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NEWSLETTER NO. 34

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

As a school, we have worked hard this year on the following themes:

- Promoting independence through the 4 Rs: Resilience, Resourcefulness, Responsiveness and Reflectiveness.
- Developing a love of reading and confident writers via our new literacy approach.
- Our school values: Friendship, Thankfulness and Service.
- Giving children an active role within the school and our decision making process.
- Acquiring new resources to support our learning in literacy and maths.
- Supporting the curriculum and emotional development of children via our fantastic trips and residential.

Subsequently, we are proud to say that we are currently achieving the **best results since 2015 at all levels**. This is a significant improvement and I am pleased with the progress we have made. We will continue to strive for excellence in the future.



Well done to all the children and staff for their hard work.

Recent events in Salisbury/Amesbury

We would like to draw your attention to advice we have received as a school from the Chief Medical Officer following the recent events in Salisbury and Amesbury. Please be reassured that the risk to members of the public is LOW. If children and young people encounter any strange objects in the coming days or weeks, they should leave them alone and alert the police. As a precaution the public are advised not to pick up any strange items such as needles, syringes or unusual containers.



Year 1 Worship

Elephants' class will be leading worship on the theme of 'Peace' on Thursday 19th July at 9:00 am in the hall. Parents/grandparents etc of Elephants are welcome to attend.

St Mary's Church, Alderbury, Family Service 15th July 9:30 am

A welcome to all this Sunday for our Family Service. Our theme is Listening to God. As usual, something for everyone – no matter how noisy!

Sports Morning and Child of Hope Bake-off

How lovely it was to see so many families out on the field supporting our children this morning. I hope you all had a good time. I am pleased to announce that Jaguars team were our overall winners, so well done to them.

Thank you for your beautiful cakes for our Child of Hope Bake-off. It was a tough job for our judges, Mrs Sloan and Mrs Wood but the winner is (drum roll please!)



The Mernagh Family!



Meet the teacher in September

We would like to offer the following dates for you to meet your teachers in the new school year:

Monday 10th September Years 2 and 3 at 3:30-4:00 pm
Tuesday 11th September Years 4 and 5 at 3:30-4:00 pm
Wednesday 12th September Year 1 Phonics morning 9-10:30 am
Thursday 13th September Year 6 at 3:30-4:00 pm
Thursday 27th September Years R and 1 will be holding a 'Day in the life of' session at 9:00 am for Year R and 9:30 am for Year 1.

We hope you can join us.

Our Jubilee Copse

Some of our children have been planting Wild Cherry, Hawthorn and Rowan trees in our new copse which has been planted to create an outside classroom and to encourage wildlife. The copse is in celebration of our Silver Jubilee. A big thank you to Mr Jolliffe, Mr and Mrs Paramor and Mr and Mrs Sloan for all their organising, planning and planting. We are looking forward to watching it flourish over time.

Siblings and CAT teams

From September, following requests from parents, we will ensure that siblings are placed in the same CAT teams. We apologise that we were unable to bring in the change in time for Sports Day today and hope that you were able to share your loyalties evenly! Please be aware that this will mean some movement within the teams generally to allow families to be together.



The Golden Mile

Congratulations to Penguins: **CB** and **GC** who have now completed 10 miles on the Golden Mile Initiative and will be awarded a Bronze Award. Well done!

Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **MP** and Penguins: **GC** on gaining their "200 Home Reads" Certificate and an extra special well done to Owls: **BB** and **NL** for completing more than 250 Home Reads. Well done!



5 Love Languages of Children

Please find attached to this newsletter details of four sessions run by the Salvation Army and held here at Alderbury School for parents of 0-12 year olds to help you understand five different



expressions of love and explore together how to identify and communicate effectively in your child's main love language. The sessions are: Fridays 21st, 28th September and 5th and 12th October 2018 at 2:00 pm at our school. If you would like to attend please sign up with Mrs Agland. These sessions are

open to all and provide an insight into reducing some of the conflicts which are an everyday part of family life!

FAWGS News

We are so pleased to be able to tell you that the Summer Fete raised a fantastic £3,200 for the school! Thank you for supporting us.

A quick reminder about the school disco tonight: Years R,1 and 2: 6-7:00 pm;
Years 3 upwards: 7.15-8.30 pm. Entry is £2 per child.

Thursday 19th July: FAWGS AGM - 7:30 pm at school.

This is a plea to as many of you as possible to come along for, at most half an hour, to support our AGM. We need a quorum, which is double the number of committee members, to enable the AGM to be conducted properly. This WILL NOT mean you have to put your name down to stand on the committee, instead you will be able to hear from the Chair and Treasurer rounding up the year and you will get to vote the next committee in. We look forward to seeing a full hall!





Alderbury Pre-school 10th Anniversary Party

Tickets are now available for our Party on Saturday 21st July from 4:00 pm. We are asking you to purchase tickets so we can make sure we buy enough burgers and sausages for the BBQ. Ticket price includes the first soft drink. There will be a bar for the grown-ups,

activities for the younger children and games on the field for the older children and competitive adults! All families are invited who have used our setting over the last 10 years and those that are still attending. Pop into pre-school if you would like tickets or email us on alderburypreschool@btconnect.com and we will put tickets in your child's book bag. Tickets cost £1 and includes your first soft drink.



Alderbury Football Club Taster Day

Alderbury Football Club are running a free taster event tomorrow morning, Saturday 14th July, between 10:00 am-12 noon at their home ground, Junction Road, Alderbury. It is open to all children, boys and girls, in school Years 3-6 from September 2018 (ie Years 2-5 at the moment). No need to register, just turn up for a morning of fun. If you want more information before the event, please contact Paul Sims on 07842 162612. Please also check out the attached flyer.

Fancy a break in Dorset?

Late availability on a holiday bungalow in Swanage. The bungalow sleeps 6 in 3 bedrooms and has a fully fitted kitchen with a large decked area and garden. It also comes with a beach hut on Swanage beach which has all the essentials. There are a couple of weeks still available in August/September. If anyone is interested, please contact Claire at Pre-school/After School Club.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

July

Friday 13 th	FAWGS Summer Disco
<u>Thursday 19th</u>	<u>9:00 am Year 1 leading Worship</u>
Tuesday 24 th	Studio Theatre drama Technical and Dress Rehearsal – times as in Revised letter
Wednesday 25 th	Studio Theatre drama Final Performance as in Revised letter 2:30 pm Year 6 Leavers Service
Wednesday 25 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Thursday 26 th	Summer Holiday begins

September 2018

Monday 3 rd	TD Day – no children in school
Tuesday 4 th	Autumn Term begins
<u>Monday 10th</u>	<u>3:30-4:00 pm Y2 & 3 Meet the Teacher</u>
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<u>Wednesday 12th</u>	<u>9-10:30 am Y1 Phonics morning</u>
<u>Thursday 13th</u>	<u>3:30-4:00 pm Y6 Meet the Teacher</u>
<u>Friday 21st</u>	<u>2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall</u>
<u>Thursday 27th</u>	<u>9:00 am YR & 1 'Day in the life of' session</u>
<u>Friday 28th</u>	<u>2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall</u>

October

<u>Friday 5th</u>	<u>2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall</u>
<u>Friday 12th</u>	<u>2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall</u>
Wednesday 24 th	TD Day – no children in school
Thursday 25 th -	
Friday 2 nd November	October half term holiday

December

Monday 24 th -	
Friday 4 th 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

Tuesday 23rd

Easter holiday

TD Day – no children in school

May

Monday 27th-

Friday 31st

May half term holiday

June

Monday 24th

TD Day

Best wishes

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Headteacher