



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It hardly seems possible that we are only two weeks into the new term! I am continuing to settle in to AWGS and it is starting to feel like home – literally, as judged by the number of hours I have been spending in the building! In order to help us to plan for the continued development and improvement of the school, I would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete our parent questionnaire. You will find the link later in this newsletter. If you need a paper copy, please speak to Mrs Agland in the school office. Please could I ask that all responses are completed by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, so that we can process and analyse the results by half term. I appreciate that some of you are “new” parents, so please complete the survey based on your first impressions. You are also aware that I am “new”, so in terms of the leadership and management questions, please answer based on your knowledge of the school in previous years, as Mr Malmberg and Mrs Wilkinson continue to work with me as the Senior Leadership Team.

Please take a few moments to review the rest of the newsletter.

### Parent Questionnaire

Please click on the link below to access the questionnaire.

<https://goo.gl/forms/0jNAJCe2iXEcfkcA3>

### Hector the Protector (internet safety)

Our internet Protector, Hector is no more but a big red button has taken his place! Please encourage your child to use the big red button if they need to when they are using the school laptops. The children were given this message during Celebration Worship this morning.

### Staff Car Park

I am sure you have noticed that the gates to the car park are now locked, this is to ensure the safety of the children coming on site. There is plenty of parking on the wooded side of Firs Road (please do not double park) and at the Village Hall. Thank you.

### Change to Year 6 menu

Apologies for the confusion but the kitchen are no longer offering the Year 6 menu that we advertised last week. Instead, a jacket potato menu is being offered to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

Monday	Cheese
Tuesday	Tuna melt
Wednesday	Beans
Thursday	Chicken mayo
Friday	Vegetarian sausage and beans

The price is £2.50 and can be ordered in the usual way.

### **Reception intake for September 2018**

Last week we informed you that the application process has started for Reception intake in September 2018. If your child is due to start in September next year, or you know of other parents who are starting this process, we would love to give you a tour of our school. Please contact Mrs Agland in the office to make an appointment.

### **Boundary Coffee Shop at The Village Hall**

Open every Friday morning from 9.00 am till Noon for tea/coffee and homemade cake. Drop in for a chat – it's far more comfortable than the school gate! All profits go to support activities in the village – including the school.

### **St Mary's Church, Alderbury**

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30 am at our Family Service where we will be commissioning Mr Thorpe as the Head Teacher of AWGS. All welcome – any age and no matter how noisy!

### **Alderbury Carousel Events Grand Draw.**

Tickets for the Grand Draw are now available from AWGS admin office. £1 each or £5 for a book of 5 (please bring in the correct money as change cannot be given). 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 and over £500 of other prizes including family days out, Panto tickets, meals for two and shop vouchers.

### **Prayer Box**

In addition to the prayer boxes used in individual classrooms, there is now a prayer box by the front door, available for the whole school community to use (children, parents, staff). These prayers may then be offered during collective worship in school or at church. If you mark your prayer request 'Confidential', it will be prayed for privately by Mr Thorpe and Revd. Beth.

### **Fantastic Funky Food Competition – Whole School Homework**

"Hey, hey 5 a day, this is what we say-ay-ay. Make our hall super cool, bring your pictures into school!"

Don't forget to enter our Funky Food competition, deadline Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Plea for help with our new chicks**

We have six chicks in the chicken coup and we are hoping, as before, to set up a rota of willing parents to help us look after them at weekends and during the holidays. If you are able to help please let Mrs Agland or Mrs Wood know. Thank you.

### **AWGS' Silver Jubilee**

It is our Silver Jubilee next February 2018 (more information about this will follow). As part of these celebrations we would like to have a clean-up at school so if you are willing to help tidy, prune, paint etc please keep an eye out for dates coming up in subsequent Newsletters.

### **Stamps for RNLI**

Please look out for our new box in the Reception area in school for your old stamps in aid of the RNLI.

### **Diary Dates – new dates underlined**

#### **September**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Mr Thorpe's commissioning at St Mary's Church

#### **October**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm Harvest Festival - food collection for Alabare

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm – letter to follow

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>-

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Poppies on sale

**November**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>-

Year 5 to Braeside – letter to follow

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

1-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow

**December**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

1:45 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>-Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**January 2018**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

**March 2018**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

**June 2018**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe

Head Teacher