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NEWSLETTER NO. 31

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

A reminder that Monday 25th June is a Teacher Training Day, we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Parent Questionnaire

It would be extremely helpful if you could take a little time to complete a parent questionnaire letting me know how you feel we are doing here at school. The survey won't take very long and I would appreciate receiving as many responses as possible. Please follow the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r7vkhvCvxamTYhcPB99Em3OnWpt6E4t1pXdGZws1j_Q/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you.

Staffing News

It is with sadness that I am writing to let you know that Mrs Scott, one of our Learning Support Assistants in Owls class, will be leaving us next Friday 29th June. Mrs Scott has been with us a long time, joining the school in January 2006 when her own children were here. She is our ray of sunshine and I know that the Early Years' team and the children in Owls will miss her very much as will all the staff. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her well in the future and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for her hard work and dedication to our school.

Pupil Premium – Extra support for your child

As a school, we are always looking for any way we can support our pupils. Pupils who receive Free School Meals, who are fostered or have been adopted or who have a parent in the Armed Forces can be supported in school financially by the Local Authority Pupil Premium allocation. This is used in a range of ways including extra 1:1 lessons, increasing the Learning Support contact or trips and visits. Pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium if you are entitled to receive one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Has a parent in the Armed Forces.
- Has been fostered (for more than 24 hours) or been adopted.

We appreciate this is a sensitive matter and thus treat any information shared as confidential. If you come under any of the categories above, please complete the attached form and return it to Mrs Agland.



Summer safety tips from our School Nurse

Our school nursing team at Virgin Care have sent us information (attached to the Newsletter) about staying safe in the sunshine. Please take some time to read their top tips.

The Salisbury Area Schools Forest Orienteering League 2017/18

I am very excited to tell you that our 12 Year 5 Orienteers have performed so well over the three Orienteering events held recently, that they are through to the Finals at the Wiltshire and Swindon School Games on 4th July. Well done to them for this achievement and we will let you know how they get on.

Salisbury Primary Schools Swimming Gala

We invited 8 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to take part in the Swimming Gala on Tuesday 19th June. Our girls: AH, ER-W, KR and HS and boys:



JA, AK, SK and SM swam in the Relay event and ER-W and SK competed in the individual races. All our swimmers did a fantastic job in a very competitive (and noisy!) environment. Congratulations to our boys' relay team for coming in 1st place and a special mention to E who came in 7th place in her individual race out of 24 swimmers. I would like to pass on my thanks to Mrs Wilkinson and her son Alexander for being at the event to organise and support our swimmers.



Year 4 to Wilton House

Zebras stepped back in time yesterday and took part in a World War 2 Day at Wilton House. Dressed as evacuees they experienced first-hand how different life was. Mrs Liddington, the teacher for the day, made them realise how lucky they all are to be at school in 2018! They saw a range of artefacts from World War 2, experienced the sound of an air raid, learnt that newspaper has many uses (ask them!) and acted out various slogans of the time for example "Coughs and sneezes spread diseases!". A big thank you to our drivers Mr Borwell (for stepping in at very short notice in the Scout mini bus), Mrs Boddy, Mrs Kelsall-Joel and Mrs Stratton and thank you to our parents for dressing the children so authentically for the day.

Awards

Congratulations to Elephants: **HP** and **ER** on gaining their "150 Home Reads Certificate". Well done!



Plea for graphic design skills

We are looking to produce a leaflet to promote our school and would appreciate hearing from anyone who can volunteer some graphic design skills to help us achieve it. If you are able to offer some help and time with this, please let Mrs Agland know. Thank you.

FAWGS news

Please hand back your raffle tickets (sold and unsold) to the office this week.

Friday 29th June: We will be collecting jars outside the front of the school for the Jar Stall at the fete. These can be pre-filled (chutney, jam etc) or filled by you (with hairbands, toys, sweets etc). Please feel free to give more than one if you have more jars, as this is always a popular stall!

We will also be taking in donations of cakes on Friday 29th June or the morning of Saturday 30th June for our cake stall. Thank you in advance to everyone for these donations, we can't run the stalls without them!

We can't wait to welcome everyone to the School fete on Saturday 30th June from 12 noon-3:00 pm, please come and enjoy all the stalls, entertainment and food!

Friday 13th July: School Disco, more details to follow.

Thursday 19th July at 7.30pm: FAWGS AGM



Alderbury Pre-School Summer Holiday Club

Alderbury Pre-School are running a Summer Holiday Club from Thursday 26th July to Friday 3rd August 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Open to all children of pre-school and primary school age, please contact 01722 711226 or go to alderburypreschool.org for further details and prices. Bookings must be received before 2nd July.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

Monday 25th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Wednesday 27th Year 6 Longford Countryside Day

Saturday 30th Summer Fete

July

Monday 2nd Year 6 to Salisbury Cathedral for the Leavers' Service

Friday 6th 9:05 am Recorder and brass instrument concert

Friday 6th Evening Pimms and Proms performance (letter to follow)

Tuesday 10th Year 5 to Trafalgar School for a Masterclass (letter to follow)

Friday 13th Sports morning

FAWGS Summer Disco

Friday 20th Reserve Sports morning

Thursday 26th Summer Holiday begins

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher