



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Football (Boys at Burgate)

On Monday 14th November I took 24 boys (in 3 teams of 8) to a Burgate cluster tournament. All the boys played exceptionally well in this 7 a side marathon. In 2 games we were playing against ourselves which made the cheering difficult! Our B team and A team played in one semi-final, with the A team advancing to the grand final against Downton. Sadly we lost 1-0 in a close battle, coming second overall. The B team came 4th and the C team narrowly missed advancing to the semi-finals by just a few points. Well done to all the boys: Year 4 – O, C, S, N; Year 5 – L, J, W, J, A, L, L; Year 6 – M, E, K, M, N, S, I, B, H, B, O, E, N. Particular performance of note must be mentioned: MSr (who hit the bar in the final) N N (who scored at least 2 fantastic goals, one stunning free kick) and MC (cat like reflexes in goal to frustrate Downton time and time again!) Thank you to all the supporters/drivers who widely agreed it was the best Alderbury and West Grimstead School football performance/results they've seen for a while.

Fundraising for Amelia

There is a young lady at Harnham Juniors who is quite unwell and needs ground breaking medical treatment. Her parents, with the support of her school, are crowd funding to support her. This brave girl (in Year 4) is being widely supported by Salisbury Area schools with the mantra 'You are not alone'. Many schools are having a gold/yellow non-uniform day to raise money to help Amelia and her family. At AWGS we have decided to offer everyone a chance to donate into golden buckets from Monday 28th November-Friday 2nd December which I hope our Year 4s will shake at you before and after school. We will have a yellow ribbon/yellow crown/paper hat on Friday 2nd December to send Amelia a photo of our children offering full support. I feel this is the best way for our school community to support Amelia amongst a busy schedule of tombola donations (with non-uniform day 25th November), today's Children in Need donations and the shoe box appeal. I am sorry to request or add pressure for yet more fundraising, but also did not want to deny anyone the opportunity to support this child at her time of desperate need. If you would like more information about her condition I have more detailed descriptions available at your request.

Anti-Bullying Week

The children have been involved in lots of activities for our Anti-Bullying Week this week with the aim of imbedding this very important message. We asked the children to tell us what they have learnt:

Owls:

"Llama Llama the Bully Goat says 'Being Bullied is no fun, walk away and tell someone'".

“Being a good friend because when I’m sad when my friend isn’t playing with me, my other friend comes over and says ‘would you like to play with us?’” - L

Elephants:

“Bullying is being very unkind not once but several times” – J and R

Penguins:

“Bullying is not nice and we think bullies are bad and unfriendly”.

Lemurs:

“We learnt about Cyber Bullying and telling other people if you’re being bullied” - W

“It is OK to be different – we can’t all be the same” – K

Zebras:

“I see now how important bullying is – it can really hurt people and upset their feelings” - C

“We need to be kind to each other” - O

“We need to start telling other people – STOP” - H

Giraffes:

“If you are being a bully you wouldn’t like it if you were getting bullied yourself” - A

Koalas:

“Anti-bullying week is a week when we work together as a school to stop bullying. All the classes are learning about it so as to try and help prevent bullying and are making some lovely posters” - L

Fire Safety Workshops

Years 2 and 6 will be involved in Fire Safety Workshops next Wednesday in school visited by a representative from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. They will learn what to do in the event of a fire.

Trussell Trust Christmas Shoebox Appeal

So far we have 18 beautifully decorated shoeboxes outside the office. More would be fantastic (42 were collected last year!). The Trussell Trust are returning on Friday 25th November so we need your boxes by Thursday 24th November. Thank you.

Gardening Club

Thank you to all the children who have attended Gardening Club this term. The last one will be on Wednesday 30th November and will start again in March.

Giraffes’ Worship

Giraffes will be leading Worship on the theme of “Perseverance” on Thursday 1st December at 9:10am. Parents, grandparents etc of Year 5 children are very welcome.

Library request

If you have any of the following unwanted books at home, we would be very grateful to receive them for our Library: “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” series; “Beast Quest” series, books by Jeremy Strong and Francesca Simon and any “Mr Men/Little Miss” books. Thank you.

Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **ID, JF, AG, CH, RJ, VM, HP** and **CT** and Penguins: **SJ, RK, SP, GS, LW** and **LW** on gaining their “25 Home Reads” Certificate and to Owls: **TH, EH, MK, IK, AO, BP, ER, CR** and **RS** and Penguins: **AP, EP, ES** and **OT** on gaining their “50 Home Reads”. Well done!

FAWGS News

We can now report that, thanks to your generous support, we managed to raise a fantastic total of **£1,363** from our **Fireworks Spectacular**. Thank you once again; this will make a significant difference to our school. We’ll be in touch soon to confirm how your funds are being spent.

We'll be in a position to announce the Helping Hands fundraising in our next newsletter, once all gloves have been returned to school. In the meantime, please look out for **plates coming home next week** (to be filled with yummy cakes, please)! These are to be sold at our **Charity Christmas Bazaar** at the Village Hall on **Saturday 26th November** from **10am-12.30pm**. Please come along for some great Christmas bargains.

A cheeky note for your shopping list: Our **Non-Uniform Day** on **25th November** is also in aid of the Charity Christmas Bazaar. If your child would like to take part, we'd be most grateful if they could bring with them a **donation of a bottle of wine/ beer or some chocolate, please!**

Do you have a fabulous fundraising idea? Come along to our next **committee meeting on Monday 28th November at 7.30pm** (venue to be confirmed). Your ideas and support are always welcomed. If you would like to be added to our (e)mailing list, please contact fawgs.committee@gmail.com, with your details.

Alderbury Pre-school

Alderbury Pre-school Quiz Night is on Saturday 26th November at the Three Crowns from 7:30 pm. Tickets to include a bar meal - chilli and rice, sausage and chips or scampi and chips (vegetarian option also available) £8 per person. Money raised will go towards new resources and equipment for the breakfast and after school club. Teams not necessary. Come and join us and test your brain power! Tickets now available from Pre-school or committee members.

Diary Dates – new dates underlines

November

Wednesday 23rd Years 2 and 6 Fire Safety Workshops

Friday 25th FAWGS Non-uniform day

Monday 28th - Golden bucket week for Amelia

Friday 2nd December

December

Thursday 1st 9:10 am Giraffes' Worship

Friday 2nd Yellow ribbon/crown/hat for Amelia

Saturday 26th 10 am Charity Christmas Bazaar at the Village Hall

Tuesday 29th Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath

Tuesday 29th - Christmas Tree Festival at St Thomas' Church

Sunday 4th December

Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher