



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

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NEWSLETTER NO. 29

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

SCHOOL NEWS:



Mini Marathon

Our runners enjoyed huge success in this year's Mini Marathon at the Laverstock schools' site on Saturday 18th May. Our 'Under 9 Boys' and 'Under 11 Boys' achieved 1st place and our 'Under 11 Girls' achieved 2nd place. We have two lovely trophies which we will proudly display in school. Clearly, all our runners did a fantastic job with impressive individual and team efforts. A special mention must go to NO for coming in 2nd place in the 'Under 11 Boys' race. I would like to say a massive thank you for the support we received from parents, particularly Mrs Compton for organising a practice run ahead of the day, photos, wrist bands, the gazebo etc. I would also like to say how great it was to be the only school out of 33 taking part who had Darth Vader escort the children to their starting points – priceless! Well done to all:

....and to all our parent runners.

Parent support

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mrs Becca Thorpe who we have called upon more than once recently and who always says 'yes' with a smile! Mrs Thorpe is responsible for the beautiful flowers at the front of school and we have received many comments from visitors who have said how welcoming it looks. Also, Mrs Thorpe, along with Mrs Pearson drove to Winterslow this week to pick up a large cupboard for the Year 6 classroom – again without hesitation and extremely good grace! Without the support of parents and grandparents - and there are many of you who give your time and energy to help us week after week - life would be much harder. So thank you Mrs Thorpe and all our parents and grandparents.

The Garden Room

You may have noticed that we have had a porta cabin delivered. The Garden Room, as it will be known, will be furnished and ready to use from September. It will be used for small group work and meetings to support the children.

A message from our Mobile Library helper – Mrs Phyll

Just to remind you that any books borrowed from the Mobile Library van when it visits the school can be returned to the van when it comes to the village hall fortnightly on Saturdays 9:30-11:00 am or to the main Library in town.

Gift to Years 4, 5 and 6 from the Archbishop of Canterbury

The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been sent a prayer map from the Archbishop of Canterbury to celebrate global prayer week which is 30th May to 9th June 2019, so please ask your child about it.

FAWGS NEWS:

With the end of the academic year quickly approaching it is with sad news that most of the current FAWGS (PTA) members will be stepping down. After serving for 4 years helping the school raise valuable funds, a decision by most has been made that they no longer wish to continue in their current FAWGS roles. Therefore, we desperately require new members to help with the running of FAWGS with effect from the next school year (September). Please remember, without FAWGS there will be:

No school discos

No firework displays

No Santa visits

No Christmas fairs

No Summer fairs

No subsidised school trips

No extra funds to buy desperately needed things like the laptops and interactive white boards previously brought.

If you feel you may be able to help or know someone starting in September that can help, even at one future event, please let one of the FAWGS members know who will happily give you any information you need.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

The Big Village Picnic Sunday 2nd June at 12 noon-3:00 pm

Come and join in the fun on Alderbury recreation ground. Bring a picnic and something to sit on. There will be a BBQ, ice-creams and activities for the children. This is a St Mary's in the Community event.

A Service for the Animals

You are invited to our Annual Service of Blessing for our pets and other animals at St John's Church on Sunday 2nd June 2019 at 9:30 am followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Note: Owners must ensure that their pets are under control during the service. (There is no charge for the refreshments, but a donation towards the Village Hall Fund would be much appreciated.) Please contact Malcolm Read on 01722 710302 for further details of the arrangements to accommodate larger animals.



Diary Dates – new dates underlined

May

Friday 24th Last day in school

Monday 27th-

Friday 31st May half term holiday

June

Thursday 6th 5:00 pm New Parents' evening

Friday 7th 9:30-10:30 am World Music event for Year 2 at Morgans Vale

Friday 7th 1:30 pm 4 children in Year 5 invited to Maths Challenge at Leehurst

Swan School

Sunday 9th FAWGS Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday 11th Year R to Harold Hillier Gardens

Friday 14th 3rd Orienteering event at Vernditch Year 5 - letter to follow

Wednesday 19th pm Cardwell and Simons school photographers – class photos

Saturday 22nd 9:00 am Bring a Broom Day

Monday 24th TD Day

July

Wednesday 3rd Moving up morning

Friday 5th am Mr Walker's brass and Year 2 recorder concert

Saturday 6th
Friday 12th
Friday 19th
Thursday 25th

FAWGS Summer Fete
Sports Day
Reserve Sports Day
Years 4-6 Performance at the Studio Theatre – more details to follow
pm Year 6 Leavers' Worship
LAST DAY OF TERM

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher