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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

What a colourful world we entered into on Monday with World Book Day, I was very impressed with all the book characters I met in school and hopefully many of the children came home with a different book following the book swap.

Thank you to everyone who managed to see their teachers for the Parent/Teacher Consultations – we will be trying to arrange appointments for those of you who didn't make it in. Please remember that I am usually available first thing at the start of the day to help with quick questions.

Year 5 Worship

Giraffes' class are leading Worship on Tuesday 27th March at 9:05 am on the theme of 'Responsibility'. Parents, grandparents etc are welcome to attend.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service this year is on Wednesday 28th March at 2:15 pm, this is the last day of term as we have a Teacher Training Day on Thursday 29th March.



Message from Alderbury FC

Did you know that you have an FA Charter Standard Football Club right on your doorstep? Alderbury FC has FA qualified coaches, all covered by a Child Welfare Officer governed by the FA. Boys and girls are welcome and we particularly want to start a girls' team of under 9s (our current girls under 13 team has been very successful). We also need more boys in this age group. We train on Saturday mornings 9-10:00 am. If you would like to sample the football on offer, Pete Cross and Paul Sims are running an Easter Soccer course on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th April from 9:00 am-4:00 pm (please see the attached flier). Places will fill up quickly so if your child is in Years 1 to 6 contact Paul Sims on 07842 162612 or email alderburyfc@gmail.com. Football is great for building confidence, social skills, physical development and teamwork. We value being part of the community and so would love to see as many youngsters as possible from school and the village.

Thank you

to Mrs Thorpe for her amazing work restoring our hanging baskets – they look beautiful (and healthy!).

Primary Live – A singing and musical spectacular!

We would welcome any offers of help accompanying the Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to the City Hall on Tuesday 27th March leaving school at 12 noon. The children are not performing in front of an audience but we do need some parent helpers. Please let Mrs Agland know if you can, thank you.

St Mary's Church, Alderbury, Family Parade Service 18th March 9.30am

We're looking forward to seeing all the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts this Sunday for our Family Parade Service. As usual, something for everyone – no matter how noisy!

Good Friday Messy Church 30th March at 11:00 am

We're hoping that lots of you will join us on Good Friday at St. Mary's for our very first Good Friday Messy Church. Fliers will be out soon but put the date in your diary now. A fun and messy hour for all the family and every generation for Good Friday Morning.

Zebras' trip to The Living Rainforest

Year 4 enjoyed a very exciting experience visiting The Living Rainforest in Newbury yesterday. They spotted the fur of the allusive sloth – did you know that the sloth only comes down from its tree every two weeks to do a poo! They saw snakes and tarantulas, a hissing cockroach and they met Luigi, a long haired bird so heavy he cannot fly! They saw many other interesting creatures and learnt lots of very interesting facts. A big thank you to Mr Fisher, Mrs Hodges and Mrs Kelsall-Joel for accompanying the children.

This week's Maths challenge



is attached to the Newsletter as before. Please hand them to Mrs Gill in Koalas' classroom, sparkly stickers are available for the most elegant and beautifully explained mathematics. Have fun!

and Literacy - how many different words can be made from **CARTHORSE** 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!



Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **LA** on gaining her "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **JJ** and **DM** and Penguins: **CB** and **LM** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **JM** and **HS** and Penguins: **FK-J** 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

<u>Tuesday 20th</u>	<u>3:20 pm Year 6 SATS Information Evening</u>
<u>Thursday 22nd</u>	<u>Year 3 to Salisbury Cathedral</u>
Saturday 24 th	FAWGS Jumble Sale
<u>Tuesday 27th</u>	<u>9:05 am Year 5 Worship</u>
Tuesday 27 th	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to the City Hall for the Big Sing-up
<u>Wednesday 28th</u>	<u>2:15 pm Easter Service</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