



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Welcome back to you all. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and a relaxing break.

We have a lot of events this month to promote our school meals so I felt it was easier to send a separate communication about this which you will find accompanying the Newsletter today.

FAWGS News

Happy New Year to you all! Thank you again for all your support last term. I can now confirm that the school disco raised a fantastic total of **£240**, which must be credited to Rachel Hodges and her marvellous team of helpers. In addition, sales of refreshments and raffle tickets at the Christmas Productions, totalled a jaw-dropping **£276!** Thank you also then, to those wonderful people who gave up their time to help serve drinks and service our gambling needs!

'So, where's all this lovely lolly going?', I hear you ask! Well, we have just agreed to subsidise a visit from the **Life Education Trailer**. This will secure a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience important life skills and citizenship development in a way that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Mr Beveridge has also organised a demo of some **class touch screens** for the end of January, so the installation of these in **Key Stage 2 classrooms** is looming ever-closer! We'll keep you posted...

Feeling the scourge of the January blues? Has the ole grey matter turned to sludge over Christmas? Fear not, for we have a **quiz night** planned to lift you out of the doldrums and exercise your remaining brain cells. Here's the info you need:

- Saturday 25th February 2017, school hall
- Doors open 7.00pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm
- Cheese or Ham Ploughman's supper, order in advance
- Licensed bar
- Tickets £7.50 per person
- Come alone, or form a team in advance (max. of 8 people per team)
- Opportunity to earn the prestigious 'Winner's Cup'!
- Tickets available soon, from Mel in the office and Claire Hall (07787 040915)
- Advance sales only.
- Watch FAWGS noticeboard for more news...

Our next Committee gathering is a special **Fete planning meeting**, to be held at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 1st February** (venue to be confirmed).

The next standard **committee meeting** is on **Wednesday 22nd February, 7.30pm** at **school**. Please feel free to come along.

And finally, many thanks to Paula Dean for organising the very kind sponsorship of our new sports kits from Mr Barter (J and M's Dad) of **R&B Garden Services** and Mr Moody's (J's Dad) contact Gary Tarling in **Drain Services**. We now have 4 full football kits which are also suitable for tag rugby and running. This means we can 'kit out' up to 36 children in correctly sized, matching gear! Many thanks to Embroidery Unlimited for sourcing and printing the kits too.



Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **OG, LH** and **AM** on gaining their "25 Home Reads" Certificate; Owls: **EA, ID, AG, CH, RJ, HP** and **CT** and Penguins: **JM** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **TH, MK, AO, ER** and **RS** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **EH, IK** and **CR** and Penguins: **EL** and **EP** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!

Late collection of children

I am sorry to say we are increasingly finding parents are not on time to collect their child at 3:15pm. If we still have your child at 3:25pm, without good reason or notification, we will now be taking them over to after school club until you collect them. This will be charged in line with after-school club's fees. The same is true for 'end of school clubs' collection (at 4:00pm or 4:15pm, depending on the club). Officially, an 'abandoned child' is a legitimate claim to social services/police after 20 minutes of no show by a parent, without due notification. Please ensure your childcare arrangements are reliable and known by relevant school staff. If you are running late for good reason, we will of course be understanding! Thank you.

Salisbury Young People present a Candlelit Recital

Alexander Wilkinson, our very own Mrs Wilkinson's son, has organised a Candlelit Musical Recital on Friday 27th January starting at 7:30 pm at St Mary's Church to raise funds for Alexander's trip to Cambodia to work for the charity "Better Lives". There will be a String Quartet, singing, Trombone, Harp, Trumpet and many more. There will also be a raffle and refreshments. If you have an evening free and would like to go along and enjoy a musical evening in a candlelit setting, please support this event.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

January 2017

<u>Tuesday 17th</u>	<u>Able and Interested Art in RE Day at Whiteparish Primary relevant Y6 children invited</u>
<u>Thursday 19th</u>	<u>pm Year 6 Bryanston Maths Challenge – relevant children already invited</u>
<u>Friday 20th</u>	<u>pm Year 4 Bryanston Maths Challenge – relevant children already invited</u>
<u>Monday 23rd</u>	<u>Year 6 12:20 pm Bring an Adult to Lunch Day</u>
<u>Tuesday 24th</u>	<u>Year 5 12:20 pm Bring an Adult to Lunch Day</u>
<u>Wednesday 25th</u>	<u>Year 4 12:30 pm Bring an Adult to Lunch Day</u>
<u>Thursday 26th</u>	<u>Year 3 12:30 pm Bring an Adult to Lunch Day</u>
<u>Friday 27th</u>	<u>Lunchtime menu special Chinese New Year</u>

Friday 27th 3:20 pm Taste and sample new Summer menu with HC3S and Mr Beveridge

February

Thursday 2nd 9:15 am Year 5 to Trafalgar School for Brilliant Club (letter to follow)

Friday 10th Last day in school before half-term break

Monday 13th- Half-term break

Friday 17th

Monday 20th Return to school

Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher