



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

## **Year 6 to Braeside**

I accompanied Koalas' class to Braeside for their three day residential trip at the beginning of the week. We all had a very enjoyable and successful stay. Despite some disappointing weather early on the children were able to take part in canoeing, off-road biking, shelter building and fire lighting, high ropes and the leap of faith and lots of other fun activities. A big thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children, giving up their own family time to ensure the children have a great experience and wonderful, happy memories – Mrs Gill, Mrs Hill and Mrs Telfer.

## **Tennis Tournament at Riverside Tennis Club**

Our tennis players: MD, E-MH, GH and HM all took part in a Tennis Tournament on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Each child played 6 matches each, doing so well that they came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group and 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools overall, which is an excellent achievement. Thank you to Mrs Sell and Mrs Marsh for accompanying the children and to Mr Hall for collecting the children at the end.

## **Values garden, Spiritual garden, Sheltered garden...**

It has come to my attention that there is some (understandable) confusion about the various outdoor garden spaces around school.

1) For some time we have had an established '**Spiritual/Memorial**' garden which is the area fenced and gated by the playgrounds. Children use this to sit quietly, read and/or reflect at various times throughout the year. It is also a place where people who have been dear to the school who have passed away are fondly remembered.

2) In addition to this we have been developing a '**Values**' garden as a serene and aesthetic area to the front of the school. The water features, artwork, planting and painted pebbles are quickly coming together to make a striking entrance to the school. Huge thanks must go to Nicky and Barry Sloan, Terry O'Sullivan, Martin Collins and Jenny Wood for working so hard to transform this space with kind donations of plants from St Mary's Church parishioners. The planting follows a careful sight, touch and scent scheme designed by Nicky Sloan, one of our school governors. Soon we will lay the children's painted pebbles and 'open' this space officially with Rev Beth.

3) Mrs Telfer also wanted to improve lunchtime provision for children who need some additional support (and all children) at lunch and playtimes so had the idea of creating a '**Sheltered**' space by the trim trail/patio area. This is what the £5000 'Bags of help' Tesco bid went to and was installed very well near the conservatory over the recent half term holiday. This area provides a sheltered games area come rain or shine! Storage and seats to follow... thanks again to Mrs Telfer for spearheading this project and to Andrew Mullen and Co for the quality works.

## **Uniform**

Please be aware that it has been necessary to increase the cost of our uniform items. An updated uniform order form is now available online or from the office.

## **Year 2 Recorder Concert**

Mr Walker and Penguins' class will be performing in a Recorder Concert on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 9:00am. All parents, grandparents etc of Penguins' class are welcome to attend this very special Concert.

### **Zebras' Worship**

Year 4 will be leading Worship on the theme of "Truth" on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9:10 am in the hall. All parents, grandparents etc of Zebras' children are welcome.

### **Ticks**

Just a reminder that as the year progresses the children are likely to be on the field during break and lunchtime, please, therefore, check your child regularly for ticks. A very useful leaflet has been produced by The Royal Parks entitled "Tick Bites and Lyme Disease" which can be found on their website [www.royalparks.org.uk](http://www.royalparks.org.uk). This gives information about preventing tick bites and minimising the risk of infection from Lyme Disease.

### **Awards**

Congratulations to Penguins: **EA** on gaining her "100 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!

### **FAWGS News**

Welcome back! Thank you for all your support so far. We hope that you're all well-rested after half term and ready to dig deep for our final surge of fundraising this academic year!

After a downturn in our weather, I'm pleased to report that the forecast looks fine for our **Scavenger Hunt, this Sunday morning from 10:00am at Kennel Farm, Clarendon, SP5 3DG**. However, rest assured that we'll be 'scavenging' on, come rain or shine! As the great Alfred Wainwright once said, "There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing!" Speaking of which, we should remind you that parts of the farm are steep and uneven, so sturdy footwear (especially wellies) would be a good choice. As the site is a working farm, we also need to remind you that children should be supervised throughout, to avoid any unfortunate encounters with nettles, barbed wire, \*rampant hippos, etc.

(\*Not really, just checking you were still reading.)

Still unsure as to what a 'scavenger hunt' actually is? If we're being absolutely honest, it's not a scavenger hunt in the true sense of the word(s), but it is set to be a fun family morning. They'll be boxes hidden about the place with stamps in them. **Find the boxes, stamp your card, win a prize!** 'Simples'! **Plus, there's cake** (along with popcorn, tea, coffee & cold drinks)! If you haven't managed to bring in a cake today, further donations will be gratefully received on Sunday morning. **Entry is £1.50** per child, with monetary donations from adults also gratefully received. Please see the **AWGS Parents Facebook page** for further info/to post any queries.

Thanks to Minttu Bickerton and her merry band of bakers, we are able to provide scrummy home-made biscuits for **Father's Day**, next week. **Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** (during school time), every child will have the opportunity to choose a biscuit for their dad/carer and personalise their gift with their own label. We politely request that each child brings in a **suggested donation of £1**, if possible, please. Additional biscuits will be available to purchase for granddads etc, after school.

We very much appreciate your continued support. If you'd like to get more involved, please join us at our next (fete) meeting on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm** at the **Three Crowns**. In the meantime, you can contact us via email: [fawgs.committee@gmail.com](mailto:fawgs.committee@gmail.com), have a chat with us on the playground or leave a message via the office.

### **Diary Dates – new dates underlined**

#### **June**

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| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>                              | FAWGS Scavenger Hunt at Kennel farm 10:00am-1:00pm  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> -<br>Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> | Year 1 phonics screener 'window'<br>New fencing installed to front of school – please be aware of potential temporary routes on exits/entrances |
| <u>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></u>                     | <u>1:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> New Owls' session Den Building and Teddy Bear's picnic</u>  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>                           | Yr 5/6 Quad kids Athletics 1:00-3:30 (Athletes invited)   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>                            | 9:10 am Zebras' class lead Worship  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>                              | Father's day goodies on sale after school   |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>                              | Y4, Y5, Y6 technical rehearsals at Salisbury Playhouse  |
| <u>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></u>                        | <u>1:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> New Owls' session - Cakes and chat for new parents</u>  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                            | Year 6 Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral   |

## PLEASE KEEP READING FOR MORE DIARY DATES

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| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June | School closed (TD DAY)   |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 6 to Longford Countryside Day   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>    | Year 4 to Wilton House   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>    | <u>9:00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> New Owls' session – Cakes and chat for new parents</u> |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June | Child of hope 'sponsored bounce'<br>School Disco                                 |

### July

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| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>        | "Beginners Please" final performance at Salisbury Playhouse                   |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>      | 'Moving up morning' and Y6 taster day at Secondary school                     |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>      | <u>9:00 am 4<sup>th</sup> New Owls' session – children only</u>               |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>       | French day<br>Pimms and Prom (details TBC)                                    |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>         | <u>9:00 am Year 2 Recorder Concert</u>  |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>        | Xplore St Marys (Y5, Y4, Y3) Details to follow                                |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>       | Xplore St Marys (YR, Y1, Y2)  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>       | <u>9:30 am-1:00 pm Year 5 Masterclass at The Trafalgar (letter to follow)</u> |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>        | Race Morning and reports home.  |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July | Summer Fete 2:30pm onwards  |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>        | Report feedback 'drop in' for parents (with class teacher) 2:00-4:00pm        |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>       | Reserve date for Race Morning   |

Best wishes,

Mr Paul Beveridge  
Head Teacher