



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

Do not forget to sign-up for your Parent/Teacher Consultation Meeting on Wednesday 9th November, 1.00-7.00 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the hall. If you cannot come into school to book an appointment please contact Mrs Agland.

Act of Remembrance Friday 11th November

Our Act of Remembrance this year will be led by Koalas' Class, starting at 10.40 am in the school hall. Each class will be contributing a small image or symbolic piece of work to a display board. All parents, grandparents etc are welcome to share this special time with us – but particularly those of you attached to a Year 6 Koala. Do come if you can. Poppies and associated merchandise continue to be sold in school next week.

Trussell Trust Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Trussell Trust came into school on Wednesday to promote this worthy cause showing us footage of people in Bulgaria receiving their Christmas boxes thanks to all the amazing donations last year (we collected 42 boxes). Hopefully, your child has brought home a leaflet following the assembly. The deadline for shoeboxes is Thursday 24th November with the Trussell Trust returning to school on 25th November to collect them. Thank you for taking the time, at this busy (and expensive) time of year to support this excellent cause, it would be great to exceed last year's total.

Anti-bullying week 14th-18th November

We are taking part in anti-bullying week this year in a continued bid to raise awareness of what bullying is and how we can work together to 'stamp it out'. This year's theme is 'Power for Good' and the school council have already been part of deciding how they want the week to run so, at the children's request, it will include a special assembly, special lessons and a poster competition in classes. Parents are welcome to the launch assembly on Monday 14th November at 9:05am (this is a values worship for some children to receive values bookmarks too). We hope to redesign our school anti-bullying policy at a 'child friendly' level to support our work in this area.

A new playground in Alderbury?

Amy Nelson and Karl Anderson are bidding and liaising with Wiltshire Council about an additional play area for Alderbury, situated on Spider's Island. Part of the process is seeking views of local parents (both residents and non-residents of Spider's Island). Therefore we plan to host a short meeting at the school on Wednesday 16th November at 3:00pm (to be finished in time for 3:15 pick up). Plans and ideas will be presented and a survey form will be

available so views can be recorded. Hopefully a Wiltshire Council rep will attend this meeting too. Please do attend if you can.

Lunch time blue lids

As KS2 are now being offered jacket potatoes as part of their lunch time menu we need different lids! If you have blue lids please bring them into school (washed). Thank you.

Year 3 Roman Day

Lemurs thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as Romans on Wednesday. They designed and worked on their shields, talked about why the Roman Army was so successful and next week when the shields are finished we will be marching in formation! Thank you for your support with costumes and cardboard!

Christmas Tree Festival

Once again our wonderful Owls will be creating a tree to display at this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Thomas' Church, Salisbury. The Festival runs from Tuesday 29th November to Sunday 4th December, 10-6:00 pm Tuesday to Saturday; 12 noon-6:00 pm Sunday, last entries at 5:30 pm. Entry is free and refreshments are available. If you can it is well worth a visit – I dare you not to feel Christmassy afterwards!

FAWGS News

Thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets for this evening's **Firework Spectacular**. It looks set to be an awesome evening – we have a professional firework display planned and have worked hard to improve the food (and service) that we have on offer for you. If you haven't managed to get your tickets yet, it's not too late – you can purchase them on the gate this evening. Gates open at 6pm and we recommend that you get there nice and early to avoid disappointment. A selection of food and beverages will also be available to purchase this evening between 6.00 & 7.00pm only. Please remember to leave your car behind if you can and to save your pennies for flashy/glowing things until you get inside school grounds. FAWGS are not responsible for the safety of any merchandise sold by traders en-route to the display and we do not receive any profits from these sales. In order to keep everyone safe, we politely ask that you don't bring sparklers with you, please. Thank you also to those of you who took part in the **Helping Hands** scheme this half term. The proceeds are to be used to provide a theatre experience for the whole school, as a reward for all their hard work! Please could you return your coin-filled gloves to school by Monday 7th November, to enable us to book the children's reward.

Hopefully you've now received your child's **Christmas card** design (and are suitably in awe of their artistic skills). Don't forget to return the order form, along with your payment (cash is preferred if possible as it helps with the paying-in of monies), as soon as you are able, in order to share the love with all your family and friends this year!

With Christmas in mind, please put a date in your diary to attend the **Charity Christmas Bazaar** at the Village Hall on **26th November** from **10am-12.30pm**. There'll be plenty of Christmas gifts, cards, crafts, cakes and preserves on offer and all for a good cause! If you're looking to sell your wares, you can book a table for a meagre £10 fee. Please see Paula Dean/ call 710486 for details.

Update on Alderbury Beavers

Alderbury Beavers is now thriving after an uncertain summer, thanks to new leaders who have come forward and supportive parent helpers. So far this term we have been to a farm, earned our Cycling badge, widened a path in the woods near school, and played lots of games! We would still really benefit from an extra adult helping on a regular basis, so please do spread the word or ask us for an informal chat. For more details or to add your child (aged 6-8) to the waiting list, please contact Hannah Kelsall-Joel (email gingerhan@talktalk.net).

Awards

Congratulations to Elephants: **JB, EB, GC, JD, PD, MG, FK-J, JL, JM, JN, IP** and **JS** and to Penguins: **IB-I, JH, HK** and **HM** on gaining their "25 Home Reads" Certificate. To Elephants: **BH, RJ** and **IS** and to Penguins: **EL** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!

Diary Dates – new dates underlines

November

Friday 4 th	FAWGS Firework Spectacular
<u>Monday 7th</u>	<u>3:15-5:15 pm Years 4/5/6 Girls' Football workshops at The Burgate School (open to all girls in Y4,5,6)</u>
Wednesday 9 th	1:00-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher Consultation
Friday 11 th	10:40 am Act of Remembrance
<u>Monday 14th -</u>	<u>9:05 am Launch assembly for Anti-Bullying week</u>
<u>Friday 18th</u>	
<u>Monday 14th</u>	<u>3:15-5:45 pm Years 4/5/6 Boys' Football Tournament at The Burgate School (teams have been selected)</u>
<u>Wednesday 16th</u>	<u>3:00 pm meeting in hall to discuss new play area on Spider's Island</u>
Friday 18 th	Children in Need Day
<u>Saturday 26th</u>	<u>10 am Charity Christmas Bazaar at the Village Hall</u>
Tuesday 29 th	Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath
<u>Tuesday 29th -</u>	<u>Christmas Tree Festival at St Thomas' Church</u>
<u>Sunday 4th December</u>	

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