



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

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NEWSLETTER NO. 23

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

SCHOOL NEWS:

Year 3 Worship

Lemurs' class will be leading worship on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 9:00 am in the hall on the theme of 'Forgiveness'. All parents, grandparents etc welcome to attend.

Start and end of day reminders

A couple of things have been brought to our attention this week by some of our parents. Firstly, a reminder that children are not to be left unattended in the school playground before the cloakroom doors are opened at 8:45 am. The children are vulnerable if they are left with no adult supervising them and it must not be assumed that they are safe because other parents are arriving with their children. We are not able to take responsibility for your children until 8:45 am.

Secondly, if you are waiting with younger siblings at the end of the day please do not allow them to run into the junior playground. The junior playground is out of bounds to all children other than those attending school. Thank you for your support with our requests.

On line payments

A big thank you to those families who pay for lunches, trips, uniform, after school clubs etc regularly and on time. The end of the financial year is approaching (31st March) and it is very important, therefore, that all money owed is paid to the school by this date. Please check your Tucasi account and clear any debt that is owing. As I know you will be aware, funding for schools is very tight indeed and every penny counts. Please consider the impact it has on the school budget when money owed is not paid promptly. If you are struggling to pay for lunches for your child/ren then please consider applying for free school meals. An application form can be downloaded from the Wiltshire Council website or Mrs Agland will be able to supply you with a form.



Attendance

On a more positive note, I would like to congratulate everyone on brilliant attendance which is currently at 97.2%. This is great news for our school and has a really positive effect on the children's learning.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

If you haven't already signed up for an appointment, there are still times available for Parent/Teacher Consultations on Wednesday 27th March. Sign-up sheets continue to be in the hall. If you are unable to come into school to book an appointment, please let Mrs Agland know. A reminder that within the afternoon and evening there will also be a half hour reading workshop for parents with Alison Szalay a SEN specialist which will take place at 4:00 pm and repeated at 5:00 pm. Mrs Meaden will be available seeking your views about homework for when the next academic year starts in September and Governors will be on hand if there is anything you would like to discuss with them.

Mini Marathon

Mini Marathon entries must be in by Wednesday 27th March, beyond that date they will be considered a late entry and £10 will be charged instead of £5.



Easter Service

Our Easter Service led by Rev. Beth will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 1:00 pm. Parents, grandparents etc are very welcome to attend.

2nd Match of the Orienteering League

Ten children from Year 5, accompanied by Mr Stokes, took part in the 2nd match last Friday 15th March at Dinton Park. The children were extremely speedy around the course and gained an excellent 2nd place out of ten schools taking part. A big well done to L-MB, AH, GH, AH, SK-J, HM, AM, DM, JS and HS and a big thank you to Mrs Kelsall-Joel and Mrs Spiller for transporting the team.

Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **LH** on gaining her "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to **AM** on gaining her "75 Home Reads" Certificate; to **TH, MK, HP** and **RS** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate and to **VM** and **CR** on gaining their "150 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



Alderbury Pre-school Easter and Summer Holiday Club

A reminder that Pre-School must receive bookings by Monday 25th March for their Easter Holiday Club. They will also be running a Summer Holiday Club for the first two weeks of the holidays. For more details, please contact Claire or Ruth at Pre-School.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Advance notice - Good Friday Messy Church 19th 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

Tuesday 26th 9:00 am Year 3 worship in the hall

Wednesday 27th 3:15 pm-7:30 pm Parent/Teacher Consultations – YR, 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6
3:30-4:50 pm Year 3 only
4:00 pm and 5:00 pm ½ hour Reading Workshop

Friday 29th Salisbury Schools Games Tournament at Laverstock site – invited children

Friday 29th FAWGS School Disco

April

Tuesday 2nd 12:45-2:30 pm Primary Live at City Hall for KS2.

Wednesday 3rd 1:00 pm Easter Service

Monday 8th-

Monday 22nd Easter holiday

Tuesday 23rd TD Day – no children in school

Thursday 25th Year 1 to Bournemouth Oceanarium – letter to follow

May

Saturday 11th FAWGS Quiz Night

Monday 13th- Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 17th

May

Saturday 18 th	Mini-marathon for KS2 only
Thursday 23 rd	9:00 am Year 1 worship
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st	May half term holiday
June	
Sunday 9 th	FAWGS Scavenger Hunt
Monday 24 th	TD Day
July	
Saturday 6 th	FAWGS Summer Fete
Wednesday 10 th	9:00 am Year R woship
Friday 12 th	Sports Day
Friday 19 th	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 25 th	Years 4-6 Performance at the Studio Theatre – more details to follow pm Year 6 Leavers' Worship LAST DAY OF TERM

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher