ensure maximum Covid safety, but if the weather is challenging some of the process may move to a well ventilated inside.

There are four time slots of an hour each, using the rotoscope technique we will use film stills and monoprinting to create your footage which we will then film before you take your drawings home with you.

As always, any queries or anything please let me know.

Very best wishes

Anna Aroussi

Engagement Officer

Thelma Hulbert Gallery

YMCA Exeter

We would love to invite you and your school community to join our October half-term fundraiser activity – [The Big Bake Cake Sale](#).

We are celebrating **175 years of YMCA Exeter** working in Devon and are looking for **175 young bakers** to host a **Big Bake Cake Sale** during **October half term**. If each baker raises **£17.50**, together we can raise an amazing **£3062.50** for the work of YMCA Exeter.

Please find below our official invitation, a free fundraising pack and downloadable poster, as well as information about our services and ways to connect with us.

If you have any questions, please call 01392 410530 or email events@ymcaexeter.org.uk.

Happy baking!

Best wishes,

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Looking for activities to do with your kids over half term?

Create some Fabulous Family Memories with our Family Cookery Challenge...

Time to Cook are running their third Family Challenge. We've had such good feedback from the first two we thought that it was about time to run another!

The challenge is completely free and is designed to keep your kids busy and to help them to make memories in the kitchen.

It starts on Monday
25th October



Sign up here

Once you've signed up, let us know on the comments on our [Facebook page here...](#) we cannot wait to get started!!

Starting on Monday 25th October, the tasks will be announced over three days.

You'll have until Friday 29th October to complete all 3 tasks and the winners will be announced on Saturday 30th October during a celebratory live event!

First Prize!
3 month subscription to the Time to Cook Busy Box*

with loads of other amazing prizes to announce too!

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Find out more about our clubs >

*Usual price for the first three months is £50.00