



# Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

### All this sunny weather...

... is glorious but can be dangerous – sun stroke and/or sun burn can be a serious matter. Please ENSURE your child has a water bottle, filled freshly every day. They should also have a sun hat and sun cream. If you could spend a few minutes teaching your child how to self-apply sun cream that always helps. Choose a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 which is also labelled broad spectrum to protect from UVA and UVB rays. If lunchtime or afterschool clubs are outdoors and the temperature is higher than 20 degrees (or a bit cooler but in full sun), we will insist children remain/play in areas of shade **unless they have a sunhat**. We will provide extra gazebos for this to avoid children having to go in long grass under the trees, which are currently our only permanent shade options. From next week no children will be able to leave areas of shade on hot days (over 20 degrees) at lunchtime unless they have their own sunhat, so please send these in (named). Thank you.



### Snakes spotted

There have been 2 sightings of Adders near to school in the past 2 weeks. One by the school pond and more recently a 3 ft Adder in the Longford Woodland adjacent to school. Generally Adders pose little risk to humans as they tend to get frightened off by noise – however they are our only native venomous snake and their poison would require urgent medical attention. A small dog did meet its end near the New Forest not so long ago due to an Adder bite, so please be extra cautious with pets and small children. Slow worms (silvery) and grass snakes (green/yellow under belly) are not harmful. Adders have a distinctive 'V' or 'X' stripe on the head and dark dots down the body. Stay away! See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/22062931> for more information.

### Years 4, 5 & 6 to Salisbury Playhouse

Thank you to all our parents who have offered to drive children to Salisbury Playhouse on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June for the Final and Technical Rehearsal ahead of the Final Performance in the Salberg Theatre at the Playhouse on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### Quad Kids

Well done to M, O, E, S and N for the boys, and M, R, E and C for the girls. These children were a credit to themselves and the school at Wednesday's 'Quad kids' athletics festival. This is short and long distance running, a vortex rocket throw and standing long jump. Mrs Fowles enjoyed the event in the sunshine and am pleased to announce that we came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 17 schools. Well done!

### Father's day Family service at St Marys Church, Alderbury

Join us this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at St. Mary's for our Father's Day Family Service at 9.30am. All welcome - no matter how noisy! Bring dad too and he may get a present!

## TD day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

A reminder that **school is closed** to pupils on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June while teachers are trained further on tracking progress and 'depth of learning' and continue with report writing.

## Well done to Year 1 and Year 2

This week Elephants have worked hard to take their phonics screener 1 by 1. Results of these will be sent out with end-of-year reports. Miss Armstrong also received a visit from County moderators to verify her Year 2 assessments prior to sending them in to the Department of Education (this is a routine 4 yearly spot check). Needless to say the moderators were highly impressed with all they saw. Well done Elephants, Penguins and their staff!

## FAWGS News

Huge thanks are due to Becca Thorpe for hosting and organising our **Scavenger Hunt**, last Sunday. It was a fantastic event in a beautiful setting. What's more, the sun shone, the scavengers scavenged (successfully, thank goodness) and the cakes were *seriously* scrummy! We managed to raise a respectable **£400**, so further thanks are now due to all you wonderful scavengers, bakers and helpers.

This is a final reminder regarding **Father's Day Biscuits**. Hopefully, you'll have remembered to send in a donation with your child today, however please don't worry if you haven't; your child will still be able to choose and personalise their biscuit with a label (in school this afternoon). If you'd like to **purchase further biscuits** for grandads etc, they'll be available to **buy at pick-up time today**. Please also feel free (but not obliged) to drop off any forgotten donations.

Having 'served' the standard term of one year, myself and Claire Hall have given notice that we'll be resigning from our positions as Secretary and Chair, (respectively) at the end of this academic year. It's been a privilege to 'work' alongside such a great team of people and as such we would both like to remain on the committee next year. So how about it? If you're interested in fulfilling either of these roles, but would like to know more, please feel free to come and have a chat on the playground, leave your details at the office or contact us via email: [fawgs.committee@gmail.com](mailto:fawgs.committee@gmail.com)

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm** at the **Three Crowns** and you are all most welcome. In the meantime, you can always contact us via the methods detailed above. Thanks again for all your support!

## Diary Dates – new dates underlined

### June

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Father's day goodies on sale after school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<u>6:45 pm Salisbury Stingrays Swimming Gala at Five Rivers – individual children invited</u>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y4, Y5, Y6 technical rehearsals at Salisbury Playhouse
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> New Owls' session - Cakes and chat for new parents
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School closed (TD DAY)</b>
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>	9:00 am 3 <sup>rd</sup> New Owls' session – Cakes and chat for new parents
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Child of hope 'sponsored bounce' School Disco

### July

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>	9:00 am 4 <sup>th</sup> New Owls' session – children only
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	French day Pimms and Prom (details TBC)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Year 2 Recorder Concert
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Xplore St Marys (Y5, Y4, Y3) Details to follow

**KEEP READING FOR MORE DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Xplore St Marys (YR, Y1, Y2) Details to follow  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am-1:00 pm Year 5 Masterclass at The Trafalgar (letter to follow)  
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*  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Year 6 Leavers Service at school

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**LAST DAY OF TERM**

Best wishes,

Mr Paul Beveridge  
Head Teacher