



# Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

## Christmas update!

To help with all the 'stuff' going on in our heads at this busy time of year I just wanted to clarify for you, the various events and what does and doesn't need parental involvement.

Date	Event	Parent involvement
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00 pm Y2 and Y3 "Census Sums"	Yes – tickets coming home in bags
	6:00 pm Y2 and Y3 "Census Sums"	Yes – tickets coming home in bags
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am YR and Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Yes, with very young children
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am YR and Y1 Final performance of Nativity	Yes
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Auditions for Talent Show	At home only to support prep
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Talent Show	At home only to support prep
	2:00 pm Christingle Making	Parents welcome in YR/1/2 – please let us know if you are coming
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas jumpers to be worn (no fee)
	Christmas Lunch	Please send in £2.50 if Y3/4/5/6 Please inform us if packed lunch by 14.12.16
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Depart 9:15 am for Whole School Walk to St Mary's Church (Christingle)	Yes please to assist with the walk there and back.

Hopefully, the above table will help make the next few days a little easier. Please get in touch if anything isn't clear. A letter will be coming home about the walk to St Mary's Church next week.

## Mother Goose

Have you bought your tickets yet for the Alderbury Players' Panto at the Village Hall this week? There are just a few tickets left for tonight's performances (9<sup>th</sup>) and tomorrow night (10<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30 pm but sadly we are SOLD OUT for Saturday morning. Come and join in the fun. Tickets are now only available on 710123 or on the door if there are any left by then.

## St Mary's Church, Alderbury Christmas Family Service

Join us this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 am for our Christmas Family Service. Something for everyone – no matter how noisy!

## Christmas Tree Festival at Downton

Owls' tree "A Gift for the Tree" completes its world tour by appearing in the Downton Tree Festival at St Laurence's Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 am until 4:00 pm and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. There will be local live music, coffee, tea and cakes culminating in a Carol Service on Sunday at 6:30 pm.

## Art Club

Please note that Art Club will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December to make up for any sessions missed and to complete our Christmas themed work. Thank you.

## Head lice

In order to try and reduce the number of cases of head lice, please make sure long hair is tied back as much as possible. Thank you.

## Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need appeal – you raised a record breaking £223.33.



## Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**WE WILL ASSUME THAT CHILDREN WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS LUNCH UNLESS YOU TELL US OTHERWISE – PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER IF YOUR CHILD IS BRINGING IN A PACKED LUNCH INSTEAD. THANK YOU.**

For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who do not receive Universal Free School meals £2.50 can be sent in between now and the day **but it must be in a named envelope please. Thank you.**

Christmas Lunch this year is:

Turkey with sausage, stuffing ball and gravy

or

Quorn fillet with vegetarian sausage, stuffing ball and gravy

Roast potatoes

Garden peas

Baton carrots

New Forest Chocolate Ripple ice-cream

or

Satsuma

## Salisbury Schools Carol Concert

A big thank you to all our Reindeer Twisters for a wonderful performance at the Carol Concert at the City Hall on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Tanner for all her hard work preparing our Choir and to Mrs Ricketts for her wonderful accompaniment on piano.

## Awards

Congratulations to Elephants: **SM** and Penguins: **E-KC** and **FG** on gaining their "25 Home Reads" Certificate; to Elephants: **JD, JL** and **LM** and Penguins: **HK** and **OM** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate and to Penguins: **ES** on gaining his "75 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!

## Our hens

Following Government advice regarding Bird Flu our hens have gone on holiday until the Spring and are staying with our very kind Governor, Lindy Paramor. A big thank you to Lindy and to all our parents who volunteer to look after them. We look forward to seeing them again soon.

### **Scouts Christmas Carols**

Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter about Scouts' Community Carols on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December outside the Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

### **Emergency Closure**

As we are now at that time of year when anything can happen weather wise, any information regarding emergency closure of the school because of adverse weather would be found by listening to Spire FM or Wiltshire Sound, checking our school website (Spotlight section on the front page) or listening to an updated message on the school answer phone.

**Please also remember to send your child in with a warm coat so they can enjoy playing outside in this cold weather, thank you.**

### **Plumber needed**

Our staffroom kitchen is being refitted over the Christmas holidays but we are struggling to find an available/reliable plumber. Taps need capping Thurs 22/12/16 ready for the re-fit and then new pipes/drainage/taps/hot water boiler to be installed anytime between Tues 3/1/17- Thurs 5/1/17. We have the funding from our capital budget if you have the skills and invoice! Proof of qualifications and legitimate tax returns are essential. If you can help or have a good contact please speak to Mr Beveridge for details of the job.

### **Talent show**

We have asked the children to entertain each other on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the morning. To keep acts to a sensible number the children will 'audition' in their classes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, with the top 3-5 acts (depending on timings) going through to Mondays 'final'. This is purely voluntary and just for fun!

### **Carol Service at St Mary's Church**

St Mary's Church Carol Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6:00 pm require lots of AWGS children to sing Follow That Star!! This is a song the children know very well and it would be lovely to see as many of our children attending as possible. *If performing, school jumpers to be worn please, with a Christmassy accessory or two if your child wishes to (a crown would be good to match the song theme)!* An adult must accompany children for the duration please, as school staff will not be monitoring drop off and collection. There will be candles and hot mulled wine creating hazards!

St Mary's Church have asked that if your child wishes to take part in this service please could you confirm their attendance by the end of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December via email (to the office admin@alderbury.wilts.sch.uk) or using the reply slip below. We need to ensure we staff this appropriately and have a choir of suitable size and reserve suitable space to ensure this event is successful.

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### **Carol Service at St Mary's Church reply slip**

My child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ in

\_\_\_\_\_ class are attending the Carol Service at 6pm on 18/12/16

to sing 'Follow that Star' and we need \_\_\_\_\_ places reserved (including children and supervising adult(s))

**Diary Dates – new dates underlined****December**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm Years 2 & 3 “Census Sums”
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm Years 2 & 3 “Census Sums”
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am Years R & 1 Dress Rehearsal “The Christmas Story by Father Christmas” Nativity and Carol Service
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am Years R & 1 Final Performance of “The Christmas Story by Father Christmas” Nativity and Carol Service
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6-7:00 pm St Mary’s Church Carol Service
<u>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Auditions for Talent Show</u>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	am Talent Show
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	pm Christingle making in KS1
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch (menu will follow)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	pm Christingle making in KS1
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:15 depart for whole school walk to St Mary’s Church (10-10:40 am)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term

**January 2017**

<u>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>TD Day – no children in school</u>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school

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