



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

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NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

SCHOOL NEWS:

School Photos

Hopefully, you have all seen a proof of your child's photo. Cardwell and Simons will be collecting orders next Wednesday 3rd October so please make sure you have returned your order to school by first thing on Wednesday.

Raising Boys' Achievement

On Tuesday 16th October, The Trafalgar School at Downton are hosting a talk from Gary Wilson, a freelance education consultant, speaker, trainer, author and former teacher of 27 years who is one of the country's leading experts on raising boys' achievement. He will be outlining to parents the issues around boys' underachievement and what can be done about it, both in school and out. Parents leave with a fuller understanding of the issues surrounding boys' underachievement and practical steps that they can take to help their boys achieve. The event starts at 7:00 pm and is expected to last about 1¼ hours. Refreshments will be available from 6:45 pm. To find out more information about Gary you can go to his website www.garywilsonraisingboysachievement.com.

'easyfundraising'

We have this week received a cheque for £31.51 from the easyfundraising team – thank you if you are already supporting us this way. Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for our school. 3,441 retailers take part, including Amazon, ebay, Sainsbury's, Argos etc and it is easy to use. Go to the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/awqs/> to get started. For each new supporter that signs up and raises their first £5, easyfundraising will donate an extra £5 to our school. Thank you.

Census Day/Harvest menu

Next Thursday 4th October is Census Day when every school in Wiltshire has to provide Wiltshire Council with Census information, which can affect the funding we receive. As the number taking Universal Free School Meals (offered to children in Years R, 1 and 2) forms part of the Census it is important that as many children as possible have a meal on this day, so HC3S have put together the following menu as a celebration of the season:



Harvest Pizza
(sweetcorn and mushroom)
Margherita Pizza
Corn on the Cob
Wedges
Toffee Apple Sponge
Cinnamon Apple Shortbread

Our Choir

We have a good sized Choir this year and rehearsals are in full swing. On that note, we want to give you advance notice of two concerts coming up over the next couple of months. The first is Choir of the Year on Thursday 15th



November in Devizes starting at 10:00 am and the second is the Salisbury Schools Carol Concert at the City Hall on Monday 10th December starting at 6:00 pm. More information will follow over the next few weeks.

Mobile Library Years 1-6

Wiltshire Mobile Library service sends the Mobile Library van to the school once a month. If your child has used this service in the past he/she can continue to do so. If your child would like to start using the van and has an active Wiltshire library card please bring it to the office to be photocopied. If you would like to apply for a card please collect, complete and return a request form from the office and a card can be organised.

Harvest Service

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Service this week. A big thank you for all your Harvest donations. Trussell Trust collected them today.

Mr Smith is running for us!

Mr Smith (Georgia Smith's dad) is running the Bournemouth Marathon on 7th October and the Portsmouth Great South Run (10 miles) on 21st October 2018 to raise funds for Alderbury Pre-school and Alderbury and West Grimstead School. Please support this amazing gesture by sponsoring him for as much as you can. Sponsorship forms are available from the office. A big thank you to Mr Smith.

Tesco fundraising WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Don't forget our school is currently taking part in the Tesco "Bags to School" fundraising scheme thanks to Mrs Telfer putting forward an application for funding to improve our Sacred Garden and create a Gruffalo themed garden where the wooded area in the infant playground is. However, **WE STILL**

NEED YOUR HELP as we are currently in 3rd place. Please ensure that when you shop in Tesco you collect a blue token available at all the cashiers, including self scan and self serve and place it in our box. Please tell all your friends and relations to do the same! Last time we were successful in receiving the funding and it would be fantastic to be able to further enhance our other outside areas. We will be in the box until the end of October!

5 Love Languages of Children

It doesn't matter if you missed last week's session – there is still the opportunity to come along for the three remaining sessions today and Friday 5th and 12th October 2018 at 2:00 pm at our school.



However, for those of you who cannot attend, Fordingbridge Salvation Army are running an all-day course on Saturday 17th November 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

If you would like to register your attendance go to

Michael.french@salvationarmy.org.uk.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Alderbury Girl Guides

On Saturday 29th September 10:00 am-12 noon Alderbury Girl Guides are holding a Coffee Morning at the Village Hall to raise funds for the unit. Recruiting will take place of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers so please come along. All are welcome.

Carousel events

Have you got your tickets yet for the **Carousel Barn Dance** on Saturday 6th October with live Band 'Scrape the barrel'? Tickets from Alderbury shop priced at £12 including ploughman's and first drink or from Andy Larkham on 710123. We are limited to 80 tickets so get your tickets early. Proceeds from our Carousel events goes to help support our church and village groups including Alderbury and West Grimstead school.

Scarecrow and cider tasting at West Grimstead Village Hall

Come along to West Grimstead Village Hall for a Scarecrow and cider tasting afternoon on Saturday 13th October at 12 noon. Enjoy tasting a selection of ciders, there will also be soft drinks. Come dressed as a scarecrow or make a scarecrow and bring it along. Prizes for best dressed scarecrows and best made for both adults and children. Games craft table for the children and a light lunch will be available. Please let Janice Ford know by 6th October on 01722 710805 as this will help with the catering.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

September 2018

Friday 28th Spire FM 'Bring a pound to work day' for a new MRI scanner
Friday 28th 2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Saturday 29th 7:00 for 7:15 pm Alderbury Pre-school Quiz Night

October

Friday 5th 2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Thursday 11th Year 3 to Butser Farm
Friday 12th 2:00 pm 5 Love Languages of Children in the hall
Wednesday 24th TD Day – no children in school

Thursday 25th-

Friday 2nd November October half term holiday

November

Monday 5th FAWGS Firework Evening
Saturday 10th 9:30 am-12:30 pm "Bring a Broom" Day
Wednesday 14th Parent/Teacher consultations – times to be confirmed
Thursday 15th 10:00 am Choir of the Year, Devizes – Choir only

December

Friday 7th 6-7:00 pm FAWGS Disco KS1 (YR, 1 & 2)
7:15-8:30 pm FAWGS Disco KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday 10th 2:00 pm (tbc) Y2 & 3 'Manger Mouse' performance Parents with small children welcome
Monday 10th 6:00 pm Salisbury Schools Carol Concert at The City Hall – Choir only
Tuesday 11th 5:30 pm (tbc) Y2 & 3 'Manger Mouse' performance – no small children to attend please
Tuesday 18th 1:30 pm YR & Y1 Nativity Parents with small children welcome
Wednesday 19th 9:15 am YR & Y1 Nativity – no small children to attend please
Thursday 20th 2:30 pm FAWGS Christmas Bazaar and Santa's Grotto
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