



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

## **Book Week**

Teachers will be sending home information about children learning a poem to perform to another class on either Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> or Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Selected finalists will then perform to the whole school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day** and we will be holding a book swap in the hall. We are encouraging children to bring in a minimum of one book and a maximum of five books that they no longer wish to read. Throughout the day children will get the opportunity to choose one book that they would like to take home and keep. Left over books will be given to the school library/charity shops. Please do not bring books before Thursday morning.

Special activities will be going on in classes throughout the school day.

After school Years R, 1 and 2 (plus siblings if this supports their attendance) are invited back at 5:30-6:30 pm for "Books at Bedtime". Children may come dressed for bed (onesies, pyjamas – but underwear must be worn) and will enjoy a selection of stories read by school staff/volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to set up a 'cosy corner' in the school hall and read some children's books to small groups, please speak to Mr Beveridge.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** We would like to encourage the children to come to school dressed as a book character. **No football shirts please.** We have encouraged children to base their costume on book, rather than film/movie, characters. If the chosen costume is both a book and a film then that is fine, as are comic strip characters etc. We will also enjoy watching the finalist in our poetry recital and each classes' recital. Due to limited space this event will not be open to parents we're afraid.

Finally..... there will be an 'Open Library' between 3:15-3:45 pm giving parents the opportunity to browse and scan out books with their children for home. All classes welcome! Thank you for your support with all these events.

## **TESCO** Bags of Help

It is the last day tomorrow, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, for collecting the blue tokens in Tesco for our bid to win £5,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help appeal. It looks like we are still in the lead in the Tesco Southampton Road store so thank you for all your efforts to collect and spread the word. We are hoping to hear the results by the end of March so watch this space! Thank you again to Mrs Telfer for spearheading this project with Tesco.

### **Year 1 Phonics Session**

A reminder that Mrs Smith is holding a Phonics Session for Year 1 parents on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30 pm.

### **Change of Pudding**

To celebrate Pancake Day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February pancakes with golden syrup will be served instead of the advertised pudding.

### **Dogs**

Please be aware that dogs remain the responsibility of the owner, even when tied up outside the school gates. There are good places to tie up your dog, and not such good places. Please refrain from tying up dogs on long leads close to pedestrian gates and pathways – we did have a child ‘nipped’ last week by the school gate. The 5 bar gate adjacent to the school site is safely away from children/parents using paths outside school, as is the grass area between our 2 pedestrian gates (by the car turning circle). Many thanks for supporting us with this – we do not wish to discourage dog walking but children’s safety is paramount and many people do have a fear of dogs.

### **Maths Calculation Evening**

A huge thank you to all the parents who came to the "Maths Calculation Evening" event on Tuesday - I was delighted with the turn out AND by how hard you all worked! I hope you found it helpful. I must also say a big thank you to Miss RC, my able assistant and Maths Prefect and to Mr Beveridge who was left with the lion's share of clearing up whilst I had to run home!

The new 2017 calculation policy, outlining the progression in methods used in each year group, will soon be live on our website: from our home screen [www.alderbury.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.alderbury.wilts.sch.uk) go to the "Our School" tab, then the "Policies" option, if you scroll down the list you will find (alphabetically) the Maths Calculation Policy. Mrs Gill

### **Year 3 to Salisbury Museum**

Lemurs' class had a very informative day at Salisbury Museum yesterday learning about the Saxons to support work they are doing in class. They created replica broaches, buried Lady Lily-May in a grave digging drama, visited the Anglo Saxon exhibit and looked at artefacts found with the bodies of the Ford Warrior and the Swallow Cliff Princess. The children were beautifully behaved and received a very complimentary comment from a member of the public about their uniform, conduct and enthusiasm. A big thank you to all our parents who helped on the day.

### **Village Spring Clean Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to support this national initiative. Meet at the Village Hall Car Park at any time between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm to help with the litter pick. Please wear suitable clothing, sturdy footwear and protective gloves (see flyer).

## **FAWGS News**

Thank you to those of you who are supporting our **Quiz Night**, this **Saturday**. I'm sure that beer money's a given, but don't forget to bring along some extra pennies for our **marvellous raffle!**

Next, we're looking forward to **World Book Day, this coming Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**, which, as we're sure you're aware, is an annual celebration of books and reading. In the spirit of promoting both, we have created a **Book Club** with **The Book People Limited**. If you've already discovered them, you'll know that they sell a wide variety of books, from bargain collections to recent bestsellers, at up to **75% off RRP**. If you visit the site and enter the school's fundraising code, the school will earn 10% of the value of your sale to spend on books for our school. You will also be eligible for £5 off when you spend £20. Please find all the info in the attached document, but here's the low down:

- Visit [www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising](http://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising)
- Enter our unique fundraising code: **agf7YfN**
- The school will earn **10% commission** to spend on books for classrooms and the library
- Click on 'Shop Offer'
- If you manage to spend £20, you'll get £5 off (but a £20 spend isn't obligatory!)

Alongside their catalogue of children's phonics and fiction books, there are some fantastic non-fiction books on the site, which could support your child's learning this term. These can be particularly good for **encouraging reluctant readers**. If you click on the 'School Books' tab at the top of the page, you can scroll down to find links to TOPICS by KEY STAGE. If you're unsure of your child's topics, you can check on the school website, by clicking on the 'Our School' tab, followed by the 'Curriculum' tab and then scroll down to access topic plans by class.

It's a great motivator for your child to see you reading, so don't be shy about getting some material for yourself!

**We're also excited to tell you about a fantastic project we have underway to create a Recipe Book, full of your gastronomic delights (and hopefully those of the community as a whole)! We hope to launch this at this year's Summer Fete, but this is an ambitious undertaking, so we're politely requesting your eager and timely input! Please find attached to this Newsletter, a blank recipe card and letter giving you full details. Similarly, if you have any contacts who could help with printing our Recipe Book please let us know!**

Our next **committee meeting** is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at school**. A warm welcome awaits you there! Any ideas or queries can be directed to: **fawgs.committee@gmail.com** In the meantime, don't forget to check out **easyfundraising.org.uk**

## **Awards**

Congratulations to Penguins: **LW** on gaining her "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to **JH, HK, OM** and **AP** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate; to Elephants: **JM, IP** and **GS** and Penguins: **OT** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate and to Penguins: **EL** on gaining her "150 Home Reads" Certificate and Medal. Well done!

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

**February**

**1<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**

**Tesco Bags of Help**

**March**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Poetry recitals – finalists to be selected for Friday’s performance
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY</b> Poetry recitals – finalists to be selected for Friday’s performance <b>Book Swap</b> 5:30-6:30 pm Books at Bedtime – YR/Y1/Y2 with parents/carers
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children to dress as a book character <b>Poetry Recital Final</b> 3:15-3:45 pm ‘Open Library’ – all invited
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	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
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Favourite Recipe Card must be returned</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 to the British Museum – letter to follow
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Years 4/5/6 to Salisbury Playhouse
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Life Education Van visiting school for Years R/1/3/6
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Life Education Van visiting school for Years 2/4/5 and Pre-school – parent drop-in 3:15-3:30 pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Years 4/5/6 Beginners Please Drama Workshop in school
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Non-uniform Day for Autism Awareness
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9-12 noon Small Schools Games Netball and Football Tournament at Laverstock schools site – teams to be invited
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	1:30-3 pm Duggie Dug Dug Crazy Science Concert – whole school treat, details to follow
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>School Disco</b>
<b>April</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	YR/1/2 to Salisbury Cathedral “Walking in Jesus’ Footsteps” – letter to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9-11:30 am Easter Eggstravaganza to include bonnet parade and boiled egg fun
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – school closed
<b>May</b>	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Jumble Sale in the Village Hall
<b>June</b>	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Scavenger Hunt
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School Disco
<b>July</b>	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete

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