



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

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 25

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors



### Elephants' trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium

Year 1 had a very enjoyable trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium yesterday. We were given a guided tour of the Aquarium and saw sparkly piranha, cat fish, "Nemo" and beautiful jelly fish. We walked through a tunnel with shark, turtles and stingray swimming above and around us and we met a very relaxed iguana, playful otters and a dwarf crocodile plus we met the Humboldt penguins - one called "Pingu" is 23 years old. We handled a shark's jaw and felt its sharp teeth, along with a beautifully patterned turtle shell and a lobster claw. The children were well behaved and were rewarded with a run in the park nearby. A big thank you to Ms Gillespie, Mrs Hewlett, Mrs Hughes, Mr Jolliffe, Mrs Malosek, Mrs Parker and Mrs Thorpe for coming with us.

### General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Thank you to those of you who have returned your Data Collection Sheets and Compliance Consent Forms, we must have a response from everyone so if you have not yet returned them please do so by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### Information for parents: 2018 national curriculum tests at the end of Key Stages 1 and 2

As we are now approaching the KS1 and 2 testing period, parents of pupils in Years 2 and 6 might be interested in an information leaflet from the Standards and Testing Agency. The leaflet provides information about the purpose of the tests, how parents can best support their children and how results will be reported. Please click on [information leaflet](#) to access it. If you have any problems viewing it, please let Mrs Agland know.

### Online gaming warning – "Fortnite"

You may have heard in the news this week concerns being raised again about children's use of online gaming - please see the link below. We would respectfully remind you to be extremely mindful of any unsupervised time your child has using the internet:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210>



### "500 words" competition

Congratulations to JW in Year 4 for successfully reaching the first round of the Radio 2 "500 words" competition. This is a big achievement, to be selected as one of 5000, out of hundreds of thousands of entries. Well done J!

### Usborne Book Sponsored Read

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored their child to read for our Usborne Book Event. As a result of your support Usborne Books have pledged £280 worth of free Usborne books which is a fantastic result.

### Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **BF** and **OM** on gaining their "100 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!





### **Little Princess Trust**

Amelie and her family have asked us to say a big thank you for all your support, donations, encouragement and kindness this week. Amelie had a massive 20 cm cut from her hair for this excellent cause and completely smashed her £500 target, raising an incredibly impressive £1,267.50. Well done Amelie!

### **St Mary's Church Pentecost/Rogation Family Service 20<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30 am**

This year our service will be held at Witherington Farm and will be a Family Service allowing us to celebrate not just the beauty of God's creation but also the coming of the Holy Spirit. Weather permitting, we will move around the garden, stream, orchard and field. There will be activities for the children to do on the way and lots to see. If the weather is not kind to us we will hold the whole service in the Barn. After the service we have coffee and biscuits on the front lawn. All welcome whatever age. We will finish by 10:30 am so there will still be plenty of time to get to Kennel farm for the FAWGS' Scavenger Hunt – 2 farms in one morning!!

### **SEN Parent Network Meeting**

St Mark's Junior School in Salisbury are running an SEN Parent Network Meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 2-3:00 pm focusing on 'Transitioning to Secondary School'. Parents from all local primary schools are welcome to attend and need to book their FREE place via the school office on 01722 333497. Many of the local area secondary SENCos including The Trafalgar School, The Burgate, St Edmund's and Sarum Academy will be there. This is a rare opportunity to speak to many local SENCos in one place, and ask any questions that you may have. Parents can find out more about what support is available with transition, and throughout their child's time in secondary education, particularly for those with SEN. This would be ideal for parents with children in Years 5 or 6, but any parents are welcome to attend.



### **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.

### **STEM Returners comes to Wiltshire!**

Have you taken a career break from STEM and would like to return, or would you like to transfer your STEM skills to another sector? We are currently looking for candidates who have taken a break from any STEM subject or industry, and are looking to return to work via a structured and fully paid return to work programme. We are running a programme in Wiltshire with DSTL in Porton Down which will start in September. Initially this is for a 13 week placement with the opportunity of a permanent job at the end of the programme. For more information or to register please visit [www.stemreturners.com](http://www.stemreturners.com) or email [hello@stemreturners.com](mailto:hello@stemreturners.com).

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

### **June**

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

### **July**

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

Best wishes

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Headteacher