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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

SCHOOL NEWS:

It has been a busy term! Enjoy the rest and we look forward to seeing you all fit and well on Monday 25th February.



Internet Safety Week – 2019

If you were unable to attend the Internet Safety presentation this week, here is some information you might find useful. There is a lot of information on the Internet to help you. You might like to download this

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Parent-presentation-script-draft-1.zip>
and look through the PowerPoint presentation.

Did you know that 16% of parents of children aged 5-15 years have never spoken to them about the risks of using the Internet? Constant communication is the best way of keeping your child safe online. Would they feel comfortable talking to you about something they had seen or read? There are a number of web sites that can provide help and information. Some of them are listed at the bottom of this page.

Does Your Child Know that they must not give out information about themselves – other than their first name? If they put where they live, or the name of their school online, it makes them vulnerable.

Did you know that 50% of 12 year olds have a social media account – despite the fact that it is illegal for a child under 13? If you set your 8 year old up with a Facebook Account – and say (s)he is 13 – by the time (s)he reached 13, Facebook will think (s)he is 18 – and there will be no filtering of advertising.

Did you know that there are a number of security settings on Facebook – and many other social media apps? You can control who sees your posts, who can find you, who can see who your 'friends' are, and other things. Be sure to take a look at this....

Did you know that any child who has posted naked pictures of themselves is liable to prosecution? An article in a national paper in January had the headline "Police investigate 200 Primary pupils over nude selfies". Does your child know that once this is 'out there' – it will always be 'out there'? It's not only their friends who may see this – but future employers.

Did you know that you may have to set up filtering on your child's Smartphone or the family Broadband? It is often not set by default. Often this is done by logging on through the vendor's website. You can also set your router to restrict the hours that your child can connect to WiFi (but remember they may have 4G data!).

Did you know that the most common Password is 123456? So – what passwords do you – or your children – use? There are many simple ways of making strong passwords. For instance, in a normal word or pair of words use a capital, and replace 'e' with '3' and 'l' with '1'. Include Numbers, Symbols,

Capital Letters, and Lower-Case Letters. Not overly secure – but much better than 123456! E.g. Alderbury becomes !ald3rBury.

To summarise:-

- Talk to your children regularly. Make them aware of the dangers. Encourage them to talk to you if they see anything that worries them. The issues do change as your child gets older!
- Become familiar with what children are using.
- Check Passwords and the Security setting of social media apps.
- Monitor what your children are viewing online. For example, if your child has a Tablet or Smartphone, make sure you know how to unlock it – and ensure that they know you will check it occasionally.
- Try to engrain eSafety into children's everyday lives.

Check out www.thinkuknow.co.uk and www.net-aware.org.uk. net-aware has a useful search function for checking on the safety and security of apps your child may use. The OfCom website has some fascinating statistics on children's use of media – how it's changed over time – and how it's changed as they become older.

Changes to lunch menu

Packed lunches will **not** be available on our return from the half-term break but will start again after the Easter break on Wednesday 24th April. The special menu offered to Years 4, 5 and 6 will continue, however, the Monday and Tuesday option of cheesy pasta bake and chicken burger in a bun respectively will be replaced by Italian Tomato Pasta. Wednesday's menu, Thursdays' hot dogs and Fridays' fish finger wrap will remain.

Year 3 to Salisbury Museum

On Wednesday Lemurs' class visited the Salisbury Museum. The class enjoyed looking at artefacts in the Wessex Gallery and were able to handle replica artefacts and think about what they were used for. They looked at archaeological photographs and looked at clues about why people were buried with particular things and they made broaches. A big thank you to Mr Pidgeon and Mrs Sloan for accompanying the children and to Mrs Coles, Mrs Eade, Mrs Mullen, Mrs Nash and Mrs Zieleniewski for transporting the children there and back.

Plea from the kitchen

If anyone has a working, small cylinder Hoover (not upright) that they no longer need and could donate to the kitchen, please let Mrs Agland know.



Alderbury Pre-school Easter Holiday Club

Now is the time to book your place in the Alderbury Pre-school Easter Holiday Club and details of how to do so and prices are attached to this Newsletter. Bookings must be received by Monday 25th March.

BBC2 New Series of 'Back in Time'

BBC2 are planning a new series of 'Back in Time' and are looking for a family to immerse themselves in the world of the rural village shop and experience the lives of those who ran them. Wall to Wall Media are filming the series in the region over the school summer holidays 2019 and are looking for a local family with children aged 8+. Please see the attached casting flyer for more details and how to apply.

World Book Day

The half-term break is a perfect time to start working on your favourite book character costumes for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and to have a sort out of any unwanted books you would like to swap! Don't forget there will be a special menu on the day inspired by one of the books on the list this year, 'Ten Little Bookworms':



Spaghetti Bolognese (M)
Garden peas and garlic bread
or
Cheese, red onion and tomato pasty (V)
Cream potatoes and peas
followed by
Oyster biscuit

The school packed lunches, jacket potatoes and Years 4, 5 and 6 special menu will also be available. Lunch is free for Years R, 1 and 2 and £2.50 for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.



Science plea from Mrs Smith

Is there a parent, grandparent or other family member who has a job in science who would love to visit the children during Science Week, specifically on Wednesday 13th March? Please let Mrs Smith or Mrs Agland know.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

St Mary's Church, Alderbury – Family Service

This Sunday, 17th February at 9:30 am is our **Family Service** - we're going to learn more about Ruth whose story is in the Old Testament – come and find out more. All welcome – no matter how noisy!

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

February

Monday 18th-

Friday 22nd

February half term holiday

Wednesday 27th

Year R to Salisbury Cathedral for an Art Day

Wednesday 27th

10:30 am Years 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Festival – selected children only

March

Thursday 7th

World Book Day and book swap

Friday 8th

FAWGS Adult Art class

Thursday 14th

Year 4 to The Living Rainforest, Newbury

Friday 15th

Selected Year 5 children to Dinton Park – Orienteering (rearranged)

Wednesday 27th

3:15 pm Parent/Teacher Consultations

4:00 pm and 5:00 pm ½ hour Reading Workshop

Friday 29th

Salisbury Schools Games Tournament at Laverstock site – letter to follow

Friday 29th

FAWGS School Disco

April

Monday 8th-

Monday 22nd

Easter holiday

Tuesday 23rd

TD Day – no children in school

May

Saturday 11th

FAWGS Quiz Night

Saturday 18th

Mini-marathon for KS2 only – more details to follow

Monday 27th-

Friday 31st

May half term holiday

June

Sunday 9th

FAWGS Scavenger Hunt

Monday 24th

TD Day

July

Saturday 6th

FAWGS Summer Fete

Best wishes
Mr Thorpe
Headteacher