



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England (Aided) Primary School

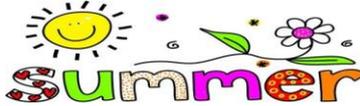
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## NEWSLETTER NO. 35

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

This is our last Newsletter of 2017/18 and I have almost completed my first year as Headteacher. I would like to thank all the staff, governors and volunteers for their hard work and dedication this year and to our parents for all their support and for making me feel so welcome. I have enjoyed getting to know the school and the people in it. I would like to wish you all a happy and restful Summer and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for the new school year.

### **Governors' News January–July 2018**

We have been reviewing the effectiveness of the governing body. Working with an external advisor, we have audited our practice and structures and agreed an action plan that will create a positive impact on the work we do.

Many thanks to FAWGS who met with the Resources Committee. As a result of this meeting we are very grateful to them for their generous donation of 15 new laptops for the school.

The governing body have spent a day in school, visiting classes and observing the school at work.

We used the time to monitor the key areas of the school improvement plan and to develop our approach for next year to ensure that we continue to be focused on pupils' progress, attainment and well-being.

Much has been achieved since last September. We were very pleased to note the significant improvement in both the progress and standards achieved by the children across Key Stages 1 and 2. We believe that the school is now well placed to build on this success and we are very grateful to Mr Thorpe and the staff for their tireless efforts.

We would like to wish all parents and staff a really enjoyable summer – let's hope the lovely weather continues!

### **Year 3 lunches from September**

To our current Year 2 parents, a reminder that from September your Year 3 child will not be entitled to Universal Free School Meals and therefore payment of £2.50 will be required for every meal your child has. The easiest way to pay for school meals is online. If you have any problem with paying online please let Mrs Matthiae know in the office.

However, if you are entitled to one of the following benefits, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals:

- 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.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, has been fostered or adopted or who has a parent in the Armed Forces they 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.

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.

### Studio Theatre Drama for Years 4, 5 and 6

If you have booked tickets for the performances on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at the Studio Theatre they should have come home by now. Please let Mrs Agland know if you have not received them. There are tickets still available for the Year 6 show at 9:30 am and a very small number of tickets left for the Years 4 and 5 shows starting at 11:00 am. Please let Mrs Agland know if you would like one.



#### The Golden Mile

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

#### Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **ND** on gaining her "100 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **AR** and Penguins: **JN** on gaining their "150 Home Reads" Certificate and finally to Penguins: **BH** for completing his "250 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done to all, keep up the good work during the Summer!



### First Aid Course at Alderbury Pre-school

Alderbury Pre-school will be running a First Aid Course aimed at parents, carers, grandparents and babysitters next term. The 2 hour session will run on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 2:00 pm. There will be a creche and children's activities available so that parents are able to attend. The course covers all aspects of first aid treatment for children and babies including CPR and life support. If you are interested in more details or to put your name down for the course please email Ruth at [alderburypreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:alderburypreschool@btconnect.com).



### West Grimstead Badminton Club

West Grimstead Badminton Club meet Thursdays 8-10:00 pm at Chafyn Grove School Sports Hall and are looking for new members, please see the attached flyer. For more information call 01722 501180.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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!



### Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

#### July

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Studio Theatre drama Technical and Dress Rehearsal – times as in Revised letter

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Studio Theatre drama Final Performance as in Revised letter  
Nurturing lives through Christian Values

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm Year 6 Leavers Service
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>September 2018</b>	Summer Holiday begins
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TD Day – no children in school
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Term begins
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3:30-4:00 pm Y2 & 3 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:30-4:00 pm Y4 & 5 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9-10:30 am Y1 Phonics morning
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3:30-4:00 pm Y6 Meet the Teacher
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2:40 pm Harvest Service
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am YR & 1 'Day in the life of' session
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
<b>October</b>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – no children in school
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	October half term holiday
<b>November</b>	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher consultations – times to be confirmed
<b>December</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Christmas holiday
<b>January 2019</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – no children in school
<b>February</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	February half term holiday
<b>April</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> -	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TD Day – no children in school
<b>May</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	May half term holiday
<b>June</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe  
Headteacher