



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Village Spring Clean Saturday 4th March

Well done to everyone who took part in the village spring clean. We had a dozen or so pupils from AWGS who did a sterling job taking care of their village.

Book week

Well done to our poetry finalists on Friday who performed with clarity, confidence and conviction:

Y1 R/J/O and O and BH.

Y2 O/G and HM and S/

Y3 W, S and A/A (these two girls WROTE their own poem to perform)

Y4 N, O and C/A/S

Y5 A, E and S

Y6 L, C, R/E and B (who also WROTE his own poem to perform)

All 7 classes also performed one poem together as a chorus, including another original composition from Y3 Lemurs. Well done everybody for learning these poems by heart.

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or helped with Books at Bedtime on Thursday. Particular thanks must go to CH, HB, MS, BW, Miss Armstrong/Mrs Tanner, Mrs Smith, Miss Parker (for setting up cosy corners and reading for an hour!) and to Mrs Pallas for preparing and dishing out the popular hot chocolate. The hall looked great with soft furnishings and mood lighting – and amazingly no-one nodded off in the comfort!

Do keep your eye on Salisbury Journal – our World Book Day celebration events may well be featuring soon, including photos of many fabulous costumes from Friday.

Parking

Please can I remind parents once more that Woodlea Grange is NOT additional parking for the school. Woodlea Grange is a residential area and there is only parking space for people who live there and people visiting. Now the weather is improving please use our suggestion to park at the village hall/social club.

Birdwatching success

As many of you will be aware we have a very successful birdwatching club thanks to CR and his Mum and Grandma. Recently C wrote a letter to Kids National Geographic and his letter featured on the junior reporters' page! (as below):



Birdwatching club also received a visit from 'Wiltshire Ornithologists Society' last week and they donated a very special book to the school about 'Wiltshire Birds'.

The Salisbury Journal are also likely to report on this recent 'twitching' activity.

Parents' evenings and appointment sign up

We have scheduled the next set of parent consultations as below. The first 'wave' will be **Thursday 16th March for Owls, Penguins, Lemurs and Zebras** only. Sign-up sheets for Owls (R), Penguins (Y2), Lemurs (Y3) and Zebras (Y4) will be available from first thing **Thursday 9th March** (one week before the event). You can sign up in person in the hall or by 'phoning Mrs Agland who will book an appointment with you.

The **Year 1, 5 and 6 parents evening is set for 3rd April** and the sign-up sheet will be available **Monday 27th March**. Our parents evenings will run from 1:30pm to 7:00pm. These have been added to the dates list at the end of this letter. We will post regular reminders on the information board and in newsletters! If you cannot make the dates we have set for some reason, please *do* make alternative arrangements with your child's class teacher.

FAWGS News

We're excited to keep telling 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 (as last week), 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 15th 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

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

March

Thursday 9th	Year 4 to the Living Rainforest, Newbury 2:30 pm Year 5 & 6 Cross Country at The Trafalgar – 2 teams have been selected <u>Parents evening sign up available for Years R, 2, 3, 4.</u>
Friday 10 th	<u>Family Favourite Recipe Card must be returned</u>
Monday 13 th	<i>Values worship (parents of selected children to be invited)</i>
Tuesday 14 th	Years 5 & 6 to the British Museum, London
Thursday 16th	<u>Parents evening for Years R, 2, 3, 4 1:30-7:00</u>
Tuesday 21 st	Years 4/5/6 to Salisbury Playhouse
Wednesday 22 nd	Life Education Van visiting school for Years R/1/3/6
Thursday 23 rd	Life Education Van visiting school for Years 2/4/5 and Pre-school – AWGS parent drop-in 3:15-3:30 pm –do go and see the bus!
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day
Monday 27 th	<u>Parents evening sign up available for Years 1, 5, 6.</u> <i>Values worship (parents of selected children to be invited)</i>
Tuesday 28 th	Years 4/5/6 Beginners Please Drama Workshop in school
Friday 31 st	Non-uniform Day for Autism Awareness
Friday 31 st	9-12 noon Small Schools Games Netball and Football Tournament at Laverstock schools site – teams to be invited
Friday 31 st	1:30-3 pm Duggie Dug Dug Crazy Science Concert – whole school treat
Friday 31 st	School Disco

April

Monday 3rd	<u>Parents evening for Years 1, 5, 6 1:30-7:00</u>
Tuesday 4 th	YR/1/2 to Salisbury Cathedral “Walking in Jesus’ Footsteps” – letter to follow
Thursday 6 th	9-11:30 am Easter Eggstravaganza to include bonnet parade and boiled egg fun – more details to follow
Friday 7 th	TD Day – school closed
May	
Saturday 6 th May	Jumble Sale in the Village Hall
June	
Sunday 11 th June	Scavenger Hunt
Friday 30 th June	School Disco
July	
Saturday 15 th July	Summer Fete

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