



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Year 6 SATs week

SATs Week for Year 6 is over! A big well done to our Year 6 children – we know they did their best! Thank you to Mrs Gill for all her hard work. Her commitment, encouragement and support ensured that our Koalas were as prepared as they could possibly be, most ably supported by Mrs Hill. Thank you to all the staff who helped with after school booster lessons and to the various TAs who supported the children during the exams. Thank you to Mrs Hill and Mrs Agland for ensuring breakfast club was such a success. Thank you also to parents also for their support during, what can be, a stressful time for all concerned. The children were able to celebrate with a very special workshop with Des Alner creating special art for our Values Garden (and cakes – thank you to all the ‘bakers’!).

Year 2 SATs

Good Luck to Penguins who will be starting their SATs next week and the week after – we know they will also be trying their very best!

Mini marathon

Numbers and programmes will be in bags today for those of you taking part in the Mini Marathon on Saturday 20th May. A letter detailing the arrangements and requirements for the day will also be attached. Please look out for it.

Cardwell and Simons class photo proofs

The proofs for the class photos will be in bags today. Please return all orders by next Friday 19th May. Thank you.

Friday Fun with paints and stone

The children had a lot of fun recreating their designs on stones for our new Values Garden today. Thank you to all the parents who came in to help and to Mrs Love for her supply of stones. These will be varnished next week, (the garden will be planted on Saturday 20th May) and we hope to ‘open’ the garden before the half term break, complete with Koalas’ new art work and all the colourful pebbles.

The World is my Neighbour – multi-cultural/multi-faith fun day

On Tuesday 16th May all children are taking part in 6-7 workshops around the school to gain an understanding of the variety of faiths and cultures that are represented locally, nationally and internationally. There will be Lebanese belly-dancing(!), Chinese lanterns, Indian food, Hebrew dance and music, Polish traditions and a look at Sudan - all with fun presentations/workshops/activities offered by those of no faith, Christians, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims alike. Thank you to Mr Malmberg and Mrs Larkham for spearheading this wonderful day – we will tell you all more about it next week! **Please note: it would be advisable for children to wear trainers rather than school shoes that day.** As food will be tasted it is vital that you update on us on any allergy information regarding your child – a separate letter has already been sent home for this. Finally, NO Y3 forest schools Tuesday 16th (Thursday 18th instead, NO Y2 forest schools at all this week).

Forest school next week

In case you didn't read to the end of the paragraph above, a reminder that Y2 are not having a forest school session next week, and Y3 are on THURSDAY instead of TUESDAY.

Choir of the Year

Our choir is off to Devizes on Tuesday morning (back for multi-cultural/multi-faith day in the afternoon) – good luck, sing your hearts out and enjoy the stage/lime! We look forward to hearing all about it.

Swiss Students

We have been asked again this year by a school in Switzerland if we would be interested in hosting three students from Switzerland from Sunday 25th June to Saturday 8th July 2017, we have hosted students very successfully from this college before. The students are between 17 and 19 years of age and speak excellent English. We would very much like to host the students and we are asking you all if there are any families interested in hosting a student as a homestay. Each host family will receive £300 to cover the cost of the student's food, breakfast, lunch and dinner. There will be a contact teacher from the Swiss College in the country for the whole stay. If you are interested in hosting a student please let me know as soon as possible.

Breakfast and Afterschool club survey monkey

For those of you on 'email' I hope you will receive a message today, via Mel's admin address, inviting you to complete a 5 minute online survey with regard to breakfast (7:45-8:55 am) and after school (3:15-6:00 pm) provision. Apologies if you tried last week without success, I inadvertently blocked responses somehow! I would be very grateful if you could check for this invite and complete the survey to help us plan the way forward, with Alderbury preschool, for working parents. You may need to check 'junk' and 'clutter' to find the link? You can also complete it by clicking here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPLZ2ZT>

Many thanks.

FAWGS News

Your 'clutter' has indeed proven to be our 'bread and butter'! **Thank you** so much to all of you who donated goods, attended the **Jumble Sale**, and/or gave up your time to help organise the event. Well done; you were instrumental in raising an incredible **£619**, with more to be confirmed from Bags2School!

FINAL REMINDER:

As promised, our **Ladies Pamper Evening** is coming to the school near you **on Friday 19th May**. **Tickets are only available in advance** (in order for the gorgeous goodie bags to be prepared in time), so this is your final chance to buy them. They're superb value for money at **£5 each**, which includes a glass of Bucks Fizz, along with your gorgeous Goodie Bag. The evening is shaping up to be a real treat, with a wonderful array of stalls, make-up demos and therapies on offer. Please contact Kate Macklin or the office **ASAP** to organise your tickets. Also, we're still looking for **volunteers to help with setting up**. If you can spare any time from 4:15–5:30pm, please let Kate Macklin know ASAP!

We are pleased to confirm that the **new touchscreens will be installed in Lemurs', Zebras' and Giraffes' classrooms** next week, thanks to funds raised by you! These will be an invaluable tool for teaching and learning, so you should be feeling very proud of yourselves right now!

If you have any further fundraising ideas or indeed ideas on what we should be raising funds for, please contact us via email: **fawgs.committee@gmail.com** or come along to our **next committee meeting on Wednesday 24th May, 7:30pm at school**.

1st Alderbury Girl Guides

1st Alderbury Girl Guides are celebrating their 105th Anniversary on Saturday 13th May in the Village Hall between 2-4:00 pm. All Girl Guides, Rainbows and Brownies are invited (please attend in uniform) former Girl Guides are also welcome. If you can, please bring and share a plate of food. Thank you.

Annual Parish Meeting for Alderbury & Whaddon

Please join us for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 17th May at the village hall from 7pm. In addition to a short update by the Parish Council, the meeting will include a presentation on Cyber Crime by the police which will help you to understand more about online crime and will outline the key actions you can take to protect yourself. There will also be an update from a working party regarding the village hall. What changes or improvements will be needed in the future, so that it can cater for the growing and diverse demands of the community?

Refreshments will be available on the evening – come and join us – it would be great to see you there!

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

May

Monday 15th -
Friday 26th Year 2 SATs 'window'
Saturday 20th Mini-Marathon 9:00 am-12:00 noon

June

Monday 5th -
Wed 7th Year 6 residential to Braeside
Monday 12th -
Friday 16th Year 1 phonics screener 'window'
Sunday 11th Scavenger Hunt
Thursday 22nd Year 6 Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral
Monday 26th June School closed (TD DAY)
Wednesday 28th Year 6 to Longford Countryside Day
Friday 30th June School Disco

July

Tuesday 4th "Beginners Please" final performance at Salisbury Playhouse
Friday 14th Race Morning
Saturday 15th July Summer Fete
Tuesday 18th Reserve date for Race Morning

Best wishes,
Mr Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher