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NEWSLETTER NO. 20

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It has been good to get back to normal following last week's 'exciting' weather! The children have been working hard and putting their snow experiences to good use in their creative writing. We look forward to seeing more creativity and many book characters on Monday 12th March for our postponed World Book Day. Don't forget the book swap also taking place on Monday and the change of menu from HC3S to mark the occasion:

Beef meatballs in gravy or Vegetarian meat free balls in a tomato sauce
Pasta or potatoes
Medley of green vegetables
and

Swedish heart shaped cookies or Pear sponge

Parent/Teacher Consultations

There are still slots available if you have not yet booked a 10 minute appointment with your teacher. Monday 12th March **only for Year 3** and Tuesday 13th March for all other classes from 3:30 until 7:00 pm.

Head lice

There have been a few cases of head lice in school recently. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary to stop the problem spreading throughout the school. If you are unsure how to treat this condition, please contact your local pharmacist. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Thank you

To Fletcher and Partners, Chartered Accountants for their generous donation to Year 6 for their trip to Harry Potter World recently; and to Mr Osborn for his hard work clearing the snow from the paths leading up to school over the weekend.

Maths and Literacy challenge

A Maths and Literacy challenge will become a regular feature in the Newsletter, set by Mrs Gill and Mrs Veryard.



Maths - attached to the Newsletter is Mrs Gill's challenge, one for KS1 and one for KS2. Please hand them to Mrs Gill in Koalas' classroom or at a location which can only be discovered by cracking a code! There are sparkly stickers available for the most elegant and beautifully explained mathematics. Have fun!

Literacy - how many different words can be made from **FSNEOLAKW** and can you find the 9 letter word hidden within? Please send in your answers to Mrs Veryard – stickers will be awarded to the most wide ranging answers!





FAWGS News

Don't forget this afternoon, Mother's Day flowers will be on sale in the playground so please bring your pennies along!

Also tonight is the FAWGS Spring Disco!

Key Stage 1 children (Years R, 1 and 2) are welcome to attend from **6-7:00 pm**

Key Stage 2 children (Year 3 upwards) will be welcomed from **7:15-8:30 pm**.

The disco is always fun with lots of singing and dancing! Entry will be **£2 per child on the door**. This includes a drink and a bag of sweets. For those that would like to purchase additional items, there will be a little tuck shop available on the night and some 'flashy/glowing things' for sale.

Year 5 and 6 to the British Museum

On Tuesday 6th March, Years 5 and 6 had an adventure to London to explore the wonders of the British Museum. Year 5 enjoyed the Ancient Greek galleries and came face to face with the famous Elgin Marbles, which were originally part of the Temple of the Parthenon. This visit inspired Year 5 to debate the moral issue of whether the Marbles should be returned. Year 6 were amazed by the sheer scale and range of Ancient Egyptian artefacts and were particularly fascinated by all the Mummies - especially the Mummified crocodile! Both classes were a credit to the school and all were particularly well behaved on the very (very) long journeys there and back. Nothing can match visits to world-class museums to bring a topic to life. We are so grateful to FAWGS for subsidising the trip and to our wonderful teaching assistants and Governor, Mrs Sloan, for helping to make it all possible. Also, thank you to parents for their patience and understanding during the long wait for the children to return.

Alderbury FC Easter Soccer School

Alderbury FC are running a two day Soccer School on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th April 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, please see the attached flyer. Spaces are limited. To find out more and reserve a place either email alderburyfc@gmail.com or call Paul on 07842 162612.

Awards

Congratulations to Elephants: **HB** and Penguins: **SM-W** on gaining their "25 Home Reads" Certificate; Elephants: **CS-B** and Penguins: **JL** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **MB** and **MS**; Elephants: **AM, BP** and **CT** and to Penguins: **JB, BF** and **EP** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **LM** and **CT**, Elephants: **ID, AG, TH, LH, RJ, MK, VM, ER, CR** and **RS** and Penguins: **MG, FE, JM, JN** and **JS** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate and finally to Owls: **BB**; Elephants: **EH** and **IK**; Penguins: **RJ** and **IS** on gaining their "150 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



Alderbury Pre-school Vacancies

We currently have two temporary part-time vacancies for Pre-school Assistants to start after Easter – week beginning 16th April. The hours are negotiable and are on a temporary basis for the Summer Term and will be reviewed for September 2018. The pre-school is open 7:45am until 6:00pm and the hours available will entail some early starts and late finishes. We are looking for staff

who are qualified to Level 2 or 3 but would consider applicants on experience as well. Salary is dependent on qualifications. If you would like more information or want an application form please email Ruth or Claire on alderburypreschool@btconnect.com.



Car Boot Sale – 17th March 9-11:00 am AWGS Car Park

Fancy having a clear out and making some money from your unwanted items? Pre-school are holding a car boot sale in the school car park on Saturday 17th March. Pitches are available to be booked now - £5 per car. Refreshments and bacon rolls will be available throughout the morning so pop on down and pick up a bargain and have some breakfast!



St Patrick's Day Family Drop-in Coffee Morning

Saturday 17th March 2018 between 10:30 am and 12 noon at West Grimstead Village Hall in aid of St John's Church Fund and the Village Hall Maintenance Fund. Come to our drop-in coffee morning at the Village Hall and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea or a soft drink and a slice of cake for £1.00 or 50p each. There is the opportunity to purchase home-made preserves, pickles and chutneys, home bakes, hand-made cards, craft goods and to chat to Revd Beth Hutton. Book in a car clean with Katie and Alex Weir and try your luck on the tombola. Everyone welcome!



Diary Dates – new dates underlined

March

Friday 9 th	FAWGS Flowers on sale after school for Mother's Day
Friday 9 th	FAWGS Spring Disco
<u>Monday 12th</u>	<u>3:20-7:30 pm Year 3 only Parent/Teacher Consultation</u>
Tuesday 13 th	3:30-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher Consultations
Saturday 24 th	FAWGS Jumble Sale
<u>Tuesday 27th</u>	<u>Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to the City Hall for the Big Sing-up</u>
Thursday 29 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

June

Monday 4 th -Wednesday 6 th	Year 6 to Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre
Monday 25 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher