



Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

E-safety/Safer Internet Day

Thank you to the parents who attended our launch assembly and/or presentation on Wednesday evening and/or our family learning this afternoon. The children have engaged very well with key messages and we hope you feel supported at home. If you have not been able to join us and have questions or concerns over children/teenagers online there are 2 very helpful resources I'd encourage you to look at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3b6y4j#ztknrwx> (7 safer ways to share photos)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxLkqU7JJkc (Parenting in the Digital Age, 4 mins)

My final advice is this – if your child uses the **musical.ly** app... delete it! Yes, it's fun, but the content is rarely appropriate and you never know who your child is talking to or what they are seeing, even with the strictest controls. Often the video clips produced are more widely accessible than parents realise. It has become apparent that it is widely used by inappropriate adults and can be used to target children. Thank you.

Maths Evening

Invitation to ALL parents - do you feel unsure about what mathematical methods we use at school nowadays? Come and play with numbers and resources (we call these "manipulatives"!) and learn how your Piplings tackle the four number operations as they progress through the school. Learn about the magical, visual simplicity of the "Bar Method" and how it can help your child to understand and manipulate number. From **6:00pm-7:00pm on Tuesday 21st February with Mrs Gill**. There will be a fractions based meeting later this year. Please let Mrs Agland know if you will be attending. Thank you.

Re-scheduled Lemurs' Worship

The new date for Year 3's Worship on the theme of 'Trust' is Wednesday 22nd February at 9:15 am. All parents, grandparents etc of Lemurs' children are welcome to attend.

Years 3/4 Cross Country and Years 5/6 Cross Country at The Burgate School

On Monday afternoon more than half of Key Stage 2 took part in the inter-schools Cross Country Competition. It was so good to see AWGS represented by such a volume of gutsy children. The course was tough and everyone gave it their absolute best. Well done one and all!

Particular mentions go to our **Years 3/4 'Team A'** who gained **SILVER** overall – **CF, AH, CM, SM, NO, KP and ST**. Our **Years 5/6 'Team G'** gained **BRONZE** overall – **IB, MB, EF, BR, MS and SW**.

MS won the Years 5/6 boys' race with an impressive performance over quite a distance! Well done Max and congratulations on your **GOLD!**

Other achievements include **Olympic Values Awards** to **Ben Ramsden** (Year 6) and **LG** (Year 4) for pushing themselves when it would have been easier to give up. Very well done. Thank you to all the parents who provided transport, support and extra patience in the rain/cold!

Years 3/4 Football at The Trafalgar School

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Meaden and Mrs Compton took 2 football teams to an inter-schools competition (7 a side). This was a 'mixed' tournament, with a minimum of 3 girls on each team at any one time. Both of our teams did very well, coming 7th (Team B) and 2nd (Team A) overall. Very well done to **SB, FC, OC, E-MH, CM, SM, NO, MP** and **ER-W** of Team A and **SB, MC, MD, RH, GH, DM, CM, LN** and **HS** of Team B. What a week of sport these children have had!

Head Lice

Mrs Smale, one of our Year 1 parents, is a Pharmacist and has kindly offered to give parents advice regarding the problem of head lice. Mrs Smale says:

"Head lice treatments can be costly and resistance to these products is high. I would advise 'wet combing' with a suitable head lice comb and conditioner as the most cost effective head lice treatment. The Nitty Gritty comb is available from your community pharmacy and on-line and in my opinion this is the most effective comb available. It works to remove both lice and eggs, can be used on the whole family and has a lifetime guarantee. Not only can it be used to treat an infestation but you can also use it to comb through wet hair with conditioner on a regular basis for detection and prevention."

You can go to their website www.nittygritty.co.uk for more information. Thank you to Mrs Smale for offering her professional advice to a problem which causes a lot of frustration to most of us.

TESCO Bags of Help

Thank you to those of you collecting your blue tokens in Tesco for our bid to win £5,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help appeal. At the end of our first week we are in the lead in the Tesco Southampton Road store with 2,759 tokens collected so far. We will try and give you a running total each week for that particular store – so keep up the good work and spread the news!

FAWGS News

A huge 'thank you' to those of you who have already purchased tickets for our **Quiz Night**, to be held on **Saturday 25th February 2017** in the school hall. This is a **final reminder** to the rest of you budding contenders for the sought-after 'Winner's Cup'.

Here's what you need to know:

- Doors open **7.00pm**, quiz starts at 7.30pm.
- Tickets are **£7.50 p/p (in advance only)** from the office/ Claire Hall (07787 040915)
- Price **includes Cheese/Ham Ploughman's supper** (please indicate which when purchasing tickets)
- Licensed bar available
- No need to form a team in advance

Please purchase your tickets today, if at all possible. Struggling to get to the office/ Claire to pay for tickets? Fear not – payment can be made by **bank transfer to FAWGS' account**. The details are as follows, but please don't forget to **use your surname as a**

reference, so that we can identify you as the source of payment. You'll also need to **text** Claire (07787 040915) with your **food choice(s)**, please.

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Our next **committee meeting** is **Wednesday 22nd February, 7.30pm at school**. A warm welcome awaits you there! In the meantime, don't forget to check out

easyfundraising.org.uk over half term. Have a great break and thank you for your continued support!

Any ideas or queries can be directed to: **fawgs.committee@gmail.com**

Recorder club

Rev. Beth will be running a Recorder Club Friday lunchtimes for children wishing to join from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Club will start after the February half-term on Friday 24th February. If your child would like to take part please email admin@alderbury.wilts.sch.uk.

Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **JF** and **LH**; Elephants: **EB** and Penguins: **EA, RK** and **LW** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate; Owls: **ID, AG, RJ, HP** and **CT**; Elephants: **JL, LM** and **JS** and Penguins: **EB** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **CH, AO, BP, ER** and **RS** and Elephants: **JN** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **TH** and **EH** on gaining their "125 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **IK** on gaining his "150 Home Reads" Certificate and Medal. Well done!

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

February

1st-25th

Tesco Bags of Help

Friday 10th Esafety community event (2:00pm) and school panel available (2:30pm)

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

Monday 13th- Half-term break

Friday 17th

Monday 20th Return to school

Tuesday 21st 6-7:00 pm Maths evening with Mrs Gill

Thursday 23rd Year 3 to Salisbury Museum

March

Thursday 2nd World Book Day – more information to follow

5:30-6:30 pm Books at Bedtime – YR/Y1/Y2 with parents/carers

Thursday 9th Year 4 to the Living Rainforest

2:30 pm Year 5 & 6 Cross Country at The Trafalgar – 2 teams to be selected, invites will follow

Tuesday 14th Years 5 & 6 to the British Museum – letter to follow

Tuesday 21st Years 4/5/6 to Salisbury Playhouse

Wednesday 22nd Life Education Van visiting school for Years R/1/3/6

Thursday 23rd Life Education Van visiting school for Years 2/4/5 and Pre-school – parent drop-in 3:15-3:30 pm

Friday 24th Red Nose Day

KEEP READING FOR MORE DATES

Tuesday 28th Years 4/5/6 Beginners Please Drama Workshop in school

Friday 31st Non-uniform Day for Autism Awareness

9-12 noon Small Schools Games Netball and Football Tournament at Laverstock schools site – teams to be invited

1:30-3 pm Duggie Dug Dug Crazy Science Concert – whole school
treat, details to follow
School Disco

April

Tuesday 4th YR/1/2 to Salisbury Cathedral “Walking in Jesus’ Footsteps” – letter to
follow

Thursday 6th 9-11:30 am Easter Eggstravaganza to include bonnet parade and boiled
egg fun

Friday 7th TD Day – school closed

May

Saturday 6th May Jumble Sale in the Village Hall

June

Sunday 11th June Scavenger Hunt

Friday 30th June School Disco

July

Saturday 15th July Summer Fete

Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing break – see you on Monday 20th February.

Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher