



Newsletter

ALDERBURY AND WEST GRIMSTEAD CE VA SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Act of Remembrance

Thank you to those parents who were able to share our beautiful and poignant Remembrance Service so movingly led by Koalas' class today. A big thank you to Mrs Gill, Mrs Hill and our Year 6 children for their hard work.

Firework Spectacular

I know that FAWGS have included their own thanks to all concerned (see below) but I would also like to say a big thank you to FAWGS and all the Marshalls/helpers for a splendid and successful Fireworks evening last week – a great team effort for a lovely community event (raised lots too!).

Anti-bullying week 14th-18th November

A reminder that we launch our Anti-bullying week next week with parents being invited 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 look forward to seeing you.

Cold weather

As the weather has definitely taken a turn please make sure that children come to school with a warm coat. Thank you.

Christmas dates

We will be issuing a letter over the next few days detailing our Christmas events.

Change of menu – Monday 14th November

Please note there is a change to the vegetarian menu on Monday 14th November. The vegetarian option will be Vegetable and Bean Bake NOT Cheese and Vegetable Bake.

Football Club next Thursday

Please note that Football Club is cancelled next Thursday 17th November as staff are attending a staff meeting off-site. Football Club will start again on Thursday 24th November as normal. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Children in Need

Friday 18th November is Children in Need Day. The children can bring in their teddy for the day as a learning partner for £1! School uniform for the children as normal please. We will also be "Piling the Pennies on Pudsey" so please send in your loose change. After school

on this day there will be cakes for sale baked by some of our children and staff so please bring a little extra money at pick-up time to support the appeal.

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.

Alderbury Pre-school

Alderbury Pre-school Quiz Night is on Saturday 26th November at the Three Crowns from 7:30 pm. Tickets to include a bar meal - chilli and rice, sausage and chips or scampi and chips £8 per person. Money raised will go towards new resources and equipment for the breakfast and after school club. Teams not necessary. Come and join us and test your brain power! Tickets now available from Pre-school or committee members.

Pudsey and Blush ears for sale for Children in Need at Pre-school now, ready for next week.

FAWGS News

A massive '**thank you**' to everyone who supported last week's Firework Spectacular, either by helping or attending. We also need to thank Tesco, who supplied us with free tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar and a £20 voucher towards our food costs. We are still in the process of counting takings, but early indications are that the event was a huge success. We hope that you all enjoyed it and welcome your feedback.

We don't have final figures for the **Helping Hands** fundraiser either just yet, so if you still haven't managed to return your coin-filled glove to school, there's still time!

Just a quick reminder that **Christmas Card order forms** are due back by **next Friday 18th November 2016**. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you haven't received your child's Christmas Card Design yet.

Hopefully, you've remembered that our **Charity Christmas Bazaar** will be taking place at the Village Hall on **26th November** from **10:00 am-12.30 pm**. We will be having a **Non-Uniform Day** on **25th November** in order to gather donations for the **Bottle and Chocolate Tombola** at this event. If your child would like to take part, we politely request that they bring with them a donation of a bottle of wine/beer or some chocolate, please! We'll also be asking for donations of whole cakes for our stall and/or cakes to sell as part of the refreshments on offer. More details to follow, but we thought we owed you a little advance warning...

Want to get involved? We are looking for helpers to serve refreshments/man stalls at the following events:

- Saturday 26th November 10am – 12.30pm Christmas Bazaar – see Paula Dean (710486)
- Monday 12th December 2pm (Yr 2 & 3) Christmas Production – see Claire Hall
- Tuesday 13th December 6pm (Yr 2 & 3) Christmas Production -see Claire Hall
- Thursday 15th December 9.30 am (EY/Yr 1) Nativity – see Claire Hall

If you would like to help out at these or future events (in any shape or form), please contact us with your details and we'll keep you in the loop. Our email address is:

fawgs.committee@gmail.com, or please enquire in person at the school office.

Diary Dates – new dates underlines

November

Monday 14th- 9:05 am Launch assembly for Anti-Bullying week
Friday 18th

Monday 14th 3:15-5:45 pm Years 4/5/6 Boys' Football Tournament at The Burgate School (teams have been selected)

Wednesday 16th 3:00 pm meeting in hall to discuss new play area on Spider's Island

Friday 18th Children in Need Day

Friday 25th FAWGS Non-uniform day

Saturday 26th 10 am Charity Christmas Bazaar at the Village Hall

Tuesday 29th Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath

Tuesday 29th - Christmas Tree Festival at St Thomas' Church

Sunday 4th December

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