



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,



On Wednesday 28th June, Year 6 Koalas walked to Longford Estate for the annual Longford Countryside Day - despite the constant drizzle, the Koalas had a wonderful time, learning all about the skills needed and the processes involved in growing/rearing food for our tables on a farm. Part of the day was a competition entry - the children had to bake something exciting with garlic (some of which we had grown), make an innovative "wind spinner" and paint a picture/take a photograph of wild flowers... I am very proud to report that the Koalas won the competition - this was quite a feat as there were many fabulous entries from other schools. A huge well done to the Koalas and a sincere thank you to Mrs Hill and Mrs Forrest for all their help and to Mr Beveridge and Mrs Wilkinson for assisting with the walk to and from the estate. We are extremely lucky to have Longford so near to the school and we are grateful that Lord and Lady Radnor allow us to come and spend the day in their garden each year!



The photographs show the Koalas wearing their medals and holding the winner's trophy and the winning display of work. Mrs Gill

Moving up morning and next year's set-up

On Wednesday 5th July the New Owls will be with us and the majority of Year 6s will be at their 'Big' school for Y7 transition. To confirm your child's teacher please see the list below for Sept '17:

YR Owls Class – Mrs Tanner
Y1 Elephants Class – Mrs Smith
Y2 Penguins Class – Miss Armstrong
Y3 Lemurs Class – Mrs Pallas
Y4 Zebras Class – Mrs Veryard
Y5 Giraffes Class – Mr Malmberg
Y6 Koalas Class – Mrs Gill

Headteacher – Mr Wesley Thorpe
Senior Teacher – Mr E Malmberg
SENDCo/Senior Leader – Mrs C Wilkinson

Teaching assistant support and allocations are still being finalised. We trust your child will enjoy their first morning with their new teaching team on Wednesday after assembly and from September.

Changes to Breakfast Club provision September 2017

Attached to the Newsletter today are details of changes to Breakfast Club with effect from September 2017. Parents need to sign-up for the provision.

Year 4 to Wilton House for World War 2 Day

Zebras' class experienced what it was like to be an evacuee during World War 2 yesterday at Wilton House. They arrived at school in character, with their gas mask box and their World War 2 lunch. Mrs Liddington, a very strict teacher from the era, added extra authenticity by telling them off for not having shiny shoes and short haircuts! Mrs Liddington showed them World War 2 artefacts and encouraged the children to use their detective skills to work out what they were for. We had a tour of the Double Cube Room because of its significance during the War. A big thank you to Mrs Liddington for all her efforts in making this a very special trip and to all our parent drivers, especially Ms Kirkpatrick, Mrs Kidd and Mr Rattigan who all looked very 1940s glamorous!

Years 4, 5 & 6 to Salisbury Playhouse

Once again a huge thank you to parents who are driving children to the Playhouse and back for our Final Performance on Tuesday 4th July. The children are working very hard to perfect their drama skills. A reminder that the actual performance time has changed to **12 noon-1:15 pm**. Children will be leaving school at 9:00 am for their rehearsals. **Please ensure your child comes with a packed lunch.** Tickets are still available **but you must have your ticket with you to gain entry to the Salberg Theatre.** I hope you enjoy the performances.

Tennis Club

Please note that the last Tennis Club will be Thursday 5th July.

French Day

A reminder that it is French Day next Thursday 6th July. If you would like your child to have the special menu for this day please return your order slip by Monday 3rd July. Also, the children are to come dressed in the colours of the French flag ie blue, white and red. A big thank you in advance to Mrs Dean (Governor), Mrs Macklin (Grandma to Harry and Charlie) and Mrs Wilkinson for organising and running the day – we are all very much looking forward to it.

Penguins' Recorder Concert

A reminder that Year 2 will be performing on their Recorders, accompanied by Mr Walker next Friday 7th July at 9:00 am. Parents, grandparents etc of Year 2 are most welcome.

Owls' class worship

Our Owls will be leading Worship on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 9:15 am in the hall on the theme of "Respect and Reverence". All parents, grandparents etc of Owls are welcome to attend.

Awards

Congratulations to Elephants: **JA, JA, RR** and **HZ** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to Elephants: **BF** on gaining his "100 Home Reads" Certificate; to Elephants: **JB, GC, PD, JN** and **IP** and Penguins: **AP** on gaining their "150 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!

FAWGS News

Dee-eye-ess-sea-oh! ('Disco', just in case it's not obvious.) The glitter balls are twinkling, the ra-ra's are ready and the dancing shoes are lacing themselves up! **Tonight's the night:**

Key stage 1 children (**Years R, 1 & 2**) are welcome from **6.00pm to 7.00pm**

Key stage 2 children (**Years 3 upwards**) are welcome from **7.15pm to 8.30pm**

Entry will be £2 per child on the door. This includes a bag of sweets and unlimited water/squash. There will be a shop selling bags of sweets, drinks, crisps and glow sticks, so be prepared to be parted from your pocket money...

'Pimms & Proms' is almost upon us (**Thursday 6th July**), but we're struggling for helpers to put the 'Pimms' into the 'Proms'. **If you can offer any help** with setting up and/or serving, please **contact Claire Hall ASAP** (07787 040915).

Thank you all so much for your donations of filled jars for our stall at this year's **Summer Fete** (**Saturday 15th July, 2:30pm onwards**). You have surpassed yourselves; both with your ingenuity

and your generosity! Don't worry if you've forgotten and you'd still like to donate; **further jars are welcome** via school/committee members over the next two weeks.

Rather cheekily, we're asking for more 'fete favours' next week:

We're hoping that this one is less of a favour and more of a service – Our Teddy Tombola requires some **soft toys in need of 're-homing'**. If you have any that you'd like to send on a permanent 'holiday', please **look out for collection 'bins' in the playground next week...**

In payment for **next Friday's Non-uniform Day** (yep, that's 2 weeks running) we're politely requesting that you provide **a donation of either a bottle or some chocolate** for our Tombola at the fete. That's **any** bottle (be it shampoo or champagne) **or** chocolate (be it 'Time Out' or truffles), please.

We've thrown down the gauntlet and the clock is ticking... There're **only 7 days** until we discover which **class** has won the **party** for most **Raffle Ticket Sales!** Hopefully, each family has received their tickets and explanatory note by now. However, please contact the office, should you require further tickets. There are some fabulous prizes on offer again this year, with more arriving each day.

Please ensure you follow the info on the note for returning counterfoils and payments to the office by next Friday 7th July. It's essential that we have any **unsold books returned too**, please!

On a final fete note, please **look out for sign-up sheets** in school for **help with manning stalls** (divided into time-slots, so that you're not tied for the whole event). We also **need man power on the morning** of the fete (from approx 10am – 12pm), to set up gazebos, stalls etc. If you think you can help, **even if only for half an hour**, please let us know by contacting Claire Hall/emailing us at:

fawgs.committee@gmail.com

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10th July, 7:30pm** at the **Three Crowns** and you are all most welcome. In the meantime, you can always contact us via email: fawgs.committee@gmail.com / leave a message via the office or have a chat with us on the playground. Thanks again for all your support!

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

June

Friday 30th June Child of hope 'sponsored bounce'
Non-uniform day (FAWGS- fill a glass jar)
School Disco (KS1/Owls 6:00-7:00, KS2 7:15-8:30)

July

Tuesday 4th "Beginners Please" final performance at Salisbury Playhouse
Wednesday 5th 'Moving up morning' and Y6 taster day at Secondary school
Wednesday 5th 9:00 am 4th New Owls' session – children only
Thursday 6th French day
Pimms and Prom (details TBC)
Friday 7th Non-uniform day (FAWGS- donate a bottle)
9:00 am Year 2 Recorder Concert
Monday 10th Xplore St Marys (Y5, Y4, Y3) Details to follow
Tuesday 11th Xplore St Marys (YR, Y1, Y2) Details to follow
Tuesday 11th 9:30 am-1:00 pm Year 5 Masterclass at The Trafalgar (letter to follow)
Thursday 13th 9:15 am Owls' Worship
Y6 retreat to St John's (details to follow)
Friday 14th Race Morning and reports home.
Saturday 15th July Summer Fete 2:30pm onwards
Monday 17th Report feedback 'drop in' for parents (with class teacher) 2:00-4:00pm
Tuesday 18th *Reserve date for Race Morning*
Friday 21st Year 6 Leavers Service at school
LAST DAY OF TERM

Best wishes,

Mr Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher