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NEWSLETTER NO. 33

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Annual Reports

You will find a copy of your child's annual report in their bag this afternoon – If they do not give it to you, please do give the bag a good shake! We are planning to hold an open air celebration on the field on Monday morning at 9:00 am to award the Standards Badges for the year – if you are able to join us you would be most welcome. Please be mindful that over 75% of the school have achieved the standards we have set, and so there will a good number of badges to be presented, so the presentation may take some time! This is a superb problem to have!

Feedback from the June 2018 Parents' Survey and Wiltshire County Council

Thank you to all those who took part in the review of the year.

We are delighted that so many of you have noticed the changes we have been making, and how, as a result, standards are improving across the school.

We are delighted that we have already gained the best Year 1 Phonics Results and Year 2 KS1 Results since 2015!

We are also delighted that 100% of respondents identified that their son/daughter is safe at school. We are also pleased, that as a result of our work on behaviour this year, you now feel more confident that poor behaviour will be challenged and that children will be encouraged to live up to the high standards we set for them.

You have also identified that the quality of leadership has improved. We are also thrilled that you are now more confident that we respond to any concerns you raise. In fact, our score in this category is significantly above that of all schools nationally!

On Wednesday this week, school leaders and Governors met with representatives from Wiltshire Local Authority for our "School Effectiveness Review". You will be delighted to hear, as are we, that their conclusion is that we have taken and are continuing to take, effective action towards being judged as "Good" at the next Ofsted Inspection. This is a conclusion I am delighted with, following the hard work of everyone since I arrived at AWGS last September.

Thank you for all your support of the school this year and please be assured that we will continue to further improve the school, so that all children are given the best possible start in life.

Help with Swimming in September 2018

Do you have some free time on Friday afternoons to support our Year 4 swimmers (from September 2018)? We are looking for parent volunteers to accompany staff and Year 4 children to the Godolphin Pool every Friday 1:30-3:15 pm. Perhaps you could volunteer on certain Fridays, it doesn't have to be every Friday. You would not be getting in the pool, it is purely to help supervise the group. Please speak to Mrs Agland to find out more, a DBS enhanced check would be needed which would be done at school.

Pimms and Prom

A reminder that this evening is our Pimms and Prom celebration of all our musical talent in school. The event starts at 5:00 pm with the concert itself starting at 5:30 pm. Children are to come in school uniform please. FAWGs will be providing the Pimms and we look forward to sharing some excellent music and singing with you.

Sports Day Friday 13th July 2018

Next Friday 13th July is Sports Day (weather permitting). Please send your child in to school in their PE kit for the day (PE kits will, therefore, need to be taken home on the Thursday). Children may wear 'cat team' coloured t-shirt and accessories such as wrist bands, socks, hair bands to identify their team. The first race will start at approx. 9:15 am and the last race should be finished by 12 noon. This will be followed by a family picnic on the field if you are free to join your child for lunch. Hot lunches can be ordered in the usual way and if you would like to order a hot lunch for yourself please let us know by midday on Wednesday 11th July. The menu is battered fish and chips or cheese and vegetable lattice bake followed by flap jack or shortbread biscuit and juice. Price is £2.50.



Whole school photo and class photos

Cardwell and Simons will be collecting our orders on Monday 9th July so please ensure that your order is here in school first thing on that day. Thank you.

Clubs

Bird Watching Club is now finished for this term. A big thank you, once again, to Hanna for the enthusiasm they share with our young twitchers. Tennis and Netball Clubs will finish next week with their last sessions being Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th July respectively.

Gardening Club will finish on Wednesday 18th July. 'Private paid clubs' will inform you when they finish (Premier Sports, Pezzaz, KidsloveFit, Kicks 'n' Tricks).

Child of Hope Bake-off

A reminder that next Friday 13th July is our Bake-off in aid of our Charity Child of Hope. Please bring in your beautiful cake on Friday morning when it will be judged by Mrs Wood and Mrs Sloan. The cakes will then be sold at 1:00 pm in the hall. Entry is £3.00 with all the money raised going to Child of Hope. Prize for the winner is a box of Thorntons Classic Collection and a bottle of Champagne.

Year 6 to Salisbury Cathedral

Koalas class visited Salisbury Cathedral on Monday to take part in the Leavers' Service and Blessing. Our children were in the Warriors Group broken down to Artists and Actors. Artists made shields out of clay and paper and Actors learnt the Haka. The story of the Mustard Seeds was acted out and everyone sang. Thank you, once again, to all our parent drivers.

