



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Parents' evenings and appointment sign up

There are still slots available for our first set of parent consultations on **Thursday 16th March for Owls, Penguins, Lemurs and Zebras** only. Sign-up sheets are in the hall. You can sign up in person 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.

Clubs for week beginning 13th March

Please note the following Clubs will not take place next week due to school trips and Parent/Teacher Consultations: **Tuesday 14th March – Cooking and Netball Clubs; Thursday 16th March – Birdwatching and Tennis Clubs**. All back to normal the following week.

Year 4 Trip to The Living Rainforest

Zebras had a most fantastic day at The Living Rainforest yesterday. The children saw a Toucan, snakes, an Armadillo and even the rarely seen, mysterious Sloth was spotted (but only by some!). Zebras were given a guided tour and learnt how animals and plants have adapted to the Rainforest. Afterwards, the children sketched and delved deeper into their environment. Thank you to Miss Parker and Mrs Whaley and to our parent helpers: Mrs Kidd, Ms Kirkpatrick and Mrs Sims.

Years 5 & 6 Cross Country at The Trafalgar

Our Years 5 & 6 Cross Country runners performed very well yesterday at the Cross Country event at The Trafalgar School. Particular mention to MS and EF who both came 2nd in their event and to Team 1 for coming in 3rd place overall. A big well done to all who took part: MB, RC, AC, LD, RF, EF, JH, EH, LH, BR, MS, ES, GT, CW and SW Thank you to Mrs Telfer for accompanying the children and to Mrs Staines for her help with transport and staying to support our runners along with Mrs Barter, Mrs Dear and Mrs Fowles.

Awards

Congratulations to Elephants: **OM** and **SM** and to Penguins: **GS** on gaining their “50 Home Reads” Certificate; to Elephants: **JD**, **ND** and **BF** on gaining their “75 Home Reads” Certificate; to Penguins: **HM** on gaining his “100 Home Reads” Certificate and to Elephants: **BH**, **RJ** and **IS** on gaining their “150 Home Reads” Certificate and Medal. Well done!

FAWGS News

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Quiz Night. It was a fab evening, as I’m sure you’ll agree (if not, you’ll no doubt be comforted by the fact that we managed to raise a fantastic **£415** for our school)! Our huge appreciation goes out to those who gave up their time to make this event such a success (especially those who didn’t get a chance to play)! Gold stars are awarded to all those who have already returned their **Family Favourite Recipes** to the office! This is an **urgent** (yet polite) **reminder** that the deadline for returns is **today Friday 10th March 2017**. You can still forward your recipes after this deadline, but we can’t guarantee to include them, I’m afraid. The Recipe Book will be an excellent opportunity to see your family’s recipe in print, which we hope you won’t want to miss. All the information you need, along with the template is available under the ‘newsletters’ tab on the school website, or by following this link:

<http://www.alderbury.wilts.sch.uk/FAWGS%20Family%20Favourite%20Recipe%202017.pdf>

Gentlemen, **Mothers’ Day** is on its way... Fear not, we’ve got it covered! We’ll be selling beautiful bunches of **hand tied daffodils** on **Friday 24th March** for all those wonderful mothers and grandmothers we should all be paying tribute to. Don’t worry, we’ll give you a reminder next week, so that you can supply the right people with the necessary pennies (it’ll be Red Nose Day, so logistics could be ‘interesting’...)

Save the Date: Friday 19th May, 7pm.

Ladies, you are duly invited to a lavish **Pamper Evening**, chez AWGS! Tickets: £5; including welcome drink. More details to follow soon, but rest assured it’ll be an event not to be missed...

We hope you all enjoyed Book Week. Thank you to those of you who have helped to raise further funds by purchasing books via **The Book People’s** website, using our fundraising code. If you haven’t had a chance to check out the “**Spend £20, get £5 off**” offer, don’t panic – you have until Wednesday 19th April before it expires! Here’s the info you need:

- Visit www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising
- Enter our unique fundraising code: **agf7YfN**
- The school will earn **10% commission** to spend on books for classrooms and the library
- Click on ‘Shop Offer’
- If you manage to spend £20, you’ll get £5 off (but a £20 spend isn’t obligatory!)

Our next **committee meeting** is next **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** Thank you!

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

March

Friday 10 th	Family Favourite Recipe Card must be returned
<u>Monday 13th</u>	<i>Values worship (parents of selected children to be invited)</i>
Tuesday 14 th	Years 5 & 6 to the British Museum, London

KEEP READING – MORE DATES

Thursday 16th **Parents evening for Years R, 2, 3, 4 1:30-7:00**
 Tuesday 21st Years 4/5/6 to Salisbury Playhouse
 Wednesday 22nd Life Education Van visiting school for Years R/1/3/6
 Thursday 23rd 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 24th Red Nose Day
 Monday 27th **Parents evening sign up available for Years 1, 5, 6.**
Values worship (parents of selected children to be invited)
 Tuesday 28th Years 4/5/6 Beginners Please Drama Workshop in school
 Friday 31st Non-uniform Day for Autism Awareness
 Friday 31st 9-12 noon Small Schools Games Netball and Football Tournament at
 Laverstock schools site – teams to be invited
 Friday 31st 1:30-3 pm Duggie Dug Dug Crazy Science Concert – whole school treat
 Friday 31st **School Disco**

April

Monday 3rd **Parents evening for Years 1, 5, 6 1:30-7:00**
 Tuesday 4th YR/1/2 to Salisbury Cathedral “Walking in Jesus’ Footsteps” – letter to
 follow
 Thursday 6th 9-11:30 am Easter Eggstravaganza to include bonnet parade and boiled
 egg fun – more details to follow
 Friday 7th TD Day – school closed

May

Saturday 6th Jumble Sale in the Village Hall

June

Sunday 11th Scavenger Hunt
 Thursday 22nd 10:15 am-2:15 pm Year 6 Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral
 Friday 30th School Disco

July

Saturday 15th Summer Fete

Paul Beveridge
 Head Teacher