



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

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 22

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

### SCHOOL NEWS:

#### Governors' News March 2019

This month we have welcomed Lance Macklin to the Governing Body as the nominated Local Authority governor. Lance is a parent of children attending the school and he brings a number of skills that will particularly support the work of the Resources Committee.

This term the governors held a monitoring day during which we visited classrooms and reviewed the children's books. We also spent some time discussing the curriculum and reviewing the school's work to improve literacy and numeracy.

School budgets have been in the national news recently and many schools are struggling to cover all their costs. Wiltshire receives the seventh lowest amount per pupil of any local authority in the country. Our Resources Committee reviews the school's expenditure every term and works with Mr Thorpe to carefully balance staff costs and expenditure on teaching resources, books and equipment. At the same time, the school is also responsible for covering all the costs of running and maintaining the buildings. We were pleased to note this term that the school was commended by the local authority for effectively managing the demands on the budget. However, we know that over the next twelve months we will be facing a number of additional pressures on our budget and we will need to make further savings. Therefore, we will again be approaching FAWGS for help to fund school resources and any support you can give to the school's fundraising efforts would be greatly appreciated.

#### Year 6 Maths Boosters

Mrs Gill is on a course this Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March so there will be no Maths Boosters on this day only.

#### Parent/Teacher Consultations

There are still appointments available for Parent/Teacher Consultations on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Sign-up sheets are in the hall. If you are unable to come into school to book an appointment, please let Mrs Agland know.

#### Cluster Countdown

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, we sent eight children from Years 5 and 6 to a Cluster Countdown, testing literacy and maths skills, at Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Primary School. Our teams did really well, particularly our Year 6 girls who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done to EF and GH (4<sup>th</sup> place); KR and HS (4<sup>th</sup> place); HB and EH (5<sup>th</sup> place) and EE and MH (2<sup>nd</sup> place). Thank you to Mrs Eade and Mr Ricketts for driving and supporting our children.



### Year 4 to The Living Rainforest

Zebras' class visited The Living Rainforest yesterday in Newbury supporting their work in class. They learnt how animals have adapted to living in the Rainforest and saw fish with human teeth, an orange iguana and tarantula that fires hairs at this prey (and goes a little bit bald every time!). Sadly, no sign of

the elusive sloth! A big thank you to Mrs Linton, Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Waddingham for accompanying the class.

### KidzLoveFit

KidzLoveFit are offering a FREE taster session available before Easter for children who would like to try out their Friday KidzLoveFit sessions 3:15-4:00 pm. Please message Alex direct on 07795 026220 to book your child - all age groups welcome including Reception! Booking is essential.



## FAWGS NEWS:

Thank you to those who have bought a tea towel this last couple of weeks. This is the last call for the 2019 AWGS tea towels. For anyone that hasn't got theirs yet please contact Rebecca Thorpe or speak to Mrs Agland in the office, tea towels are priced at £5 each or 3 for £12.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:



### Family Spring Drop-in Coffee Morning (with some Easter touches) and request to Year 5

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 10:30 am to 12 noon, West Grimstead Village Hall are holding a Family Spring Drop-in Coffee Morning and our Year 5 children are making craft items to sell, along with home bakes. If you are able to bake something with your Year 5 for the coffee morning, please either bring it to school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March or drop it off at the Village Hall on Saturday morning. There will be refreshments served for £1.00 or 50p each. Hand-made cards, craft goods and local preserves chutneys and jams. Try your luck on the tombola - there are many attractive prizes to win! Everyone welcome!

### St Mary's Church, Alderbury, Family Parade Service 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30 am

We are looking forward to seeing as many of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer scouts as are able to come this Sunday for our Family Parade Service. As usual, something for everyone – no matter how noisy!

### Advance notice - Good Friday Messy Church 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30 am

We are hoping that lots of you will join us on Good Friday at St Mary's Church for our Good Friday Messy Church. Fliers will be out soon but put the date in your diary now. A fun and messy 2 hours for all the family and every generation for Good Friday morning.

### Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

#### March

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	1:30-2:45 pm Years 5/6 Cluster Countdown at Morgan's Vale – selected children
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 to The Living Rainforest, Newbury
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 children to Orienteering at Dinton Park – selected children
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:20-5:20 pm <b>Year 3 only</b> Parent/Teacher consultations
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:30-4:30 pm <b>Year 3 only</b> Parent/Teacher consultations
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	3:15 pm-7:30 pm Parent/Teacher Consultations – YR, 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 3:30-4:50 pm Year 3 only
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm and 5:00 pm ½ hour Reading Workshop Salisbury Schools Games Tournament at Laverstock site – invited children
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	FAWGS School Disco

**April**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:45-2:30 pm Primary Live at City Hall for KS2.  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup>-  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter holiday  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> TD Day – no children in school  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Year 1 to Bournemouth Oceanarium – letter to follow

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**May**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> FAWGS Quiz Night  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs Week  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Mini-marathon for KS2 only  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup>-  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May half term holiday

**June**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> FAWGS Scavenger Hunt  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> TD Day

**July**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> FAWGS Summer Fete  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Years 4-6 Performance at the Studio Theatre – more details to follow  

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pm Year 6 Leavers' Worship  
LAST DAY OF TERM

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe  
Headteacher