



Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Friday 16th September 2016

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

New Owls

We are looking forward to our new Owls staying all day from Monday 19th September. In order to make the end of the day as smooth as possible we will be releasing the children 5 minutes before the rest of the school at 3:10 pm. As the playground will start to get busy at this time with other parents arriving, please make sure you wait close to the Owls' cloakroom door so that Mrs Tanner or a member of the Early Years Team can easily see you. Thank you.

Jeans for Genes Day

Next Friday 23rd September is Jeans for Genes Day supporting children born with genetic disorders. For a £1.00 fine your child can come dressed to school in their jeans (school jumper/cardigan to be worn as normal). Please help us support this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

Violin lessons

Miss Radford, our Violin teacher, who visits school on Tuesdays has spaces available for more children wishing to learn violin. She is happy to teach children as young as 4 years old. Her lessons are priced at £12.00 each and termly payment is required. Violins can be hired from Miss Radford at a cost of £35 per term. I have attached her flyer. If you are interested in your child learning the violin please either contact Miss Radford or let Mrs Agland know.

Request

One of our parents has asked if there is anyone who could allow her to travel with them to and from Southampton, specifically to Solent University every day. Alternatively, if anyone could help her with getting her children to pre-school each morning, please contact Mrs Agland.

St Mary's Church

Our service this Sunday will be a family service at 9.30. All welcome.

Sunday 25th September is our Harvest Service and is at 9.30 am.

Gifts brought to the service will be sent to Alabare, Trussell trust and Alderbury Bungalow.

Look forward to seeing you all, young and old, quiet and noisy!!!

Carousel fete lost property

A white jacket was left at the bouncy castle at the fete. It says Los Angeles on it and is age 10. If you think it might be yours please ring 710123.

Breakfast and after school club

Alderbury Pre-school has been running the breakfast and after school club for school now for over 8 years. Over that time we have seen an immense increase in the sessions being booked by parents. We have also been able to increase the hours enabling parents to drop children at 7:45am and pick up as late as 6:00pm. At some breakfast sessions we now have 40 children booked in and so we are very grateful that Mr Beveridge has allowed us to use the school hall from 8:00am. All key stage two children will be taken over to the school hall with two members of staff on those busy mornings. Breakfast will be served to them and then activities arranged for them to do, which could include indoor games and quiet time reading or doing homework. The after school sessions are also becoming full and so we are informing parents that a cap on numbers will be operated on the sessions that are full. All bookings for sessions should be made on a monthly booking form which you will receive with a receipt of payment from the previous month. Late bookings will no longer be taken over the phone or via email unless it is an emergency as we do not have the spaces available. We also have vacancies for after school staff to work 3-6:00pm sessions. If you are interested and want to know more details please speak to Claire or Ruth at Pre-school.

Meet the teacher

Our Meet the Teacher sessions have been very well attended, thank you to all parents, grandparents etc who have come along. **Year 6's** session takes place on **Monday 19th September 3:20-3:40pm** in Koalas classroom, followed by another chance to contribute to our school 'vision and mission' – a project that started in July. Mr Beveridge would be pleased to see any parents who wish to contribute from 3:40-4:00 pm after the meet the teacher sessions.

Gardening equipment

Thank you to Mrs Sloan, Mrs Mernagh and Mrs White for their help with Gardening Club which started this week. If you have any spare gardening tools or gardening gloves that you could donate to the Gardening Club we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Department of Education School Census information

I apologise for including this item each week in the Newsletter but we do need this information to be returned to Mrs Agland as soon as possible for the next school census on Thursday 6th October. The Department of Education now requires that all pupils' country of birth and nationality be recorded. I have attached a sheet for completion to this Newsletter **(please note if your child is in Owls class you do not need to complete this)**. Thank you if you have already completed and returned your form.

Diary Dates – new dates underlines

September

Monday 19th 3:20-3:40 pm Year 6 Meet the teacher

Friday 23rd 9:00 am Reading Workshop

October

Thursday 6th 9:10-9:40 am New Owls' parents invited for a 'Day in the Life of Owls Class' with Mrs Tanner in school hall

Monday 10th- Year 5 to Braeside – letter to follow shortly

Wednesday 12th

Tuesday 18th Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm – letter to follow shortly

Friday 21st TD Day - no children in school

Monday 24th-

Friday 28th Half term break

Monday 31st Return to school

November

Tuesday 29th Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow shortly

Paul Beveridge, Head Teacher