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NEWSLETTER NO. 27

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

A big well done to our Koalas who completed their SATS this week, we know that you all tried your very best. It is the Mini-Marathon tomorrow morning at the Laverstock schools' site. Good luck to all our runners – I look forward to seeing you there.

Home and school

Home life, I know, can be very busy but I would like to emphasise how much children benefit from support at home with their learning. That's why I am asking that you support your child as much as possible by ensuring they complete any homework set and listen to them read as regularly as you can. This all helps with confidence and self-esteem and puts excellent practices in place for their future education. We are very appreciative of the hard work of many parents in supporting school by extending their learning beyond the classroom, please keep going!



Gardening Club

As Gardening Club is so popular and we have so many children on the waiting list, we will be changing the group after the half term. We will email parents of children who are currently on the waiting list next week. If your child is currently in Gardening Club, then next Wednesday 23rd May will be their last session.

Owls' Worship

Owls' class will be leading worship on the theme of "Wisdom" on Thursday 24th May 2018 at 9:15 am. All parents, grandparents etc are welcome to attend.

Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **EP** on gaining her "100 Home Reads Certificate and to Owls: **JM** and Penguins: **FK-J** on gaining their "200 Home Reads Certificate". Well done!



St Mary's Church Pentecost/Rogation Family Service 20th 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!!

FAWGS News

Sunday 20th May: Scavenger Hunt at Kennel Farm. Any donations of cakes gratefully received, they can be dropped down to Becca at the farm anytime on Saturday or Sunday morning in named containers. Please come along and support this fun event!

Week after half-term: There will be a box outside school for any cuddly teddy bears that you would like to donate for our teddy bear stall!

Friday 15th June: Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate or bottles for the tombola stalls at the fete.

Saturday 30th June: Summer Fete. Plans are coming together now for our annual fete and we really need some volunteers to come forward now to help! It can be anything from helping to set up the night before, help on stalls during the day, helping to clear up at the end. If you can offer just half an hour, please see Claire Hall in the playground.



FAWGS will be selling ice creams after school today so please remember to bring your pennies!

Summer Holiday Club at Alderbury Pre-school



The Pre-school will be running a Summer Holiday Club from Thursday 26th July-Friday 3rd August 8:00 am-5:00 pm, open to all children aged 12 months to 11 years. Further details and prices available from Pre-school or on their website www.alderburypreschool.org. Limited spaces available so please book as soon as possible.

SEN Parent Network Meeting

St Mark's Junior School in Salisbury are running an SEN Parent Network Meeting on Thursday 24th 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.



Wedding of Prince Harry and Ms Meghan Markle – Celebration Tea at West Grimstead Village Hall

We would like to invite you to be our guests on Sunday 20th May from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at a celebration tea at West Grimstead Village Hall with tea, coffee and soft drinks, cakes, cream teas and ice creams. There will be a tombola, pin the tail on the corgi, human fruit machine, a Royal photographs' quiz and a quiz about the Royal family. Every child of 12 and under who comes in fancy dress – it does not have to be Royal, it can be anything, will get a present. This is not a competition – just for fun. It would add to the spirit of the occasion if everyone could come dressed in red, white and blue. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, contact Barbara Lowe on 711436 and Janice Ford on 710805.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

May

Saturday 19 th	Mini-marathon
Sunday 20 th	FAWGS Scavenger Hunt at Kennel Farm
Mon 21 st -Thurs 24 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 23 rd	Junk Orchestra at Whiteparish School
Thursday 24 th	Explore Pentecost at St Mary's Church
Friday 25 th	Explore Pentecost at St Mary's Church
Mon 28 th - Fri 1 st June	Half-term holiday

June

Mon 4th-Wed 6th

Wednesday 6th

Friday 15th

Wednesday 20th

Monday 25th

Thursday 28th

Saturday 30th

July

Monday 2nd

Friday 6th

Friday 6th

Tuesday 10th

Friday 13th

Friday 20th

Thursday 26th

Year 6 to Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre

5-6:00 pm New parents' information evening

Year 5 Sarum Orienteering League, Sixpenny Handley

Non uniform day – chocolate or bottles for the Summer Fete

Cardwell and Simons whole school and class photos

TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Year 6 Longford Countryside Day (letter to follow)

9:00 am-12 noon New Owls in school

Summer Fete

Year 6 to Salisbury Cathedral for the Leavers' Service (letter to follow)

9:05 am Recorder and brass instrument concert

Evening Pimms and Proms performance (letter to follow)

Year 5 to Trafalgar School for a Masterclass (letter to follow)

Sports morning

FAWGS Summer Disco

Reserve Sports morning

Summer Holiday begins

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe

Headteacher