



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

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NEWSLETTER NO. 24

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Important notice from Tucasi Online payment security changes – ACTION REQUIRED BEFORE 30TH APRIL 2018

As you may be aware changes are being made by credit card companies such as WorldPay to improve the security of their systems. As a result, any parents using Windows XP or Windows Vista will no longer be able to use Tucasi Online Payments.

Why is this happening?

This change is being enforced by the PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard). From the 30th June 2018 all websites that accept card payments will no longer allow users of Windows XP and Windows Vista to use their websites. This change is outside of Tucasi's control and is not limited to Tucasi Online Payments.

When will this happen?

Worldpay are implementing this change on the **30th April 2018**.

Teacher Training Days 2018/19

The Teacher Training Days (TTD) for 2018/19 are as follows:

Monday 3rd September 2018, Wednesday 24th October 2018, Monday 7th January 2019, Tuesday 23rd April 2019 and Monday 24th June 2019.



Amelie Parker fund raising

Amelie (Year 3) is doing some fundraising for the Little Princess Trust. She is having her haircut on Tuesday 1st May and is going to donate her hair so it can be made into a wig. She has to donate at least 17cms for the hair to be used, so as she really didn't want very short hair, she has been impatiently growing it for months so that she can have enough cut off to donate! The charity donates the wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. It costs the charity £500 to make a wig, so alongside her hair donation Ami is aiming to raise at least £500 for the charity. Thanks to the generosity of family and close friends she has already raised £215 but she is keen to try and raise more. Ami will be outside school with a collection box on Tuesday 1st May, before her haircut and then again on Wednesday 2nd May, after the haircut. Please come with pennies and help Ami raise the money she needs for the Little Princess Trust to make a wig. If you would prefer to donate online, Amelie has a 'my donate page', <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/amelieparker1>. Thank you for your support.

Bikeability – Year 6

The Bikeability instructors will be visiting school from Monday 21st May to Thursday 24th May to train the Year 6 children on their Level 1 and 2 cycling awards. The class will be split into two groups with Group A receiving their training on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd May and Group B receiving their training on Wednesday 23rd May and Thursday 24th May. A letter detailing the course and the relevant dates will be sent home shortly.

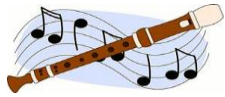
Homework Club

A reminder that Homework Club runs on Monday lunchtimes (12:15-12:45 pm) and Thursdays after school (3:15-4:00 pm). Please can I stress that this is purely to help children with their homework. If you wish your child to attend these sessions please let Mrs Agland know.

St Mary's Church Big Fishes and Little Fishes

We hope that those of you who came to Messy church on 30th March really enjoyed it – we were certainly thrilled with the response. We'd love to see you at our 2 monthly clubs (Fliers attached).

Little Fishes – for children 0–7yrs and their parents on Tuesday 1st May at 3:30–4:15pm. Older siblings are welcome too at **Big Fishes** for children in Years 3–6, meeting on Tuesday 8th May at 6:30– 7:30pm. Both meet at St. Mary's Hall in Whaddon – look out for the notices on our new notice board outside the hall.



Recorder and Brass concert

Mr Walker, our recorder and brass instrument teacher, is holding his annual concert on Friday 6th July at 9:05 am for Year 2 and those children who are learning a brass instrument. Please put the date in your diary.

Premier Sports Competition

A big thank you to Mrs Parker, Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Wearn for entering our school into a Facebook competition. We won! Our prize is a £200 voucher to spend on a morning of gymnastics to benefit the classes represented.

Plea for egg boxes

Please can we have your used egg boxes for our eggs? Please bring them into the office. Thank you.

Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **OC** and Elephants: **KD** on gaining their “25 Home Reads” Certificate; to Elephants: **CS-B** on gaining his “75 Home Reads” Certificate; to: **AM** and **HP** on gaining their “100 Home Reads” Certificate; to **CR** and **RS** on gaining their “150 Home Reads” Certificate and to **EH** and **IK** and Penguins: **IS** on gaining their “200 Home Reads” Certificate. Well done!



Summer Holiday Club

Alderbury Pre-school are investigating whether a summer holiday club would be beneficial for parents of both pre-school and school aged children. We would open for three weeks over the summer but the dates have not yet been decided. This depends somewhat on which weeks would be most requested. If you think you would use the holiday club in the summer please let the pre-school know as soon as possible so we can start planning. Obviously, if we do not have enough families interested in using the holiday club we will be unable to run it, so we would appreciate your feedback.

St John's Church – A Service for the Animals

Our annual Service for the Animals will take place at St John's Church on Sunday 6th May 2018 at 9:30 am, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. There is no charge for the refreshments, but a donation towards the Village Hall Fund would be much appreciated. Everyone welcome! Please note: owners must ensure their pets are under control during the service. Arrangements have been made to accommodate larger animals in the Church porch. Please contact Malcolm Read on 01722 710302 for further details.

Annual Parish Meeting for Alderbury and Whaddon

Please join us for the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 10th May at the village hall from 7:00pm. In addition to a short update by the Parish Council, the meeting will include a presentation by the Fire and Rescue Service to discuss ways in which you can protect yourselves and your properties, as Alderbury is outside of the '10 minute' response time for the service. Refreshments will be available during the evening – come and join us – it would be great to see you there!

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

May

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| Monday 7 th | Bank Holiday – no children in school |
| Monday 14 th | Year 6 SATs week |
| Thursday 17 th | Census Day and Royal Wedding menu |
| Saturday 19 th | Mini-marathon |
| Sunday 20 th | FAWGS Scavenger Hunt at Kennel Farm |
| <u>Mon 21st-Thurs 24th</u> | <u>Year 6 Bikeability</u> |
| Wednesday 23 rd | Year 3 & 4 Junk Orchestra at Downton School (letter to follow) |
| Thursday 24 th | KS2 Explore Pentecost at St Mary's Church (letter to follow) |
| Friday 25 th | KS1 Explore Pentecost at St Mary's Church (letter to follow) |
| Mon 28 th - Fri 1 st June | Half-term holiday |

June

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| Mon 4 th -Wed 6 th | Year 6 to Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre |
| Wednesday 6 th | 5-6:00 pm New parents' information evening (letter to follow) |
| Friday 15 th | Year 5 Sarum Orienteering League, Sixpenny Handley |
| Wednesday 20 th | Cardwell and Simons whole school and class photos |
| Monday 25 th | TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL |
| Thursday 28 th | Year 6 Longford Countryside Day (letter to follow) 9:00 am-12 noon New Owls in school |
| Saturday 30 th | Summer Fete |

July

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| Monday 2 nd | Year 6 to Salisbury Cathedral for the Leavers' Service (letter to follow) |
| <u>Friday 6th</u> | <u>9:05 am Recorder and brass instrument concert</u> |
| Friday 6 th | Evening Pims and Proms performance (letter to follow) |
| Tuesday 10 th | Year 5 to Trafalgar School for a Masterclass (letter to follow) |
| Friday 13 th | Sports morning FAWGS Summer Disco |
| Friday 20 th | Reserve Sports morning |
| Thursday 26 th | Summer Holiday begins |

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher