



Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Friday 2nd September 2016

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

I write to welcome you all back to school today and thank you for sending the children in looking so smart and raring to go! It has been lovely to welcome the New Owls class into Reception, they sat and listened very well in Worship this morning... we all learnt about how we work as 'one body' and every part is very important. Our Worship theme for this half term is 'Creativity'.

I hope you have had a lovely summer break and we look forward to working in partnership with you to get the best for your child/ren this academic year.

Meet the teacher

Over the next couple of weeks each teacher is offering the parents of children in their class the chance to come to a short briefing and to ask any questions they may have. These sessions will be about 20 minutes long and children can sit in with the parents. This is not an opportunity for formal 1:1 consultations, but rather an overview of the class and chance to say hello. We will also be offering parents another chance to contribute to our school 'vision and mission' – a project that started in July. Mr Beveridge would be pleased to see any parents who wish to contribute from 3:40-4:00 pm after the meet the teacher sessions.

Year 5 (Mr Malmberg) Thursday 8th Sept 3:20-3:40 in Giraffes classroom

Year 2 (Miss Armstrong) Friday 9th Sept 3:20-3:40 in Penguins classroom

Year 3 (Mrs Pallas) Monday 12th Sept 3:20-3:40 in Lemurs classroom

Year 4 (Miss Parker) Tuesday 13th Sept 3:20-3:40 in Zebras classroom

Year 1 (Ms Rackham and Mrs Smith) Wednesday 14th Sept 3:20-3:40 in Elephants classroom

Year 6 (Mrs Gill) Monday 19th Sept 3:20-3:40 in Koalas classroom

Request for help

I would be grateful to hear from anyone who has a van that could help me collect 3 book cases from Wilton next week. If you are able to help please let myself or Mrs Agland know. Thank you.

11+ tuition

With the 11+ exams looming rapidly over some of our Year 6s, Mrs Gill has kindly offered to do some additional preparation/familiarisation/technique sessions with the children who are registered for these tests. The sessions will be Monday lunch 12:00-12:30 pm and Tuesday afterschool 3:15-4:15 pm. Please register your child by emailing Mrs Agland in the office (admin@alderbury.wilts.sch.uk) or speaking directly to Mrs Gill/Mrs Agland. There might be a

clash between these sessions and sports clubs offered, but it is expected that the Year 6s will commit to these 11+ sessions as first priority.

Reading Workshop

Alison Szalay from Special Educational Needs is holding a reading workshop here at school next Friday 9th September straight after school drop-off at 9:00 am. The workshop is open to all parents, but may be particularly useful for parents new to the school and is aimed at supporting reading at home. Refreshments will be available, so if you are free please join us.

Cardboard please!

Mrs Pallas would like to request donations of cardboard to help Year 3 when they make Roman Shields later this term. Please drop donations to the office. Many thanks.

Department of Education School Census information

The Department of Education now requires that all pupils' country of birth and nationality be recorded. In order to collect this information for the next school census in October I have attached a sheet for completion to this Newsletter (**please note if your child is in Owls class you do not need to complete this**). Please complete and return to Mrs Agland as soon as possible. Thank you if you have already completed and returned your form.

Hens

A big thank you to all our Hen carers during the holiday. Our hens are looking in excellent shape thanks to all your support.

Diary Dates – new dates underlines

September

<u>Thursday 8th</u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Year 5 Meet the teacher</u>
<u>Friday 9th</u>	<u>9:00 am Reading Workshop</u>
<u>Friday 9th</u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Year 2 Meet the teacher</u>
<u>Monday 12th</u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Year 3 Meet the teacher</u>
<u>w/b Monday 12th</u>	<u>Clubs will start this week: separate letter to follow</u>
<u>Tuesday 13th</u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Year 4 Meet the teacher</u>
<u>Wednesday 14th</u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Year 1 Meet the teacher</u>
<u>Thursday 15th</u>	<u>Photographer in school (am) for individual photos</u>
<u>Monday 19th</u>	<u>3:20-3:40 pm Year 6 Meet the teacher</u>

October

<u>Thursday 6th</u>	<u>9:10-9:40 am New Owls' parents invited for a 'Day in the Life of Owls Class' with Mrs Tanner in school hall</u>
<u>Monday 10th-</u>	<u>Year 5 to Braeside – letter to follow shortly</u>
<u>Wednesday 12th</u>	
<u>Tuesday 18th</u>	<u>Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm – letter to follow shortly</u>
<u>Friday 21st</u>	<u>TD Day - no children in school</u>
<u>Monday 24th-</u>	
<u>Friday 28th</u>	<u>Half term break</u>
<u>Monday 31st</u>	<u>Return to school</u>

November

<u>Tuesday 29th</u>	<u>Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow shortly</u>
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Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher