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NEWSLETTER NO. 9

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors



As we come to the end of Anti-Bullying week 2017, I have been delighted to see how involved the children have been in the activities. We are hoping to have a lovely display in the foyer next week of some of the work they have produced.

It is important to remember our STOP acrostic. Bullying is Several Times On Purpose. This is different from fallings out which we all have from time to time. The way to make it STOP is to Start Telling Other People – your child's class teacher is usually best placed to deal with these situations.

In the current world, a great many issues take place on line, rather than face to face. The NSPCC has a very helpful website <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> which offers advice and guidance to parents. It is important to note that 13 is the minimum age for most mainstream social media platforms. Research has now confirmed common sense that mobile devices should not be available at night, as their presence in the bedroom has a negative impact on sleep patterns, as well as being unsupervised.

As a school, we would like to embrace the safe use of the internet. As such, we have subscribed to a website called "Purple Mash" which is a cross-curricular resource covering art to science and all subjects in between. We will be supervising the children as they use this site in school and will be sending home log in details in the next couple of days. Purple Mash is a safe environment that does not require any downloading or allow interaction with people online and children cannot make any financial transactions. We will be encouraging the older children to continue their learning at home using Purple Mash, in preparation for their transition to secondary school. You may wish to take a few moments to explore it yourself so that you can help them with their work.

The Trussell Trust have asked us to advertise their "Cooking on a Budget" courses for adults in the Salisbury area and their "Community Money Advice" service – both of these are free to use. More details can be found at <https://salisbury.foodbank.org.uk>

Starting Monday 20 November, Year 3 & 4 girls have the opportunity to join a girl's football club, which will be run by Premier Sports on the school field at lunch time. There will be no cost to parents for this activity. Please ensure that your daughter has her PE kit and trainers in school if she would like to participate.

Election of Parent Governor

As a result of the recent procedure to appoint one Parent Governor to our Governing Body, I can confirm that Mr Adam Jolliffe has been appointed to the position.

Emergency School Closure

As we are now at that point in the year when the weather can bring us anything, this is a reminder that both Spire FM and Wiltshire Sound will be informed if school has to close unexpectedly. In addition, we will endeavour to email all parents in good time if an emergency closure is necessary. Please always assume the school is open as normal, unless you hear via an official channel.



After School Football Clubs starting

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school commencing on Tuesday 28th November, Pezzaz Street Soccer will be running a football club from 3:20-4:20 pm as follows: Tuesdays – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6; Wednesdays Years 1 and 2. The sessions cost £4.00 per week and will be collected by Pezzaz Street Soccer. If you are interested please let Mrs Agland know in the office ASAP so we can confirm arrangements.

Alderbury Carousel events

Join us for our next evening of fun. QUIZ NIGHT, Saturday 25th November at Alderbury Village Hall. 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start. Teams of eight or just arrive and we will put you in a team. Tickets £8:00 per person including cheese supper and cake. PLEASE BOOK in advance with Martin Simpson on 01722 710853.

Years 2 and 3 Christmas production

Penguins and Lemurs will be performing “Mend the Manger” this year with two shows planned: Tuesday 12th December at 2:00 pm, parents with young children will be very welcome to attend this performance and Wednesday 13th December at 6:00 pm, we would request that no young children attend the evening show to enable our actors to perform without distractions, thank you.



Extreme Reading Challenge

As you will remember, Mrs Veryard set an Extreme Reading Challenge before the half term asking children to read in very unusual places! We had some very imaginative entries and I am pleased to announce the winners as follows:

- Owls** AL (with pumpkins)
MP (on a tank)
- Elephants** CT (reading to the dog)
BPR (horse riding)
- Penguins** JB (at the seaside)
BH (by the swimming pool)
- Lemurs** OT (on a pig)
HW (in a plane)
- Zebras** AH (by tunnels)
DM (at an Olympic park, The Orbit)
- Giraffes** OC (with chickens)
EE (on the roof of a car)
- Koalas/
Giraffes** AC and HS (in Barcelona)

The winners have all received a book given out at Celebration Worship today. A big well done to all our entries.

Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **LA** and **JW**; Elephants: **TH**, **AM**, **CS-B** and **CT** and to Penguins: **JL** on gaining their “25 Home Reads” Certificate and to Owls: **JJ**, **AL**, **MM**, **MP**, **HS** and **CT**; Elephants: **IK**, **VM**, **CR** and **RS** and to Penguins: **BH** and **FK-J** on gaining their “50 Home Reads” Certificate. Well done!



“Big Wow!”

Mr Parks, our Guitar teacher, has informed us that EP and WP have received a “Big Wow!” award for practicing their guitar every day for 6 weeks in a row which is a very impressive achievement. Well done!

Trussell Trust Shoeboxes

The pile is getting bigger, with over 40 boxes collected so far. We have one more week before they are collected so if you are able to donate a Christmas box, please bring it in by next Friday morning (24th). Thank you.



FAWGS News

Don't forget it is non-uniform day on **Friday 24th November!** All we ask is for donations of chocolate or bottles for our tombola at the Christmas Bazaar!

Please check the rota that is attached to the front of the school and sign up if you are able to help in the kitchen at the Christmas Bazaar on the **25th November**. We will need some helpers to serve tea, coffee and cakes. Thank you!

We're pleased to announce that the **School Disco** will be held on **Friday 8th December**.

Key Stage 1 children (Years R, 1 and 2) are welcome to attend from **6:00-7:00pm**

Key Stage 2 children (Year 3 upwards) will be welcomed from **7:15-8:30pm**.

The disco is always fun with lots of singing and dancing! Entry will be **£2 per child on the door**. This includes a drink and a bag of sweets. For those that would like to purchase additional items, there will be a little tuck shop available on the night and some 'flashy/glowing things' for sale. If any parents are willing to stay for one/both disco(s) to help run the tuck shop, please let Rachel Hodges know. Your help will be gratefully received!

Helping Hands raised a fantastic amount this year. The total is around £240 but this is still being verified as the last lots of money are counted. Thank you to all of you and the children. We hope to bring you news on what it will be spent on soon.



Children in Need



It was lovely to see so many children bringing in their special bears (one belonging to Daddy that was over 40 years old), wearing their Pudsey and Blush ears and bringing lots of pennies to "Pile on Pudsey". Thank you for supporting this important day, we will let you know how many pennies have been raised soon.

Request for help

Do you have an hour to spare? We are always happy to have help from parents and grandparents in school. If you have an hour to spare to help listen to children read or help some of our Owls engage with their learning through play activities, please do contact Mrs Agland in the office. Please note that all volunteers will be required to complete an enhanced DBS clearance, to comply with Child Protection legislation.

Scout Post

Stamps are now available priced at 25p at The Boundary Coffee Shop and the village shop. Last collection date is Friday 8th December.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

November

Wednesday 22nd 3:30 pm Y4, 5 & 6 Boys' Football Tournament at The Burgate (individual children invited)

Friday 24th Non-uniform day. Please bring chocolate or a bottle

Saturday 25th Xmas Bazaar

Thursday 30th Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow

December

Monday 4th 6:00 pm Small Schools Carol Concert at The City Hall (letter home shortly to the Choir only)

Friday 8th FAWGS Winter Disco – KS1: 6-7:00 pm; KS2: 7:15-8:30 pm

KEEP READING FOR MORE DATES

Thursday 14 th	9:30 am YR & Y1 Nativity 'This is the Star' (for parents with very young children please)
Friday 15 th	9:30 am YR & Y1 Nativity 'This is the Star'
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th	1:45 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 21 st -	
Wednesday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
January 2018	
Thursday 4 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
March 2018	
Thursday 29 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
June 2018	
Monday 25 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Head Teacher