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NEWSLETTER NO. 6

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It hardly seems possibly that this is the final newsletter of the term! Thank you to everyone who has shown the school value of "Friendship" to me this term! In many ways it feels like I have been here for a long time. It has been a very busy term working with pupils, parents, staff and governors. I have met with the Worship Council and the School Council to gather their views on life at AWGS. Thank you too for your feedback in response to the parents' questionnaire. We have started to examine the results and they will be discussed fully by governors next term. We will of course be feeding back to parents in due course the results and any changes we have been able to make to further improve the school.

I was privileged to be able to see our Lemurs class present their "Friendship Worship" on Thursday morning. It was wonderful to see the ideas they had incorporated and the worship was delivered in a very confident and competent way!

The children are in school for 2 days next week (Monday and Tuesday) with teaching staff also in school on Wednesday. We are very fortunate that we are able to combine with colleagues from other schools in the cluster on this occasion for some high quality training by an external provider, on developing pupils' thinking and reasoning skills. I am very hopeful that over the year we will see the benefits of this training across the curriculum. I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday, and look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Monday 30th October, refreshed and ready to learn.

Easy fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for the school?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, ebay and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/awgs/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to the school for no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the school will benefit from your donations. Thank you.

Cardwell and Simons

A reminder that Cardwell and Simons are returning next Monday 16th October to retake the photographs. If you would like younger siblings who do not attend school to be photographed again, the photographer will be available from 8:30 am. Please remember to send your child in wearing full school uniform. Thank you.



St Mary's Church, Alderbury



Carousel Barn Dance

It's not too late to get your tickets 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 or from Andy Larkham tel. 710123.

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.

The grand draw will be drawn at the Boundary Coffee Shop on Friday 20th October.

Walking in the light party

The Walking in the Light Party will be held at AWGS on Tuesday 31st October from 4:30–6:30pm. 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. If you can fill in the registration and consent forms and return them to the AWGS office before half term that would be great, but if not then you can contact me on 01722 710123 Alison Larkham.

Secondary School Application Form for Year 7 2018 entry

A reminder that the deadline for applications for Year 7 2018 entry is **31st October 2017 and parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.** You can apply online by visiting www.wiltshire.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the online application system, please let Mrs Agland know.

Trussell Trust Shoeboxes

If you have some free time over the half term perhaps you could think about filling your shoeboxes ready to bring in when we return from the holiday. The deadline is Wednesday 22nd November. Last year you donated 58 boxes and it would be brilliant to beat that number this year.



Fantastic Funky Food Competition

We have seen some beautiful and imaginative entries into our Funky Food Competition, some of which were on display at our Harvest Service. Congratulations to our winners, who will have their designs enlarged to sit above the serving hatch, welcoming our diners. They are: **MB, JB, AP** and **IS**. Well done to our Runners-up: **AH** and **GS**. Thank you to everyone who entered.

'What's in my fridge?' Competition

You may recall that HC3S ran a competition for KS2 with every child who had a school lunch every day for two weeks, Monday 25th September to Friday 6th October, being entered into a prize draw to win a brand new scooter. Debbie, our kitchen supervisor, will be presenting the scooter to the winner next Tuesday afternoon.



Fireworks Spectacular menu

To celebrate the Fireworks Spectacular, HC3S are putting on a special menu for Friday 3rd November. Priced as normal at £2.50 for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and free for Years R, 1 and 2, the options are:

Beef burger in a bun
Quorn burger in a bun
Corn on the cob
Rocket lolly
or
Toffee Apple Sponge

Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **FE, BF, JM** and **JN** 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.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

October

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

November

Friday 3rd FAWGS Fireworks Spectacular
Monday 6th-
Wednesday 8th Year 5 to Braeside
Wednesday 15th 2:30-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher consultations
Saturday 25th Xmas Bazaar
Thursday 30th Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow

December

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