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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors



Arrival at school

Following feedback from parents and to create a calm and orderly start to the school day, we are going to trial opening the school doors at 8:45 am from Monday 22nd January 2018. Children will be welcome to come straight into school, to hang up their coats and bags and make their way into class, where they will be supervised by a member of staff. We are hoping that this will reduce cloakroom congestion and allow the day to start smoothly and promptly at our published start time of **8:55 am**.

When arriving at school in the morning, please try to encourage your KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) child/ren to go onto the playground on their own. Year R & KS1 parents (Y1/2): please leave the playground promptly and remember that the side gate and all doors are locked at 9:00 am. Pupils arriving after this time will need to sign in the late book in the school office.

Please remember that parents should not be in the school building, unless invited in by a member of staff, as this can be disruptive to the routine we are trying to establish with the children.

Food for thought

Healthy snacks are provided for pupils in Year R-Year 2 for morning break. If your child is in Key Stage 2, please remember to supply a healthy snack if you would like them to have one. Please remember we are a **nut free school**.



Pupils are allowed drinking water in the classrooms to keep themselves hydrated – please remember to supply a named bottle. **Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.**

Coats and PE kits

It remains very cold during the day – please ensure that your child has a named coat, suitable for the weather. Also, most of the classes go outside for their PE lessons, it is therefore important that the children have suitable PE kit in school ie tracksuit bottoms and a hoody/sweatshirt (plain blue or black please) and trainers. School hoodies and tracksuit bottoms can be ordered through the office.



Celebration of Work

I was delighted on Thursday to see 2 pupils (from Year 4) who had produced outstanding Geography work. As a former Geography teacher myself, I was incredibly impressed with the standard of work. The work was clearly of a B/C (new grade 5) standard at GCSE. An amazing achievement for pupils who are 7 years away from their examinations!

Year 4 and 6 Maths Challenge at Bryanston School

Yesterday, Mrs Veryard took four mathematicians: EF, GH, AM and KR to Bryanston School, Blandford for the Year 4 Maths Challenge and today Mrs Love is accompanying four Year 6 mathematicians: OL, WL, AM and LM. The Maths Challenges are very demanding and competitive and to reward the children after their mental exertions they are all given a delicious tea at the school. Our Year 4 team did very well yesterday and I wish our Year 6 luck for this afternoon's Challenge. Thank you to Mrs Gill for preparing the children and to Mrs Veryard and Mrs Love for accompanying them.

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.



Visit from Ali Smith and Captain O

Years R, 1, 2 and 5 very much enjoyed their time with our visiting author, Ali Smith. Ali and Captain O will return again on Friday 2nd February to visit Years 3, 4 and 6 so there is still the opportunity to purchase signed copies of her books. Please let Mrs Agland know if you would like another order form.

Rotary Young Writer Competition Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Guidance notes and entry forms will be coming home today, so please look out for them. The deadline for entries to the first stage is 15th March.

Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **RR** on gaining his "25 Home Reads" Certificate and Owls: **AM** and Elephants: **MK, BP** and **CT** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to Elephants: **AG, RJ, VM, ER, CR** and **RS** and to Penguins: **CB, FE, JM** and **OM** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **BB** and **MP**; Elephants: **EH, IK** and **AO** and to Penguins: **GC, BH, FK-J** and **IS** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **NL** on gaining his "125 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



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.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

JanuaryThursday 25th

pm Year 2 trip to Salisbury Fire Station (letter to follow)

Monday 29th1:30 pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross-Country at The Burgate School**February 2018**Friday 2nd

Visiting author Mrs Ali Smith to Years 3, 4 and 6

Saturday 3rd

FAWGS Quiz Night

Tuesday 6th

Safer Internet Day 2:30 and 7:30 pm presentation to parents

March 2018Thursday 29th

TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

June 2018Monday 25th

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Best wishes

Mr Thorpe

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