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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Silver Jubilee

On Friday 23rd February 2018, we will be starting our Silver Jubilee celebrations. Alderbury and West Grimstead school was officially opened on 24th February 1993 by the Earl and Countess of Radnor. We will be marking the occasion with a birthday party in school in the afternoon. The kitchen will be providing a special party menu (at the usual cost), and in the afternoon younger pupils will be having a party and older pupils will be starting work on the art installation and time capsule.



Pancake Day

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the kitchen will be providing pancakes on Friday 9th February with a selection of toppings instead of the usual dessert menu.

Internet Safety Week

The School Council are pleased to announce their Internet Safety Week competition. Pupils are welcome to submit entries (which may be by hand or printed). They should be A4 in size. The deadline is Monday 19th February. Entries should be given to the class teacher and the winner from each class will be entered into the school wide competition. There will be an artistic prize!

Just a reminder that there will be two presentations to parents about Internet Safety next week on Tuesday 6th February at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

Spring Clean for World Book Day – Thursday 1st March

If you have any children's books, in good condition, which your son/daughter no longer reads, please send them into school for World Book Day. We will be holding a "Swap Shop" in the Hall. Any books remaining at the end of the day will be added to the school library.

Firs Road

We are delighted that the congestion in Firs Road has been much reduced in the morning since we have introduced the staggered start to the day. The feedback to date has been overwhelmingly positive. Please could we stress the importance of ensuring that the children are seen safely across the road and into the playground, as we cannot assume responsibility for them until they are on the playground.



Cross Country at The Burgate School

Twenty-nine children took part from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the Cross Country event at The Burgate School on Monday. All the children ran very well with our Team A (a combination of Year 5 and 6 children) coming in 3rd place overall. A big well done to all the runners and thank you to the parents who transported and supported.

St. Marys Church Little Fishes

Come and join us on Tuesday 6th February at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon for singing, craft, Bible stories, refreshments and fun. 3:30-4:15 pm. All 0 – 7s welcome with their parents and older siblings. Look out for the new sign on the gate!

Pupil Premium - Extra Support for your child

As a school, we are always looking for any way we can support our pupils. Pupils who receive Free School Meals or who have a parent in the Armed Forces can be supported in school financially by the Local Authority Pupil Premium allocation. This is used in a range of ways including extra 1:1 lessons, increasing the Learning Support contact or financial help with trips and visits. Pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium if you are entitled to receive one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (NOT contribution based JSA)
- An income-related employment and support allowance (NOT contribution based ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit
- A parent in the Armed Forces.

We appreciate this is a sensitive matter and thus treat any information shared as confidential. If you come under any of the categories above please contact the school for more information.



Maths from Mrs Gill

Please don't forget to encourage your child to practise their multiplication tables and Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) ready for our sponsored maths event, the NSPCC Number Day on Monday 5th February.

After Half Term, I will be setting a problem solving/reasoning question to accompany the Newsletter every week, one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. I have purchased sparkly Maths Stickers for the most elegant or well-explained solutions ... these will NOT always go to the children in the top end of their Key Stage, I know this because I have lots of amazing mathematicians from across the school sent to me on a daily basis and I am always impressed. In the meantime, please encourage your KS2 child to have a look at the following site:

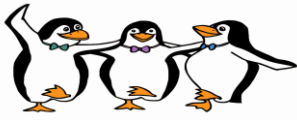
www.parallel.org.uk

This is a site written by the author of one of my favourite books "Fermat's Last Theorem", Simon Singh; if you sign up you will receive a weekly set of challenging problems, please enter my teacher code when requested: **hmqbw**

A new set of problems called "Parallelograms" are released every Friday at 4:00 pm, you should submit your answers by 7:00 pm on Sunday. If your child is below Year 6 they are likely to need adult support. I can highly recommend them!

Attendance

Our attendance figures have been on the low side recently which I can understand as we have had chicken pox in school and high temperatures, bad coughs and colds. However, we would encourage you to send your child back to school as soon as possible, with accompanying medication if you need to. School is very happy to administer medication where necessary. A little reminder to phone the Absence line (option 1) each day your child is unwell – you can do this at any time. Thank you for your support.



Year 2 Worship

Penguins' class will lead Worship on the theme of 'Compassion' on Thursday 8th February at 9:05am in the hall. All parents, grandparents etc of our Penguins are welcome to attend.

Reminder from Owls

Please return all Library Books by Thursday 8th February. Thank you.

Flu immunisation

We have been contacted by Virgincare to inform us that in view of the increased cases of Flu this year, NHS England have taken the decision to extend the vaccination programme and make more vaccine available. Therefore, there will be unexpected extended opportunities for your child to be vaccinated in community clinics; **this is for those who have not already been vaccinated and are in the eligible cohort Year R, 1, 2, 3 or 4.** This is regardless of whether you filled in a negative consent form in the first instance. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please contact the immunisation team on: 0333 2341125 to book into a community clinic. Please note that this will be offered on a first come/first served basis until vaccine has run out, therefore early contact is advised. We would like to also take this opportunity to encourage general hand hygiene with the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' message.

Gum shields

Premier Sports are coaching KS2 in hockey. Whilst they have been learning on the playground they have been using plastic hockey sticks, however, after half term Premier Sports will be coaching field hockey using wooden sticks. The hockey guidelines state that all children should wear gum shields and, therefore, we have purchased gum shields at a cost of £1.00 each for the children to keep in school. If a child loses their gum shield we will need to ask for the replacement cost. Thank you.

Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **OR** on gaining her "25 Home Reads" Certificate to Penguins: **ND** on gaining her "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **DM, LM** and **AR**; Elephants: **ID, LH** and **HP** and Penguins: **JS** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **MM** on gaining his "100 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



A thank you from the Barthers

The Barter family would like to say thank you for your kind words, flowers and support following their sad news recently, it is very much appreciated.



Alderbury Pre-school News

Alderbury Pre-school would like to say a big thank you for your contributions of jumble at their Sale last Saturday. They managed to raise an impressive £600.

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

February

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

Thursday 8th

9:05 am Y2 Worship

Friday 9 th	Year 6 to Harry Potter Studios
Monday 12 th -Friday 16 th	Half-term holiday
Monday 19 th	Back to school
March	
Tuesday 6 th	Parent/Teacher consultations – more details to follow
Thursday 8 th	<u>Cardwell and Simons – class photos and whole school photo</u>
Friday 9 th	FAWGS Spring Disco
Saturday 24 th	FAWGS Jumble Sale
Thursday 29 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
June	
Monday 25 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

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Headteacher