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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Happy New Year!

It has been a lovely start to the new year and I am thrilled to be able to report some of the highlights which have already happened. Last Friday, we held a special celebration worship, where I was able to award 100% attendance stickers for the Autumn Term - no mean feat considering the amount of genuine illness, which was around in the pre-Christmas period. Having spent a large part of the Christmas holiday looking at data, I was delighted to award 84 certificates to pupils who had made **more than expected** progress during the Autumn Term, across all 3 key subject areas of reading, writing and maths. In addition, a good number of pupils made expected progress, and I look forward to being able to award a good number of certificates at the end of the Spring Term.

Speed limit on site

If you are driving on site please be aware there is a 5 mile an hour speed restriction in the car park. If you are dropping your child off for breakfast club first thing in the morning, please only park in the marked bays. Please be aware, however, that staff are also arriving at this time and sometimes it is difficult to find a parking space. If you are able to park in Firs Road please consider doing this instead. Thank you for your support with this request.

Census Day

Next **Thursday 18th January** every school in Wiltshire has to provide Wiltshire Council with Census information, which can affect the funding we receive. As the number taking Universal Free School Meals (offered to children in Years R, 1 and 2) forms part of the Census it is important that as many children as possible have a meal on this day. So HC3S are serving the menu below:

Ham and cheese pasta
or
Margherita pizza
Garlic bread
with corn on the cob and garden peas

Ice-cream

The lunch is available to all, priced as normal at £2:50 for KS2; free for KS1. Thank you for your support.

Request from Owls' class

Do you have any dressing-up clothes, age 5-7 that you would be happy to donate to Owls' class? If yes, please bring in to the Office. Also, if anyone has open cube shelf storage similar to the shelving in our library that you do not want, please consider giving them to our Reception class. Thank you.

New telephones

If you have telephoned school this week you will have heard a new message giving you options regarding your call. We have new telephones in the office and this now allows you to dial in to a line dedicated to reporting your child's absence or getting through to talk to a member of staff. Our previous telephones were very old and were no longer working properly so our new system will be much more efficient.

Homework Club

Mrs Hill and Mrs Wood are offering to run a Club to help children with their homework. Mrs Wood will be running the Club on Mondays 12:15-12:45 pm and Mrs Hill will be running the Club on Thursdays 3:15-4:00 pm. If you wish your child to attend these sessions please let Mrs Agland know. The Clubs will start next week.

Please note: Art Club and Netball Club starts again next week, children as before. Tennis Club children will have received an invitation to take part in this Club that also starts next week.

Year 3 trip to the Roman Baths

Year 3 had a very interesting visit to the Roman Baths yesterday. We had a good look round the Baths and learnt how the natural hot spring was used to heat them. In the afternoon we bought and sold Roman artefacts in the shop and handled genuine Roman artefacts. The trip was fascinating and we got to learn a lot about Roman engineering. A big thank you to Mrs Linton, Mrs Sturgess-Bullock and Mrs Thorpe for helping us.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day and we will be offering two opportunities for parents to come into school for a presentation about keeping safe online, on this day. The presentations will be at 2:30pm and 7:30 pm.

Rotary Young Writer Competition

The National Young Writer Competition is open to children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The task is to produce a written or typed story in prose entitled 'A Different Perspective'. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme. An A4 page or up to 500 words is a suggested suitable submission. The judges will consider imagination relative to the subject, ability to engage interest and ability to be consistent in the power of argument. There are three stages of the Competition: Local Heats, District Competitions and the National Final. The deadline for entries to the first stage is Thursday 15th March. Guidance notes and an entry form will be sent out next week.

Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **HF** and **LM** and Penguins: **LM** and **EP** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **JJ**, **AL**, **MM** and **CT** and Penguins: **BH** and **FK-JI** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **NL**, **JM** and **HS** and Penguins: **RJ** and **IP** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!

FAWGS news

Tickets are now on sale for our FAWGS Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd February! Please see Claire Hall in the playground to buy tickets. This event is open to anyone who would like to come, you don't have to be linked to the school at all, and you don't need to be in a team already so please come along and support us!

We will be holding a raffle at the Quiz Night (and future events) so if you have any unwanted Christmas presents, these would be greatly received. There will be a box outside the front of the school next week for you to put any donations into. Thank you.

Future date for your diary: on 9th March after school we will be selling daffodils for any ladies in your life who deserve a little treat on Mother's Day!

Clarinet tuition in school

There will be an opportunity soon for children in Years 3 and 4 to learn the Clarinet. There will be 6 places available and the tuition and hire of the instrument will be free for the first term. We are hoping the Clarinet teacher will do a presentation to these classes and more information will be available then. In the meantime, if you would like to register an interest please let Mrs Agland know.

Alderbury Pre-school News

Alderbury Pre-school are holding a Jumble Sale at the village hall on Saturday 27th January at 2:00 pm. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale the hall will be open that morning from 9:00am. Donations of cakes and tombola prizes would also be appreciated. We are raising funds for the outdoor area for the pre-school and after school children to use all year round.

Alderbury Pre-school are planning on running a holiday club from Tuesday 3rd April until Friday 6th April. It will be open from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm and morning or afternoon sessions can be booked. We will be taking bookings from next week but we do have limited space. The club is open to all children from the pre-school and school. The costs will be £4 per hour for over 3s and £4.50 for the under 3s. For more information please contact pre-school.

Mini Songsters

We have been asked to advertise a non-school affiliated club. Practice for the Summer fund raising concert has begun. There are places for four primary age boys and girls. The Mini Songsters practice on Saturdays at 9-10:00 am. Contact Patricia on 01722 710570 for more information.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

January

<u>Monday 15th</u>	<u>Visiting author Mrs Ali Smith to Years R, 1, 2 and 5</u>
<u>Thursday 18th</u>	<u>1:00 pm 4 pupils from Year 4 taking part in Bryanston Maths Challenge</u>
<u>Friday 19th</u>	<u>1:00 pm 4 pupils from Year 6 taking part in Bryanston Maths Challenge</u>
<u>Thursday 25th</u>	<u>pm Year 2 trip to Salisbury Fire Station (letter to follow)</u>

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<u>Friday 2nd</u>	<u>Visiting author Mrs Ali Smith to Years 3, 4 and 6</u>
<u>Saturday 3rd</u>	<u>FAWGS Quiz Night</u>
<u>Tuesday 6th</u>	<u>Safer Internet Day 2:30 and 7:30 pm presentation to parents</u>

March 2018

Thursday 29th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

June 2018

Monday 25th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Head Teacher