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NEWSLETTER NO. 6

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

SCHOOL NEWS:

How to keep your child safe online

Did you know that 23% of children aged 8-11 years have a social media account of some sort (source NSPCC)? There is a website for parents called 'NetAware'

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/keeping-children-safe-social-networks/#>

which tells parents the risk of sites that your child might be going on. Of the 40 sites on NetAware in 2018, 14 are high risk for at least 1 category of inappropriate content. YouTube (13 years+), Facebook (13 years+), Grand Theft Auto (18 years+) are high risk across all 5 risk categories. You may be more surprised to learn that the app 'Disney Penguin Club Island', aimed at 3 years+ is medium risk in all 5 categories!

There is no real research yet as to the long term effects of an excessive amount of screen time, but we do know that young brains, which are still making neural pathways, need real social interaction, not screen time, to develop properly. **There is no app to replace your lap.**

Please remember the golden rules:

- **Do not allow your child to have any social media accounts until they are old enough (around 13, depending on the site)**
- **Use parental controls on devices**
- **Monitor what your children are doing online**
- **Limit screen time and do not be afraid to say 'no' and to take the device away.**

Year 2 Worship

A reminder that Penguins' class are leading Worship on Thursday 18th October 2018 at 9:05 am in the hall on the theme of 'Hope'. Parents, grandparents etc are all welcome to attend.

Appeal from our kitchen

Our kitchen is very short of cutlery (knives, forks, spoons and teaspoons). If you have any spare cutlery at home that you can donate, please bring it to the office. Thank you.



Chicken rota

Mrs Wood would be very grateful for help looking after our chickens at weekends and during the holidays. Please let Mrs Wood or Mrs Agland know if you can assist and Mrs Wood will put together a rota.

Years 5 and 6 to Braeside

I accompanied Giraffes' and Koalas' classes to Braeside Educational Centre for their residential stay Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. It was great to see the children enjoying the activities and challenging themselves. The canoeing, cycling, high ropes and the 'Leap of Faith' were the highlights, along with orienteering, evening campfire and cooking. I would like to thank all the staff for their care and hard work during the children's time away and for giving up their free time to make this residential visit possible: Mrs Gill, Mr Malmberg, Mrs Rooney, Mrs Telfer, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Wood.

Meet the author

On Wednesday 10th October, 15 children across Years 2-4, accompanied by Mrs Hill, visited Downton Primary School to see Andy Griffiths author of the 'Treehouse' series of books. Mr Griffiths gave a talk and signed books and all the children enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Mrs Hewlett, Mr Hughes, Mrs Kimber, Mrs Postlethwaite and Mrs Sturgess-Bullock for driving and supervising the children.



Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm

Lemurs' class visited Butser Ancient Farm yesterday to support the Roman topic work they are doing in class. They took part in activities about Archaeology, Watling, Clunching and Daubing and Jewellery making and had a tour of a Roman Villa. The children were very well behaved and were able to demonstrate the knowledge they have gained in class. Thank you to Mrs Barter, Mrs Hodges and Mrs Jennison for accompanying the children.

Dog Poo (sorry!) Competition



I am sure you have all experienced the nastiness of dog mess that, unfortunately, continues to happen on our pavements and paths etc. In an effort to try and completely eliminate this problem, the school are running a competition (sponsored by the Parish Council) to design a sign to raise awareness and stop the small number of irresponsible dog owners spoiling it for the rest of us. So, please encourage your child to have a go at designing a sign that will help with this problem, eg 'Bag it and Bin it!'. The winning design will have their signs produced and displayed around the village. The closing date is Monday 5th November and designs need to be on A4 paper and submitted to school with your child's name on the back.

Raising Boys' Achievement

Next 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.



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!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

St Mary's Church, Alderbury

We hope you can join us for our **Harvest Service with Communion** this Sunday 14th October at 9:30 am - gifts for Trussell Trust, Alderbury Bungalow and Alabare. Next Sunday 21st October is our monthly Family service – all welcome!

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 on 01722 710805 as this will help with the catering.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

October

Thursday 18th 9:05 am Year 2 Worship
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
Monday 12th 2:45-8:00 pm **Year 5 only** Parent/Teacher consultations
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 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 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