Orienteering Final

Our Year 5 orienteers took part in the Wiltshire and Swindon School Games Final at Marlborough College on Wednesday following their qualification over 3 events. They took part in an Opening Ceremony before the competition and had fun in the Athletes Village after. Our Giraffes did very well and showed excellent team working skills. I would like to give a special mention to SB and ER-W who demonstrated one of our key Values, Friendship. A big well done to our dedicated team of SB, TF, AH, E-MH, EH, AK, CM, SM, LN, NO, MP and ER-W and another big thank you to all the parents who supported them, particularly Mrs Hall, Mrs Mullen, Mrs Nash and Mrs Owen who drove to Marlborough College at a very early time in the morning and supervised the children.



Year 2 to Langford Lakes

Penguins enjoyed a lovely day out at Langford Lakes. In the morning we did a workshop called Marvellous Mini beasts and got the opportunity to hunt for mini beasts in three different habitats (dark places, grassland and a pond). In the afternoon we did a Perfect Plants workshop where we thought

about trees, went on a scavenger hunt and created a picture showing all the different colours plants can be. Thank you to Mrs Barter and Mrs Hodges for accompanying us.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

On Tuesday we were visited by a Strings Quintet from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra who performed to our children. It was a very inspiring performance and if your child would like to learn the violin as a result, please let us know and we will inform our very own Violin Teacher, Ms Radford.

Thank you to FAWGS

A big thank you to FAWGs for paying for a suite of 15 laptops. The children will benefit enormously from this.

FAWGS News

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the School Fete last weekend. What a fantastic day! Thank you to everyone who helped before and on the day, we really couldn't have done it without you. We have had so many positive comments about the event so we are glad you all enjoyed yourselves. We should have a final figure very soon for the amount of money we raised.

Friday 13th July: School Disco

Key Stage 1 children (Years R, 1 and 2) are welcome to attend from **6-7:00 pm**

Key Stage 2 children (Year 3 upwards) will be welcomed from **7:15-8:30pm**.

The disco is always fun with lots of singing and dancing! Entry will be **£2 per child on the door**. This includes a drink and a bag of sweets. For those that would like to purchase additional items, there will be a little tuck shop available on the night and some 'flashy/glowing things' for sale.

Thursday 19th July: FAWGS AGM. 7:30pm at school. Please come along to hear what we have been up to this year and to vote in the committee for next year.

The Golden Mile

Congratulations to Penguins: JB, EB, AC, JD, ND, FE, BH, FK-J, JL, JM, OM, FN, IP, RR, JS, IS and HZi who have now completed 10 miles on the Golden Mile Initiative and be awarded a Bronze Award. Well done!



Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **SM** on gaining his "50 Home Reads" Certificate to: Elephants: **LH** and **AM** and Penguins: **LM** on gaining their "150 Home Reads" Certificate; to Elephants: **CR** and **RS** on gaining their "200 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



Diary Dates – new dates underlined

July

Friday 6 th	Evening Pimms and Proms performance
Tuesday 10 th	Year 5 to Trafalgar School for a Masterclass
Friday 13 th	Sports morning and Family Picnic FAWGS Summer Disco
Friday 20 th	Reserve Sports morning
Tuesday 24 th	Studio Theatre drama Technical and Dress Rehearsal – times as in
<u>Wednesday 25th</u>	<u>Revised letter</u> <u>Studio Theatre drama Final Performance as in Revised letter</u>
<u>Wednesday 25th</u>	<u>2:30 pm Year 6 Leavers Service</u>
Wednesday 25 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Thursday 26 th	Summer Holiday begins

September 2018

<u>Monday 3rd</u>	<u>TD Day – no children in school</u>
<u>Tuesday 4th</u>	<u>Autumn Term begins</u>

Monday 10th 3:30-4:00 pm Years 2 & 3 Meet the Teacher

Nurturing lives through Christian Values

Tuesday 11th 3:30-4:00 pm Years 4 & 5 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 13th 3:30-4:00 pm Year 6 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 27th 9-10:00 am A day in the life of Owls' and Elephants' Classes

October

Wednesday 24th TD Day – no children in school

Thursday 25th-

Friday 2nd November October half term holiday

December

Monday 24th-

Friday 4th January 2019 Christmas holiday

January 2019

Monday 7th TD Day – no children in school

February

Monday 18th-

Friday 22nd February half term holiday

April

Monday 8th-

Monday 22nd Easter holiday

Tuesday 23rd TD Day – no children in school

May

Monday 27th-

Friday 31st May half term holiday

June

Monday 24th TD Day

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher