



AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

Newsletter

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The next few days

Monday 8 th November	-
Tuesday 9 th November	-
Wednesday 10 th November	- Guitar lessons
Thursday 11 th November	- Remembrance Service
	- Shoebox appeal collection
	- Piano lessons
	- Parents Evening
Friday 12 th November	-

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I hope your half term was enjoyable, it's been a good week and the children have settled quickly. Unfortunately, we have had our first cases of COVID in school. It has been incredible that we have lasted so long without a confirmed case but it has finally caught us up.

The school is no longer responsible for tracking and tracing positive cases, all I have to do is record with the local authority our positive case numbers. It seems strange compared to before the end of summer when we would shut bubbles but now, we are just working around the changing numbers. The important part is making sure we follow all our health and safety rules, good hygiene is essential and any signs of the three symptoms requires a PCR test. If you have any questions regarding COVID please don't hesitate to contact me, it can all seem very complicated at times.

Thank you for your contributions towards the 'bags for School' collection yesterday, I believe you all raised over £70. Thanks again to the PTFA who continue to find ways to support our school and who always seem full of enthusiasm. We are so lucky to have such a committed committee.

Have a super weekend and enjoy the fireworks,

With regards,

Mrs Hammett
Penny

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

<u>Cygnets</u>	Molly	
<u>Swans</u>	Ethel	
<u>Robins</u>	James	Blake
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Noah	William
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Charlotte	Natasha

Notices to Parents

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.

Science

Sidmouth Science Festival.

An update on our Hexagons at Kennaway House.

The children that went to see their art work felt really proud, the public gave really positive comments and the organisers were also very complimentary. As a result of the competition, Robins Class at Awliscombe won a prize and Ash class at Payhembury came highly commended.

If you want to see the contributions of the children across the federation, you can do so by visiting [Sidmouth Science Festival 2021 Primary School Art Exhibition | Sidmouth Science Festival](#) (they are updating the gallery at present so I've included a few pictures that were taken by a member of staff).



Beech

Woodpecker

Oak

Kingfishers

Ash

Robins

Admissions to Year 7 for September 2022.

Applications are now open and you can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

OFFWELL WOODS 19th October 2021

After a very long wait we managed our first school outing in almost two years, and it was definitely worth the wait.

The children in Swans and Cygnets were very excited about getting on the bus and there was a great deal of excitement, singing and chatting all the way.

A lovely lady called Penny met us off the bus and lead the way down to a big field we headed across the field and the children kept shouting out look out poo, the field got the nickname cow poo field.

Once we reached the entrance to the woods Penny explained a little a bit about what was going to happen during the day, the first challenge was to spot the 10 woodland animals that were hiding in the woods, the children worked in pairs to find them, there was a field mouse, fox, badger just to name a couple.

After a well-earned snack and drink we headed out into the woods for the next challenge, Penny magically turned us all into squirrels and gave all the Children an acorn and explained about how squirrels hide their food in autumn ready for the winter. The children then had to find a good hiding place for their acorn and were then told to remember where it was as we would be back later to collect them again.

On to the next activity, we had to use our imagination a little, the adults were given a small bottle of hot water, this was our hedgehog, and in our groups, we had to build a hibernation home for the hedgehog to keep him warm over lunch.

Fun with clay was next, making clay hedgehogs and using sticks that children had collected to make his spikes. On to a bug hunt to find food for our hedgehogs we found worms a huge slug, and lots of wood louse.

After lunch we went back to check on our hedgehogs to see if we had kept them warm, the children then put their clay hedgehogs into the hibernation homes before heading off to see if they could locate their hidden acorns, all acorns accounted for we headed off for our last activity. Collect big sticks to build a den this was where the adults I think got a little competitive! The children had great fun with this and were soon building doors and windows and even cat flaps. Two boys built a camp fire and were sat toasting marshmallows.

All to soon it was time to head back across cow poo field and to head back up the big hill, it was definitely hard work getting back up the hill lots of encouragement was needed.

The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school they listened to Penny followed instructions and most importantly had lots of fun. Mrs. Campbell and myself would like to thank Penny for giving the children a wonderful day in the woods and the a huge thank you to the mums who came with us and for their enthusiasm in all the activities.

I'm sure the children all slept well after a fantastic day in the woods I know I did. I can't wait for the next trip.

Mrs. Crawford

Dear Parents,

Where the School Aged Immunisation Team would normally aim to complete the flu vaccine offer in schools by the end of December, this year there has been significant additional work to deliver to support the Covid 12 -15 vaccines and all year group flu vaccines programme. In view of this the flu delivery schedule has been extended to February, although we will aim to complete all sessions by the end January where at all possible.

Advice from Joint Committee for vaccinations and immunisations (JCVI) recommend, whilst flu often starts to circulate from late December the peak can occur at any time and can often occur in February or later. Immunising children in January will still provide protection in these circumstances and is therefore beneficial.

The new visit date for your child's school has been confirmed for 16th December 21.

We apologise that this is later in the season than we would normally like to deliver and we thank you for your ongoing understanding at this time.

The link for providing consent has been re-opened, and will remain open until midnight on 8th December 21. If you have already responded you do not need to take any further action, however if you missed the previous deadline, please complete your response no later than the above date.

Best wishes

Roanna Ellis
School Age Immunisation Team
Virgin Care Services Limited

Messages sent - via Schoolping

21/2022 Academic Year

- 11th November - Shoeboxes being collected
- 18th November - Tempest
- 19th Children in need - Non-school uniform
- 8th December - Consent link closes at midnight for flu vaccination
- 16th December - NHS - flu immunisation
- 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