



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Thank you and goodbye

As this is the last newsletter for this academic year, it is my last one. I must take this opportunity to thank you all for helping to make my time as headteacher of AWGS such a happy one. My fondness for this school will endure and I have a catalogue of happy memories to take away. The stand out feature of this school is how open, honest, family-friendly and welcoming we have become – due to us all pulling together and being open to what each other has to offer. Keep it going, please. I will miss coming to work here – I will miss the children dearly. If you are all as good and kind to Mr Thorpe as you have been to me, I know he will be in for a very warm and genuine welcome. Very best wishes and sincere gratitude to you all. Keep the mission and vision alive:



Our Values *in scripture*

Friendship **Luke 6 v31**

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Thankfulness **1 Thessalonians 5 v16-18**

“Rejoice always, pray continually, **give thanks in all circumstances**; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Service **Micah 6 v8**

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To **act justly** and to love **mercy** and to walk **humbly** with your God.”

Report Feedback sessions

Reports are coming home today. The Report Feedback sessions on Monday 17th July are available 2-4pm only if you wish to discuss something mentioned in the report. If you are happy with the report, the session is not needed. The appointments have been booked in slots of '5' spanning half an hour... please be patient if you need to wait to see the teacher in your allocated 30 minute slot. Please let us know on Monday if you do not need an appointment you have already booked. Thank you.

Gardening Club

There will be a final Gardening Club next Wednesday 19th July for fun and games to say thank you for all the children's hard work.

Child of Hope

Thank you if you have returned your Child of Hope sponsorship money, so far we have raised £650. Please return all money raised by Monday 17th July.

Family service at St Marys Church, Alderbury

Join us this Sunday 16th July at St. Mary's for our Family Service at 9.30 am. All welcome - no matter how noisy!

Xplore St Mary's

All the classes, except Year 6, visited St Mary's Church over 2 days on Monday and Tuesday this week. The children learnt about Jesus, prayer, welcoming people into the church and the font and baptism. The children made doves and stained glass windows and took part in collaborative sewing for a new candle tablecloth. Thank you to Mrs Larkham and all the Governors who organised the event and thank you to all our parents who helped by dropping children off at St Mary's and walking them there and back.

Year 6 Retreat at St John's Church

On Thursday, Reverend Beth and Mrs Larkham hosted a retreat morning at St John's church in West Grimstead. We focused on the school values and God's love for us. The Koalas are ready for their next adventure at secondary school, supported by God's love. Once again a huge thank you to parents for dropping their children at St John's Church and for those parents who drove children back to school after the event.

FAWGS News

Thank you to those of you who have returned raffle tickets for the Summer Fete - especially if you've bought/sold them! **It's still not too late to return sold/unsold tickets; simply bring them along on the day!** The action kicks off at 2:30pm & it would be great to see as many children as possible right at the start, so that we can sing our whole school songs with gusto!

Don't forget to bring along your entries for our **Great Bake-Off Competition**. Adults' categories are '**Best Sponge Cake**' or '**Showstopper**'. Children, however can bake **anything**, though I should remind you that the school operates a 'No Nut' policy. Once you've dropped off your offerings, it's time to sample some of ours! We've kept our prices low, so that you can afford to feed the whole family at our **BBQ**. We've also worked hard to bring the 'fast' into 'fast food', so queues should be minimal.

There'll be a vast array of stalls, entertainment and prizes to be won, so please do come along and support the school. We're continuing until 5:00pm, so it's due to be a great value means of entertaining the family for the afternoon. Don't forget to spread the word...

Farley Literary Festival Saturday, 9th September

There is an author event for children at 11am in The Wardenry on Saturday, 9th September. Children are being asked to write a 150 Word Masterpiece for a competition which will be judged by Angela McAllister, author of the Red House prize winning, 'Yuck! That's not a monster!' and over 80 other books for children and teenagers. Entries need to be emailed to flitfest2017@gmail.com by 4th September.

Ms McAllister will judge children's entries to the competition, read from her books and talk about story writing at the event. Tickets are £1 in aid of Farley Church and available via Salisbury Playhouse (or on the door, but it would help to know how many children to expect!)

More details about Farley Literary Festival are on the website: <https://flitfest2017.wixsite.com/flitfest>

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

July

Friday 14 th	Race Morning and reports home 6:00 pm Year 6 Leavers' Party
Saturday 15 th	2:30 pm Summer Fete
Monday 17 th	Report feedback 'drop in' for parents (with class teacher) 2-4:00 pm
Friday 21 st	1:30 pm Year 6 Leavers' Service at school

LAST DAY OF TERM

September

Friday 1st TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

October

Wednesday 18th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

January 2018

Thursday 4th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

March 2018

Thursday 29th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

June 2018

Monday 25th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes,

Mr Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher