



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

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NEWSLETTER NO. 5

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

As a school, we have been focussing on one of our core values this term: friendship. We started the week with a visiting speaker from the Trussell Trust, as we launched the annual Shoe Boxes for Bulgaria campaign. Hopefully you have received a leaflet about this earlier this week. The deadline for completed boxes is Wednesday 22nd November.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Harvest, with Years 2 & 5 taking part in the service, which was conducted by Rev. Beth. Thank you for all your generosity – the donations will be distributed in the local area.

Our healthy eating poster competition will be judged by Mrs Tanner and myself, however, due to the large number of last minute entries we were unable to announce the winner on Wednesday as planned. We will announce the winner next week!

I am delighted to report that “Boundary Coffee Shop” has kindly agreed to make a substantial donation to the school to support the work we are doing with the Owls (Year R). The funding will enable the Owls to benefit from a programme run by “The Bridge” in Salisbury to learn more about the importance of rules in school, at home and in the world beyond. If you would like to visit Boundary Coffee Shop, they are open on a Friday morning from 9:00 am-12:00 noon in the Village Hall. Please do enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and slice of cake and remember you are helping to support the school at the same time!

Parking at school

Can we please politely remind you to park on the wooded side of Firs Road only, avoiding the zig zag lines near school. Double parking makes it very difficult for an emergency vehicle to gain access to the school and it always causes problems when coaches are visiting. Also, please be respectful of our neighbours and avoid parking in Woodlea Grange. There is plenty of parking available at the Village Hall.

New lunch menus

Please look out for new lunch menus that will be coming home next week.



St. Mary's Church Alderbury – Harvest Celebrations

Hope you can join us for some of our Harvest celebrations:

This Sunday 8th October at 9:30 am is our **Harvest Family Service** – gifts for Trussell Trust, Alderbury Bungalow and Alabare

Sunday 15th October at 4pm **Harvest Songs of Praise** – at the Village hall. Come and sing your favourite Harvest songs

Carousel events

Have you got your tickets yet for the **Carousel Barn Dance** – Saturday 14th October – with live Band ‘Scrape the Barrel’?

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

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

1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £50 with over £500 of prizes including family days out, Panto tickets, meals for two and shop vouchers.

Walking in the light party

Next week the children will bring home their invitation to this year’s Walking in the Light Party. It will be held at AWGS on Tuesday 31st October from 4:30 pm–6:30 pm. The cost for the afternoon will be £2 per child.

As a church community we want to celebrate the good things in our lives so we are asking the children to come dressed in bright colours – no witches, ghosts etc. Please fill in the registration and consent forms and return them to the AWGS office as soon as possible and before the end of this term! For more info contact Alison Larkham on 01722 710123.

Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **GC, BH, RJ, FK-J, IP** and **IS** on gaining their “25 Home Reads” Certificate. Well done!



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.

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.



West Grimstead Village Hall – Songs of our Time Saturday 14th October 2017 at 7:30 pm

A programme of songs that will get your feet tapping, your hands clapping and spirits lifting!! Buffet supper, bar and raffle. £10.00 for adults, £5.00 for children UNDER 14 payable at the door. Please contact Janice Ford on 01722 710805 by 9th October if you would like to come as this will help with catering.

Afternoon tea at the Bowls Club

Alderbury Bowls Club and Alderbury Scout Troop have organised an Afternoon Tea at the Bowls Club on Saturday 14th October 2-4:00 pm to raise money for a new lawnmower. The event is supported by Tesco and will also help our local Scouts to gain their Creative and World Challenge Badges. Please go along and support this event.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

October

Monday 16 th	8:30 am Cardwell and Simons, School Photographer
Tuesday 17 th	Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm
Wednesday 18 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
Thursday 19 th -	
Friday 27 th	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 30 th	Poppies on sale

PLEASE KEEP READING FOR MORE DATES

November

<u>Friday 3rd</u>	<u>FAWGS Fireworks Spectacular</u>
Monday 6 th -	Year 5 to Braeside
Wednesday 8 th	
Wednesday 15 th	1-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher consultations
<u>Saturday 25th</u>	<u>Xmas Bazaar</u>
Thursday 30 th	Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow

December

<u>Friday 8th</u>	<u>FAWGS Winter Disco</u>
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th	1:45 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 21 st -	
Wednesday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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 Thorpe
Head Teacher