



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

### Welcome to the new school year

I would like to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of AWGS. This week has been a bit of a baptism of fire but I have been delighted by the support of the staff and the enthusiasm of the pupils. I have already met many of you at the front of school on a morning and over the coming weeks will try to get names and faces matched up correctly! Please feel free to speak with me on the door as you drop off your child/children or if you need a longer appointment please speak with Mrs Agland who will be delighted to help. I look forward to the coming term and all the challenges that lie ahead. Please read the rest of the Newsletter to find out what is going on in school.

### Nut free school

A reminder that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We have two children in school with nut allergies so please do not send your child to school with any nut products. Thank you.

### Secondary School Application Form for Year 7 2018 entry

The secondary school application process is now underway for September 2018 entry. **The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.** You can apply online by visiting [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). If you do not have access to the online application system please let Mrs Agland know.

### Primary School Application Form for Reception Year 2018 entry

The application process is now underway for Reception Year school places for September 2018. **The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.** You can apply online by visiting [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). If you do not have access to the online application system please let Mrs Agland know.

### “Meet the teacher” sessions

The following sessions have been arranged for you to meet your new teacher:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 3:20-3:40 pm Years 2 and 3

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 3:20-3:40 pm Years 5 and 6

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 3:20-3:40 pm Year 4

All the sessions will take place in classrooms. Reception and Year 1 are holding sessions on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September and more details of this will follow shortly. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

### Chess Club

Mr Malmberg's Chess Club for Years 3-6 starts next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 12 noon-1:00 pm. Information regarding other Clubs being offered will be sent home shortly.

### **Little Fishes**

Join us for **Little Fishes** at St. Mary's Hall, Whaddon from 3:30–4:30 pm next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. St Mary's monthly *Very* informal worship especially for 0-7s and their parents/carers. (Older siblings welcome too). Tea and biscuits, singing, craft, stories. All welcome.

### **Cardwell and Simons, school photographers**

The school photographers will be visiting school next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 8:30 am. Your child will have their individual and siblings portrait taken, however, if you have younger children not currently at school who you would like photographed with them please arrive at 8:30 am.

### **Commissioning of Mr Thorpe**

A warm welcome to you all to the commissioning of Mr Thorpe as the Head Teacher of AWGS at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30 am. It will be a family service so suitable for all ages.

### **Fantastic Funky Food Competition – Whole School Homework**

This is an exciting competition to design a **landscape A4 poster** using any media eg paint, felt pens, pastels, the computer etc celebrating the healthy choice of funky food that HC3S make available for us to eat at lunchtime in school. Every entry is a winner because all entries will be used to create a collage background for our menu boards, but the three overall winning designs, as announced by Mr Thorpe at the Harvest Festival, will be enlarged to sit above the serving hatch to welcome and inspire diners for many lunchtimes to come. Entries must be back to the Office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – so get designing and we look forward to seeing your posters.

### **Lunchtime menus and a special menu for Year 6**

A reminder that we hold a supply of menus in the office and that you can also access it by visiting the HC3S website [www.myschoollunch.co.uk/hampshire](http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/hampshire). **Year 6 only** can choose lunch from a special menu that HC3S has put together which is attached to this Newsletter. Price is £2.50 and is ordered in the usual way.

### **HC3S vacancy in the kitchen**

HC3S currently have a vacancy in our kitchen from 12 noon-2:00 pm Monday to Friday term time only. If you are interested please contact Dawn Butler on 07718 146875.

### **Plea for bottle tops**

Once again we are running out of bottle tops to use as tokens for lunchtimes. We need red, green and blue lids please. Thank you.

### **Mobile Library van**

The mobile library will be visiting school on Thursdays 21<sup>st</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October (the van will park on Firs Road due to half term), 16<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December from 1:45-2:20 pm. Unfortunately, there is a very real chance that the service will be withdrawn if we do not show our support by using it so we will be taking groups of children out to the van on these dates. If your child has a Library card please bring it in so that we can take a copy of it to present to the Librarian. If you would like an application form to become a member, we have a supply in the Office. Thank you.

### **FAWGS News**

Please let us offer a welcome return to old friends and a warm introduction to the uninitiated! In case you're still unsure, we are the 'Friends of Alderbury and West Grimstead School'; think, 'PTA' and you're almost there! This week, it's all about our forthcoming **Annual General Meeting** and the requisite 'call to arms'. Please come! **We genuinely need as many people present as possible** or the meeting may not be valid. As always, a warm welcome awaits you; and whilst we hope you'll be interested to find out more about us, you needn't feel obliged to join the committee. That said, we are still looking for a secretary, so please 'don't be backward in coming forward'! The date for your diary is: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm at the school**. Your presence will be rewarded with tea and biscuits. Many thanks in advance...

**Diary Dates – new dates underlined**

**September**

<u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Years 2 and 3 “Meet the teacher”</u>
<u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Years 5 and 6 “Meet the teacher”</u>
<u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Cardwell and Simons, school photographer</u>
<u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Year 4 “Meet the teacher”</u>
<u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>9:30 am Mr Thorpe’s commissioning at St Mary’s Church</u>

**October**

<u>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm – letter to follow</u>
<u>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL</u>
<u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>-</u>	
<u>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>HALF-TERM HOLIDAY</u>
<u>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Poppies on sale</u>

**November**

<u>Monday 6<sup>th</sup>-</u>	<u>Year 5 to Braeside – letter to follow</u>
<u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></u>	
<u>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>1-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher consultations</u>

**December**

<u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>
	<u>Christmas Lunch</u>
<u>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>-</u>	
<u>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</u>

**January 2018**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
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**March 2018**

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
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**June 2018**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
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Best wishes

Mr Thorpe  
Head Teacher