



Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Bring an adult to lunch day

If you missed the deadline (extended to today) you may still be able to order a meal, speak to Mrs Agland or myself if you would like to attend lunch with your KS2 child one day next week: Year 6 – Monday 23rd January; Year 5 – Tuesday 24th January; Year 4 – Wednesday 25th January and Year 3 – Thursday 26th January. Apologies that the letter had 18th March 2017 instead of 18th January as the deadline!

Chinese Year of the Rooster – menu change

A reminder that next Friday 27th January we have changed the menu to celebrate Chinese New Year, Year of the Rooster. Lunch will be Chicken chow mein with Chinese rice or Vegetarian sweet and sour with Chinese rice, sides of flat bread, Chinese salad and sweetcorn followed by orange and mango fruit ice smoothie or exotic fresh fruit salad.

New Menu sampling

Also, on Friday 27th January at 3:20 pm all are welcome to sample the new Summer menu and attend a Q&A session with Mr Beveridge, Sarah our cook and HC3S in the hall. Eat and ask those burning questions!

Clubs

Thanks to Carly Hill and Rachael Mullen, Netball Club is now offered on Tuesdays 3:15-4:20pm, starting on Tuesday 24th January. There are 20 spaces open to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please sign up using the slip below or by email to Mrs Agland. Many thanks to Mrs Hill and Mrs Mullen for offering their time and expertise to this important activity, along with all our other willing volunteers, helpers and giving staff. There are currently 22 clubs on offer to enrich the children's 'excellence and enjoyment' with the possibly of a Years 5/6 Computing Club on the horizon too. Well done everybody!

Year 6 Able and Interested Day at Whiteparish School

Four of our Year 6 children: MB, HB, CM and CW were chosen to attend Whiteparish Primary school to take part in an Art in RE Day. The children spent an enjoyable day designing stain glass windows and learning about art in Christianity, Islam and Buddhism. A big thank you to Mrs Mernagh and Mrs Brown for driving the children there and back.

Year 6 Maths Challenge at Bryanston School

Mrs Gill accompanied 4 Year 6 children yesterday to Bryanston School in Blandford Forum for the Year 6 Maths Challenge. The event is always a lot of fun, although challenging and

our Koalas: RC, EH, CM and SW performed very well. The delicious tea at the end was very much appreciated! Thank you to Mrs Gill for preparing the children and driving them there and back. We will let you know how our Year 4 teams perform in next week's Newsletter and wish them luck for the Challenge that takes place this afternoon.

A reminder for Forest School

It is essential that children taking part in Forest School have a pair of gloves to wear in this cold and wet weather. If the children attending feel cold because they don't have the appropriate clothing they won't enjoy taking part. Please also make sure they have hats or coats with hoods. Thank you.

Awards

Congratulations to Elephants: **CB** and **SM** on gaining their "25 Home Reads" Certificate to Elephants: **JD, ND, BF** and **JL** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to Elephants: **GC, PD, FK-J, JM** and **JN** and Penguins: **HM** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate and to Elephants: **BH, RJ** and **IS** and Penguins: **ES** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!

Bags2School at Alderbury Pre-School

A reminder that Bags2School for Alderbury Pre-School are collecting first thing on Wednesday 25th January. Please fill your bags and bring in ready for Wednesday.

FAWGS News

Calling all consumers...

Love to shop? Or would you rather eat your own toenails than take part in a spree of the shopping variety? Either way, we have just the thing to motivate you to part/soothe the pain of parting with your hard-earned cash: easyfundraising.org.uk

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Please don't forget **Quiz Night** is coming: **Saturday 25th February 2017**, school hall.

Doors open **7.00pm**, quiz starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at **£7.50 p/p in advance only** from the office or Claire Hall (07787 040915). Price **includes Cheese/ Ham Ploughman's supper** (please indicate which when purchasing tickets). Licensed bar will be available. No need to form a team in advance. Please let Claire Hall know if you can offer any help on the evening or with preparations.

Other dates for your diary:

Friday 31st March 2017 – School Disco

Thursday 6th April 2017 – Easter 'Eggstravaganza'

Saturday 6th May 2017 – Jumble Sale, Village Hall

Sunday 11th June – Scavenger Hunt

Friday 30th June – School Disco

Saturday 15th July – Summer Fete

Our next Committee gathering is a special **Fete planning meeting**, to be held at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 1st February** at The Three Crowns, Whaddon.

The next standard **committee meeting** is on **Wednesday 22nd February, 7.30pm** at **school**.

Your school needs you! Please feel free to come along...

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

January 2017

Friday 20th pm Year 4 Bryanston Maths Challenge – relevant children already invited

Monday 23rd Year 6 12:20 pm Bring an Adult to Lunch Day

Tuesday 24th Year 5 12:20 pm Bring an Adult to Lunch Day

Wednesday 25th Year 4 12:30 pm Bring an Adult to Lunch Day

Thursday 26th Year 3 12:30 pm Bring an Adult to Lunch Day

Friday 27th Lunchtime menu special Chinese New Year

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

March

Friday 31st School Disco

April

Thursday 6th April Easter Eggstravaganza

May

Saturday 6th May Jumble Sale in the Village Hall

June

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July

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Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher