



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

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### NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

They say that time flies when you are having fun and it is certainly true that my first month at AWGS has flown by! If you take out the holidays, the pupils are now 1/10 of the way through the academic year! Our Owls enjoyed their "Meet the Teacher" event this week and have made a flying start to being full time in school. I have enjoyed helping with play dough modelling this week and have been impressed with the care and attention our Elephants gave to this task. At the other end of the school, our Koalas are starting to consider their choice of secondary school - many of you will still remember their first day with us some 6 years ago!

Having been here a month, I launched the new "AWGS Standard" in Worship on Monday morning. **My aim is to reward the children who are always quietly doing the right thing.** Special badges will be awarded in the Spring and again in the Summer (for any who did not quite make the standard in the Spring). The criteria are easy to remember as they follow our school abbreviated name "AWGS":

A - Attendance - ideally 96%

W - Working hard in lessons (and homework!)

G - Good behaviour - all the time in lessons and around the school

S - Showing our Values of Friendship, Thankfulness and Service - this may be in big or small ways - even holding the door open for someone is an act of service!

We will be discussing our rewards more fully at School Council later this term and I look forward to hearing from the pupils how they would like to be encouraged and rewarded for achieving the high personal standards we set for them.

#### Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service, led by Rev. Beth, will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30 pm in the hall and we would very much like to receive donations of tinned and packaged products on the day. Years 2 and 5 will be involved in the Service but all parents, grandparents etc are welcome to attend.



#### St. Mary's Church, Alderbury

A busy couple of weeks coming up – hope you can join us for some of our Harvest celebrations.

**Harvest Family Service** - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30 am – gifts for Trussell Trust, Alderbury Bungalow and Alabare.

**Carousel Harvest Barn Dance** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October – with Band 'Scrape the Barrel'.

Tickets from Alderbury shop £12 including ploughman's and first drink.

**Harvest Songs of Praise** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 4:00 pm at the Village hall. Come and sing your favourite Harvest songs.

**Tickets still available for Alderbury Carousel Events Grand Draw** from AWGS admin office. £1 each or £5 for a book of 5.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50. Over £500 of prizes including family days out, Panto tickets, meals for two and shop vouchers.

## Changes to lunch menu

Next week we have two changes to the lunch menu. On **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** to celebrate our Harvest Service, HC3S will be offering the following:



Harvest Pizza  
or  
Layered Vegetable Bake  
with  
Mini sweetcorn cob  
Assorted Autumn salad

Apple and blackberry sponge or fresh fruit

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** 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 are serving the menu below:



Chicken grill in a floured bap  
or  
Bean bake burger  
with potato waffles, rainbow coleslaw and sweetcorn

Strawberry Smoothies

The lunch is available to all, priced as normal at £2:50 for KS2; free for KS1. Thank you for your support.

## Toast at break time for KS2

Mrs Telfer, along with Megan Spreadbury and Scarlett Villis, will be serving buttered toast at break times for 20p a slice. Next week Year 4 can buy toast on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Year 3 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like your child to enjoy some delicious warm toast please send them in with 20p on their chosen day and look out for the sign-up sheets on the notice board.

## Wellies

If you have any spare wellies at home that are outgrown and you can donate to school, we would very much like to have them. Also, if you have a strong storage box that you no longer have a use for, please think of us for our wellies.

## Parents and Carers Support Group

Please see the attached flyer about this Group's meeting dates coming up for parents and carers to chat with each other, share information, support each other, hear guest speakers and to get help and advice with SEN issues.

## Colder weather

As we enter the Autumn and the weather starts getting colder and damper, please make sure your child comes to school with a suitable coat allowing them to play outside at break and lunch time. Thank you.

## FAWGS news

Hello to everyone this new academic year! We wanted to remind all parents (and let new parents know) that you are all automatically members of FAWGS (our PTA). You are very welcome to attend any of our meetings or speak to members of the committee if you have any good fundraising ideas or feedback from any of our events.

### Dates for your diary:

October half-term – we will be carrying on with our Helping Hands tradition over the holidays. Each child will be bringing home a glove to fill with pennies for any chores that they complete round the house. Please send them back the week we return to school so they can be counted in good time. The School Council have the fun job of deciding how they would like to spend their money! Last year the children all participated in an amazing Science show that came to school so watch this space to see what they decide!

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Fireworks Spectacular!

Tickets will be going on sale in the next few weeks, we will let you know when they become available. Please speak to Kate Macklin if you are able to help marshal on the night.



#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Bazaar at the Village Hall from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

FAWGS will be running this event so please come along and support us! If you would like information on having a stall please speak to Pauline Gillespie.



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Winter Disco. Timings and information will be published in future newsletters.

### Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

#### September

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>- HC3S Competition for KS2 'What's in my fridge?'

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

#### October

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm Harvest Festival

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Cardwell and Simons, School Photographer

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm – letter to follow

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>-

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Poppies on sale

#### November

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>- Year 5 to Braeside

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 1-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow

#### December

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 1:45 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>-

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

#### January 2018

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

#### March 2018

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

#### June 2018

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

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Head Teacher