



Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

As many of you know, we were inspected by SIAMS (Anglican and Methodist Schools) yesterday. I and the governors wish to express many thanks to everyone who supported the inspection process, including parents, staff and children. I am especially grateful to parents who met the inspector, looked after my football club afterschool (Paul Sims) and prepared the draft of our new mission and vision statement (Jane Sims). In the end, it was a long but productive day in which the children did us proud. The overall inspection went well with many points of strength and some areas to work on and further develop. The grades are not finalised until the report has been checked by the Diocese and we are not at liberty to release further details until the final report is confirmed and published in two to three weeks' time. As soon as the report and final gradings are released it will be made available. There will be plenty to celebrate and to be proud of, I am sure, including the pride, passion and ambition of the school community as a whole.

Years 1, 2 and 3 flu vaccination

Please return your consent form (forms must be returned even if you do not give consent) to Mrs Agland by Tuesday 4th October in order for the Immunisation Team to collate the information. Thank you.

School Photographs

Orders for school photos must be returned by first thing on Tuesday 4th October, Cardwell and Simons will be collecting them on this day. Thank you.

'A Day in the Life of Owls' Class'

New Owls' parents are invited to meet with Mrs Tanner next Thursday 6th October in the school hall from 9:10-9:40 am (I will be looking after the Owls). This will be a chance to engage with the school's vision and mission statement too.

Special Menu – Thursday 6th October

As it is Census Day next Thursday 6th October our kitchen has put on a special menu for the day to encourage as many children as possible to have a hot meal (the more children that have a hot meal, the higher the school is funded). The menu is as follows:

Fish and chips and peas or

Vegetarian Bake

Ice cream or muffin

Friday 7th October's menu will be Beef meatballs in tangy tomato sauce, pasta or vegetarian sausage roll, mashed potatoes and gravy. Thank you for your support with this.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will be on Thursday 13th October at 9:15 am, all are welcome. Once again we would be very grateful to receive items of food for this year's Harvest and I have attached the Trussell Trust Harvest Appeal Shopping List to assist with this. Please bring food items on the morning or the day before our Service. Thank you.

Penguins' Worship

Penguins will be leading Worship on the theme of "Creativity" on Thursday 20th October at 9:10am. Parents, grandparents etc of Year 2 children are very welcome.

FAWGS News

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM this week, we were overwhelmed by the support shown and we now have an amazing committee of 18 people. Every parent is automatically a member of FAWGS so we will have great representation from all year groups. Thank you also to Sue Hewlett for agreeing to stand as Secretary for this year.

The sad news is that the roles of Chairperson and Treasurer were not filled and without names against these posts FAWGS cannot continue. This would mean that the Fireworks Evening would have to be cancelled and there would be NO school discos or visits from a certain person at Christmas not to mention the many other events organised throughout the year.

The next meeting to take place on Wednesday 5th October will be an Extraordinary AGM to attempt to fill these two posts. The meeting will be at school at 7.30pm. Please, please come along if you are able to stand for these positions. If you are interested but are unable to attend this meeting please speak to Louise Compton.

Department of Education School Census information

Please return the attached form by Wednesday 5th October. The Department of Education now requires that all pupils' country of birth and nationality be recorded. I have attached a sheet for completion to this Newsletter (**please note if your child is in Owls class you do not need to complete this**). Thank you if you have already completed and returned your form.

Plea from the WI

Following a recent talk, Alderbury WI are lending their support to a small charity which is involved in a project in a remote jungle community in Sierra Leone. This project funds a first aid post (the nearest hospital being several days walk away and only available to those who can pay) and also supports a small orphanage offering shelter to orphans of Ebola and children who were kidnapped to become boy soldiers. They are in desperate need of medical supplies, including bandages, anti-fungal creams, antiseptic creams and ointments, pain killers (paracetamol) plasters, small blankets for wrapping new babies. In fact anything of medical use. This small charity is part of the Hythe Cornerstone United Reform Church and they are travelling out to the jungle again in early October. If you have anything which you consider would be useful to them please contact Astrid Pountney on 01722 711693 or Veronica Iles 01722 711280 both of whom will be pleased to come and collect any items you have. Please help this little charity continue with their valuable work in this jungle community. Thank you.

Diary Dates – new dates underlines

September

October

<u>Wednesday 5th</u>	<u>7:30 pm FAWGS Extraordinary Meeting</u>
Thursday 6 th	9:10-9:40 am New Owls' parents invited for a 'Day in the Life of Owls Class' with Mrs Tanner in school hall
Monday 10 th - Wednesday 12 th	Year 5 to Braeside
<u>Thursday 13th</u>	<u>9:15 am Harvest Service</u>
Tuesday 18 th	Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm
<u>Thursday 20th</u>	<u>9:10 am Penguins' Worship</u>
Friday 21 st	TD Day - no children in school
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th	Half term break
Monday 31 st	Return to school
November	
Friday 18 th	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 29 th	Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath

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