



Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Newsletter 24

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Thank you

It has been a tricky time in school while Mrs Agland has had to take some time off to look after her daughter. We hope to see her back next week, as Darcy is improving. Thank you for your patience with a slightly tardy approach to 'phone calls, emails, notices and newsletters at points over the last fortnight. I must also express my thanks to the people who have stepped up to help keep things ticking over in the office. We hope to respond to outstanding emails and messages over the next few days – do be patient with us as we prioritise your enquiries.

TESCO Bags of Help

We have been successful in our bid to win £5,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help appeal so thank you for all your efforts to collect. Thank you again to Mrs Telfer for spearheading this project with Tesco. We look forward to seeing the new garden starting to take shape soon. We are so pleased to have had your support in securing this sizeable sum.

Sammy and the Snow Leopard

Years 4, 5, and 6 had a great time on Tuesday morning, visiting Salisbury Playhouse to see a production of the play 'Sammy and the Snow Leopard'. The play was an amusing and exciting story about a boy who adopts a snow leopard on line and is sent a real snow leopard as a result, rather than a cuddly snow leopard itself! The drama ideas and acting was excellent, including choral responses from the audience, expect to see us using some of these ideas in the plays that we are going to create for our Summer term performances! The children said they really enjoyed the performance and were impressed that one person could put on such a convincing play. Many thanks to all our parents who made the trip possible by driving children to and from the performance on the day. Extra thanks to Mrs Hill for organising drivers and passengers in Mrs Agland's absence.

Mr Malmberg

Life-Education Van

On Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March every class had the opportunity to spend some time in the Wilts Life Education Bus. Inside this exciting mobile classroom KS1 learnt about how to keep healthy and clean, how the body works, the safe use of medicines and about different feelings (all with the help of Harold the giraffe). In KS2 the learning focussed on how to keep safe and stay healthy, a more in depth look at how the body works, celebrating how everyone is different, medicine safety and the risks of tobacco, alcohol and non-prescription drugs. The children had a very enjoyable time and were full of excited chatter about the lessons afterwards – we hope this continued at home?!

Miss Armstrong

Mother's day flowers: On sale TODAY! Friday 24th March

£2 per bunch, or 2 bunches for £3 – treat a special lady.(see FAWGS news for more)

Parent consultations for Year 1, 5 and 6 – Monday 3rd April 1:30-7:00pm

Sign-up sheets for appointments will be available in the school hall from Monday 27th March and will be available all week. Do 'phone or email if you can't get to the sign up sheets. We're happy to help.

Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

It is lovely to see the children dressed up today to support Comic Relief. Thank you for being so giving to these charity events. Initial count-up on Friday is just over £100 (prior to the Y5 cake/biscuit sale)



Gracie and Ollie were 'reddie' for the event!

Autism awareness

On Friday 31st March we invite children to support another non-uniform day (no fancy dress this time) in support of World Autism Week (50p per child please). To help raise awareness of Autism amongst the children, Carly Considine (who runs the South Wiltshire branch of the National Autistic Society) is leading an assembly on Tuesday 28th March in preparation for this important event. Donation envelopes and branded balloons have been provided.

Easter Celebration - Worship Service

Wednesday 5th April at 9:15am - all welcome. This is held in the school hall.

Elephants worship

Thursday 30th March at 9:10am – all relatives/friends of Year One welcome!

Duggie Dug Dug

We are excited to have been able to invite 'Duggie Dug Dug' (Doug Horley) to entertain us with his 'crazy science party' show on Friday 31st March. As if the day wasn't exciting enough with non-uniform, Laversock sports morning and evening Discos, the children will spend that afternoon in the school hall learning actions songs, being introduced to fun puppets, seeing mind blowing science experiments and generally having a good time. ***This event has been made possible by the FAWGS Helping Hands Project in combination with a kind donation by The Boundary Coffee Shop. Thank you.***

West Grimstead Village event

Spring 'Drop In' Coffee Morning at West Grimstead Village Hall - Saturday 25 March from 10.30am to 12.00noon: Come to our drop-in coffee morning and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake for £1.00 or 50p each. Purchase hand-made cards, home-made jams, chutneys and preserves, ornaments and crafts, local honey, hand-made lavender products and books, and have a chat with Revd Beth Hutton. Have a look at our home produce table. There are cakes and other home bakes to buy as well as a selection of other items. Try your luck on the tombola – there are many attractive prizes to win! **Everyone welcome!**

Mrs Janice Ford

Easter Eggstravaganza – Thursday 6th April 9:30-11:30 in the school hall

Please see attached flyer for details/timings of our Bonnet parade, boiled egg competition ('Music' theme this year!) and raffle (thanks to FAWGS)

School closed (now that got your attention!)

Just a reminder that school is closed for a TD day on Friday 7th April. Staff will be engaged in first aid training or Early Years development, depending on their roles. Also, May Bank Holiday sees school closed on Monday 1st May.

Alderbury Carousel 'Easter Event' (please see attached flyer) - Saturday 1st April 1.30pm to 5pm:

Easter-themed Alderbury village footpath walk, treasure hunt and cream tea!

Guided group walks start at Alderbury Village Hall at: 1.30pm, 2.00pm or 2.30pm (please arrive 10 minutes early to buy tickets).

Treasure trail entry sheet 50p – each completed sheet earns a small Easter egg and activity sheet.

Teas on return: Cream Teas £3 per adult and Squash and Fairy Cake for children £1

*Please support this community event organised by **Alderbury Carousel Committee**.*

Easter holiday events – 'active' childcare!

Premier Sports are hosting a 4 day holiday activity club Mon 10th April-Thurs 13th April (1st week of Easter holidays) on the school grounds. Flyers will be sent home next week after Dan has explained the plans to the children in Tuesdays assembly (28th). In the meantime, see <http://sport.premier-education.com/courses-and-clubs/search> (type 'alderbury' into the search bar) The day runs from 9am-3pm at a cost of £3 per hour (£18 per day) – 24 places per day.

Football (please see attached flyer). The FA Skills are hosting two half day sessions on **Tuesday 18th April** at the school (2nd week of Easter holidays). The morning session is for boys and girls age 5-11 and costs £5 for 9-12:30.

The afternoon session is **GIRLS ONLY** age 5-11 and runs from 1:00-2:30 **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Please email Victoria Summerfield Victoria.Summerfield@thefa.com or 'phone 07943 566192 to book your child in to the morning and/or afternoon session(s).

British Museum

On Tuesday 14th March, Years 5 and 6 had an adventure to London to explore the wonders of the British Museum. Year 5 enjoyed the Ancient Greek galleries and came face to face with the famous Elgin Marbles, which were originally part of the Temple of the Parthenon. This visit inspired Year 5 to debate the moral issue of whether the Marbles should be returned. Year 6 were amazed by the sheer scale and range of Ancient Egyptian artefacts and were particularly fascinated by all the Mummies - especially the Mummified crocodile! Year 6 wrote extremely exciting heist stories referencing the layout and features of the museum as well as the artefacts ... don't worry - we all know crime doesn't pay! Both classes were a credit to the school - nothing can match visits to world-class museums to bring a topic to life. We are so grateful to FAWGS for subsidising the trip and to our wonderful teaching assistants and parent helpers for making it all possible.

Mrs Gill

Mini-Marathon: Saturday 20th May

All interested KS2 children should have received an entry form this week. Please see Mr Beveridge or Mrs Agland if you require another copy. All entries (and monies) need to be into the school office by Monday 27th March so we can send the runner lists to St Andrews/Harnham who co-ordinate the event and produce the program. The names are needed early so race numbers can be assigned and organised in advance – these will be distributed closer to the event. Late entries can be accepted, but these are £5 rather than £4 and the name won't be in the program!

Awards Friday 17th March

Congratulations to **Owls**: H and L-R on gaining '25 Home Reads'; V, A, H on gaining "50 Home Reads" and J, L, E and Vr on gaining '75 Home Reads'

Congratulations to **Elephants**: J and JB on gaining '100 Home Reads'
Congratulations to **Penguins**: E and E on gaining '150 Home Reads'

Awards Friday 24th March

Congratulations to **Owls**: I, A, R, M and Ce on gaining '100 Home Reads';
A, B, E, C and R on gaining '125 Home Reads'; T, E, A, C and R on gaining '150 Home Reads'.
Very well done!

FAWGS News

Don't forget to get out your dancing shoes for the next school disco which is being held on Friday 31st March, here's a reminder of the details:

- Children in Years R,1 & 2 are welcome to attend 6:00-7:00pm.
- Key Stage 2 children (in Year 3 upwards) are welcomed to attend 7:15-8:30pm.

Entry is £2 per child this includes cups of squash/ water and a bag of sweets.

There is no theme, just dress for dancing. As usual there will be a tuck shop selling drinks, crisps, bags of sweets and glow sticks so don't forget your purses and wallets.

Please see Rachel Hodges if you will be able to help man the tuck shop throughout the evening as all assistance will be gratefully received.

As promised, we'll be on hand to fulfil your **Mothers' Day** Gift requirements (for mum and nan) this **Friday 24th March**. Don't forget to look out for our stall in the playground at pick-up time, where we'll be selling gorgeous bunches of **hand tied daffodils at £2 each (or 2 bunches for £3)**. Can't make it at pick up time? Why not send the necessary funds in with your little ones (but you'll probably need to keep them separate from their Red Nose Day donation). *Thank you in advance for supporting our fund-raising efforts!*

We have exciting news regarding our **Family Favourite Recipes** initiative... No less than 3 **celebrity chefs** have supplied us with exclusive recipes for the book. However, we are sadly lacking in submissions from your good selves! We appreciate how busy you all are, but hope you'll support us in our final attempt to make this project a success. **Please look out for flyers in book bags next week and return your family's completed recipe to your child's teacher on Monday (or simply email it to us at: fawgs.committee@gmail.com)**

Another reminder that the **Life Education Bus** which arrived in school this week, thanks to funding from **your FAWGS donations**. They have provided a fantastic supplement to your child's learning in PSHCE and we hope you took the opportunity to drop in too.

Hurrah! Tickets are now available for our Ladies **Pamper Evening** (Friday 19th May). Please see Kate Macklin or head to the office to deliver the best £5 you've ever spent! Fantastic stalls, demos and goodie bags will await you, along with a complementary welcome drink and the chance to book a bargain treatment.

Our marvellous **Summer Fete** is fast-approaching (**Saturday 15th July**). We have lots of fabulous ideas for stalls, but no-one to man them! If you think you could help us out (even if it's just for an hour), please let Claire Hall, or Pauline Gillespie know, or email us at the usual address.

Our next **committee meeting** is next **Wednesday 26th April, 7.30pm at school**. All welcome!

Any ideas or queries can be directed to: **fawgs.committee@gmail.com** In the meantime, don't forget to check out **easyfundraising.org.uk** and the Book People: www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising & enter our unique fundraising code: **agf7YfN** for great offers for you & commission for us!

Thank you!

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

April

Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day
<u>Monday 27th</u>	<u>Headteacher's Values worship (parents of relevant children to be contacted w/e 24th March)</u>
Tuesday 28 th	Years 4/5/6 Beginners Please Drama Workshop in school <u>Autism awareness assembly 1:10pm</u>
<u>Thursday 30th</u>	<u>9:10am Elephants class lead worship: Theme is 'Service'</u>
Friday 31 st	Non-uniform Day for Autism Awareness (50p per child please)
Friday 31 st	9-12 noon Small Schools Games Netball and Football Tournament at Laverstock schools site – teams have been invited (Y4 football, Y6 football, Yr 5/6 netball)
Friday 31 st	1:30-3 pm Duggie Dug Dug Crazy Science Concert – whole school treat
Friday 31 st	School Disco (EY/KS1 6:00-7:00, KS2 7:15-8:30)

April

<u>Saturday 1st</u>	<u>Alderbury Village Walk, Hunt and Cream tea!</u>
<u>Monday 3rd</u>	<u>Parents' consultations for Y1, Y5 and Y6 1:30-7:00pm</u>
Tuesday 4 th	YR/1/2 to Salisbury Cathedral "Walking in Jesus' Footsteps"
<u>Wednesday 5th</u>	<u>9:15 Whole school Easter celebration, worship service in school hall</u>
Thursday 6 th	9:30-11:30 am Easter Eggstravaganza to include bonnet parade and boiled egg fun –see flyer
Friday 7 th	TD Day – school closed

EASTER HOLIDAYS – School starts back Monday 24th April.

Wed 26th 7:30pm FAWGS committee meeting at school

May

<u>Monday 1st May</u>	<u>BANK HOLIDAY – School closed</u>
Friday 5 th May	Open library 3:15-3:45 (come and change books with your child)
Saturday 6 th May	Jumble Sale in the Village Hall
<u>MONDAY 8th MAY-FRIDAY 12th MAY</u>	<u>YEAR 6 SATS WEEK</u>
<u>Monday 15th May-Friday 26th May</u>	<u>Year 2 SATs 'window'</u>
<u>Saturday 20th May</u>	<u>Mini-Marathon 9:00-12:00</u>

June

<u>Monday 5th June-Wednesday 7th June</u>	<u>Year 6 residential to Braeside</u>
<u>Monday 12th June-Friday 16th June</u>	<u>Year 1 phonics screener 'window'</u>
Sunday 11 th June	Scavenger Hunt
<u>Monday 26th June</u>	<u>School closed (TD DAY)</u>
Friday 30 th June	School Disco

July

Saturday 15th July Summer Fete

Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher