



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

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

A big welcome to you all and especially to our new children joining us this term. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are feeling energised and raring to go!

A few reminders to get us started:

### Nut free school

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.

### Uniform

It is lovely to see the school coming together especially through the wearing of our school uniform which gives us all a shared identity and I would like to thank you for your efforts with this. As a little reminder a note of our uniform requirements is attached to the newsletter this week. Thank you for your continued support.

### Secondary School Application Form for Year 7 2019 entry

The secondary school application process is now underway for September 2019 entry. **The deadline for applications is midnight 31<sup>st</sup> October 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.

### Primary School Application Form for Reception Year 2019 entry

The application process is now underway for Reception Year school places for September 2019. **The deadline for applications is midnight 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 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”

A reminder of the following “Meet the teacher” dates:

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 2 and 3 at 3:30-4:00 pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 4 and 5 at 3:30-4:00 pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Phonics morning 9-10:30 am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 at 3:30-4:00 pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Years R and 1 will be holding a ‘Day in the life of’ session at 9:00 am for Year R and 9:30 am for Year 1.



We hope you can join us.



### **Tesco fundraising WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our school is currently taking part in the Tesco "Bags to School" fundraising scheme thanks to Mrs Telfer putting forward an application for funding to improve our Sacred Garden and create a Gruffalo themed garden where the wooded area in the infant playground is. However, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** as we seem to be a bit behind the other organisations also bidding. Please ensure that when you shop in Tesco you collect a blue token available at all the cashiers, including self scan and self serve and place it in our box. Please tell all your friends and relations to do the same! Last time we were successful in receiving the funding and it would be fantastic to be able to further enhance our other outside areas.

### **Premier Sports after school clubs**

There are still places at the following clubs run by Premier Sports, 3:15-4:15 pm: Thursdays KS1 Gym Club and Fridays KS2 Ball Sports Club. The cost is £4.50 and can be paid online, cash or cheque. The Clubs will run until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October respectively. Please let Mrs Agland know if you would like your child to join.

### **Apples!**

Mr Telfer (of Mrs Telfer fame) is very kindly picking and gathering up cooking and eating apples from our apple trees. These will be available to purchase for a donation from Monday, so please come to school with pennies and a bag/suitable carrier to take them home. Thank you.

### **"Bring a Broom" Day**

Our annual "Bring a Broom" day is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 am-12:30 pm. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible to help with painting fences/weeding/cutting hedges and having a general tidy. Please put the date in your diary.

### **CAT team badges**

Your child will come home with their CAT team badge today. We will be encouraging more competition through the CAT teams at school, not just through sport but through other challenges as well. I would like the children to wear their badge to school every day. CAT team points will also be awarded for excellent attendance of 96% and above.

### **School leaflet**

Every child will be coming home with our new school information leaflet which Mr Savage has very kindly put together for us. I am sure you will agree that it looks very professional. We do have a few places left in some classes for this year and also parents are currently considering places for Year R starting in September 2019. If you are able to leaflet drop in your street please let me know and I will provide you with more leaflets.

### **5 Love Languages of Children**

Please find attached to this newsletter details of four sessions run by the Salvation Army and held here at Alderbury School for parents of 0-12 year olds to help you understand five different expressions of love and explore together how to identify and communicate effectively in your child's main love language. The sessions are: Fridays 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 2:00 pm at our school. If you would like to attend please sign up with Mrs Agland. These sessions are open to all and provide an insight into reducing some of the conflicts which are an everyday part of family life!



### **Harvest Service**

Our Harvest Service is at 2:40 pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and we will, once again, be collecting produce for the Trussell Trust. I have attached a shopping list from the Foodbank listing the sort of items they would like to receive. We are, as always, very grateful for the amount that we are able to pass on to the Trussell Trust and we look forward to seeing a display of your donations at our service (please bring in your items from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September).



## FAWGS News

A quick reminder that our first FAWGS meeting is being held in the School hall next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm. You are all welcome and we'd love to see lots of new faces as well as existing. Tea and cake will be provided. Without your help it's impossible to raise valuable funds that all the children at the School benefit from and the more help we have the less we all have to do. Looking forward to seeing you all. Also first date for the diary as well as the 12<sup>th</sup> September for the FAWGS meeting will be the Fireworks Night on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Details to be confirmed.



## World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Whaddon Chapel are holding a coffee morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10:00 am-12 noon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please support this worthwhile cause with coffee, cake and company.

## Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

### September 2018

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3:30-4:00 pm Y2 & 3 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:30-4:00 pm Y4 & 5 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9-10:30 am Y1 Phonics morning
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3:30-4:00 pm Y6 Meet the Teacher
<u>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Cardwell and Simons school photographers</u>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2:40 pm Harvest Service
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am YR & 1 'Day in the life of' session
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall

### October

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – no children in school
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	October half term holiday

### November

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am-12:30 pm "Bring a Broom" Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher consultations – times to be confirmed

### December

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Christmas holiday

### January 2019

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – no children in school
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### February

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	February half term holiday

### April

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> -	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TD Day – no children in school

### May

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	May half term holiday

### June

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day
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Best wishes  
Mr Thorpe  
Headteacher