



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

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

As we are now just finishing our second week I thought it would be helpful to set out guidance that the staff will be following regarding communication with parents.

Communication via emails and phone calls will be dealt with during school hours. The most effective way of making contact with staff remains to speak with them at the school door or to contact the school office. There is no expectation that staff will check their emails when at home during the evening or at weekends. I hope this helps.

## SCHOOL NEWS:

### Support for school

As I know you will be aware, funding for public services has been dramatically reduced over the last few years and schools are very much feeling the pinch. Many schools ask parents to make a yearly financial contribution to help them but we are against making such a request in this way. However, I would urge you to support FAWGS as strongly as you can at every event and initiative they run as the money raised through them will be supplying your child with the day to day essentials that are needed ie books, laptops, stationery etc. Hopefully, if we work together in this way school will get what it needs and you will have made a very real difference to the children's learning experience. Thank you.



### Tesco fundraising **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our school is currently taking part in the Tesco "Bags to School" fundraising scheme thanks to Mrs Telfer putting forward an application for funding to improve our Sacred Garden and create a Gruffalo themed garden where the wooded area in the infant playground is. However, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** as we seem to be a bit behind the other organisations also bidding. Please ensure that when you shop in Tesco you collect a blue token available at all the cashiers, including self scan and self serve and place it in our box. Please tell all your friends and relations to do the same! Last time we were successful in receiving the funding and it would be fantastic to be able to further enhance our other outside areas.

### Cardwell and Simons

Our school photographers will be visiting school next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the morning to take individual and family portraits of the children. If your child has siblings who do not attend Alderbury school that you wish to be photographed with your child Cardwell and Simons will be available from 8:30 am to do this. All siblings attending the school will be photographed together during the school morning and individually as well. Please ensure you send your child in **full school uniform please**. Thank you.

### “Meet the teacher”

Thank you for coming in and meeting your child’s teacher this week, I am sure you have found the sessions helpful. A reminder that Mrs Tanner and Mrs Smith will be holding a ‘Day in the life of’ session on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00 am for Year R and 9:30 am for Year 1 – we look forward to seeing you then.



### Premier Sports after school clubs

There are still places at the following clubs run by Premier Sports, 3:15-4:15 pm: Thursdays KS1 Gym Club and Fridays KS2 Ball Sports Club. The cost is £4.50 and can be paid online, cash or cheque. The Clubs will run until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October respectively. Please let Mrs Agland know if you would like your child to join.

### 5 Love Languages of Children

Please find attached to this newsletter details of four sessions run by the Salvation Army and held here at Alderbury School for parents of 0-12 year olds to help you understand five different expressions of love and explore together how to identify and communicate effectively in your child’s main love language. The sessions are: Fridays 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 2:00 pm at our school. If you would like to attend please sign up with Mrs Agland. These sessions are open to all and provide an insight into reducing some of the conflicts which are an everyday part of family life!



### FAWGS NEWS:



Our Firework Display will be held in the school field on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November (this is the first Monday back after half term). Previous years have been very popular, with the FAWGS team providing burgers, hot chocolates and the ever popular ‘Flashy’ stall. Pre-booking is preferred (although you can purchase on the night) and you should start seeing the booking forms coming home in the next week or so. By pre-booking you can benefit from discounted entry and food. We are looking for volunteers to marshal on the night, no experience necessary but please be assured you will not miss out on the fireworks. A volunteer list will be displayed in the coming weeks for you to pop your name down.

An exciting date for your diary – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 FAWGS Christmas Bazaar and Santa’s Grotto here in school! More details will follow.



### COMMUNITY NEWS:

#### St. Mary’s Church, Alderbury – Family Service

This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30 am is our **Family Service**. Our theme is ‘Who is Jesus?’ Come and find out! All welcome – no matter how noisy.

#### Carousel events

Have you got your tickets yet for the **Carousel Barn Dance** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October with live Band ‘Scrape the Barrel’? Tickets are available from the Alderbury shop or Andy Larkham on 01722 710123 and are priced at £12.00 which includes a ploughman’s and first drink. Proceeds from our Carousel events goes to help support our Church and village groups including Alderbury School.

#### Family Autumn Drop-in Coffee Morning West Grimstead Village Hall

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 between 10:30 am and 12 noon come to our drop-in coffee morning at the Village Hall and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake for £1.00 or 50p each. Purchase attractive items including hand-made cards, home-made jams, chutneys and preserves, and items from Plantlife to help save our beautiful wild flowers and plants. Have a look at our home produce table where there are cakes and other home bakes to buy. Try your luck on the tombola – there are many attractive prizes to win! Everyone welcome!

## Perform Drama Workshops

Flyers will be coming home today about drama and dance classes through Perform. Members of Alderbury and West Grimstead School who sign up by Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 are offered a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40. Please quote ALD 190119 when you book your free session and go to [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) or call 020 7255 9120.



## World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Whaddon Chapel are holding a coffee morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10:00 am-12 noon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please support this worthwhile cause with coffee, cake and company.

## Diary Dates – new dates underlined

### September 2018

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cardwell and Simons school photographers
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2:40 pm Harvest Service
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am YR & 1 'Day in the life of' session
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 for 7:15 pm Alderbury Pre-school Quiz Night (flyer attached)

### October

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – no children in school
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	October half term holiday

### November

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	FAWGS Firework Evening
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am-12:30 pm "Bring a Broom" Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher consultations – times to be confirmed

### December

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6-7:00 pm FAWGS Disco KS1 (YR, 1 & 2) 7:15-8:30 pm FAWGS Disco KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm (tbc) Y2 & 3 'Manger Mouse' performance Parents with small children welcome
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm (tbc) Y2 & 3 'Manger Mouse' performance – no small children to attend please
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm Owls' Nativity Parents with small children welcome
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am Owls' Nativity – no small children to attend please
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm FAWGS Christmas Bazaar and Santa's Grotto
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Christmas holiday

### January 2019

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – no children in school
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### February

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	February half term holiday

### April

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> -	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TD Day – no children in school

### May

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	May half term holiday

### June

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day
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Best wishes  
Mr Thorpe  
Headteacher