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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

A reminder that tomorrow, **20 June** is non-uniform day. (Please see FAWGS below for further details)

As you are all enjoying the sunshine, this is just a reminder to apply sunscreen to your child before school and/or make sure they have a roll-on type sunscreen, they can apply themselves as necessary. If children have sun hats, we would encourage them to bring them to school to wear at break and lunchtime.

Reflections from the Headteacher



My third memory of my time at AWGS is from my third year here (2019-2020). During that year, we applied to the Alderbury Parish Council and were successful in securing a grant, to buy new resources for the EYFS outside area. In the photo you can see the children enjoying the new "Construction" equipment – something which is still well loved and enjoyed by our current pupils!

In background you can see the Garden Room, safely in situ 'see last weeks Newsletter'.



Sports Reports

On Tuesday 17 June, 12 children went to Devizes to take part in a County Orienteering tournament. We had an early start, leaving school at 8.15am. It was an all day event, with a lot of team skills and thinking involved. The children participated against 18 different schools from all over the county and we finished 5th - a great effort from everyone involved. We are now looking towards the next tournament which is quad kids on Thursday 19 June.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

Emergency Awareness Training from Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance

We are delighted that Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance have agreed to come back to AWGS next week, to deliver their Emergency Awareness Training programme.

The course content is dependent on age and can include the following elements:

- How to make a 999 call
- Recovery position
- CPR
- Choking
- How to use a defibrillator

Each session will last between 30 and 90 minutes dependant on the age group and content to be delivered. It will be carried out during school hours. Each child will receive a certificate to come home with.

We recognise that children may have experience of first aid situation involving the emergency services. All topics are covered sensitive and at an age-appropriate level. If you have any queries about the content of the training, please contact the school office.

Smartphone Free Childhood

Please see the attached letter, which is being sent to all parents across Pickwick Academy Trust, raising awareness of the impacts of Smartphones on our children

NSPCC's 'Speak out, Stay safe' Programme

AWGS is participating in the **NSPCC's 'Speak out, Stay safe' Programme** this term.

'*Speak out, Stay safe*' is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.


More information is in the attached letter.


Get Ready For Sports Day!

It's almost here! The eagerly awaited **Sports Day** is happening on **Tuesday 1 July**, with a backup date of **Friday 18 July** (just in case the weather has other plans!). 

Mr Goldsack-Marsh, Mr Bowley, and all the amazing children are gearing up for an unforgettable day of fun, fierce competition, and *serious* team spirit. Trust us — you won't want to miss it!



PARENTS, THIS YEAR YOU'RE BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT TOO!

Yes, you heard it right! **The Parents' Race is BACK** — and this time, it's going to **COUNT** towards the team scores. 
So, don't just cheer from the sidelines...

- **Put on those running trainers**
- **Rock your child's CAT team colours**
...And get ready to *run* for the glory of your team! 

The Schedule:

- **KS1 Sports Day** (Years 1 & 2): **9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**
- **KS2 Sports Day** (Years 3 to 6): **12:30 PM – 3:15 PM**

We need ALL the energy, ALL the cheers, and ALL the high-fives, so get ready to support your favourite athletes (and parents)!  

🎒 Bring your A-game, your loudest cheers, and your best sprinting skills!

SEE YOU THERE!

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Our summer production this year will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 15 July. Performances will take place at 2pm and 5pm and all children in the school will be involved in both productions. Please put the date in your diary! Details of how to reserve your seats will follow over coming weeks.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a large amount of good quality, freshly washed Pre-Loved School Uniform that is available for a small donation of £1 per item. Please come to the school office, if you are looking for anything specific for your child.

Holiday Club

A reminder that Alderbury Preschool will be running a summer holiday club for primary school children. Please contact the preschool for further information.

Time Out for Parents

These sessions will be running Tuesday Mornings 9.15am - 10.45am for six weeks, starting Tuesday 3 June, in the school hall, with our school Chaplain, Louise and Mark from the Bridge Project. All our welcome. A free handbook and refreshments will be available.

FAWGs News

Colour Run and Summer Fair

We have had a few more people sign up for the colour run which is great but hoping to have a lot more. The final date to book your ticket is tomorrow, so please either hand in your forms to the office or email fawgschool@gmail.com with your information to get your ticket booked.

Unfortunately, we can't accept people showing up on the day without pre-booking as we need to order the correct number of t-shirts, glasses and coloured paint for the people participating so **YOU MUST PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE COLOUR RUN.**

The Colour Run is open to all children, not just our school, so anyone else who you would like to invite is welcome. Entry to the fair is completely free, you only need to book a ticket for the actual Colour Run.

Non-Uniform Day

We're having a non-uniform day tomorrow, to collect some bottles for the bottle tombola. Please could your child/children bring in a bottle donation (preferably alcoholic) to school in exchange for wearing their own clothes.

Volunteers

As always, we desperately need volunteers to help on the day to run stalls or help with the colour run. If you would be willing to help for an hour or two, please could you let me know - email fawgschool@gmail.com, message 07765966186 or just grab me at school drop off or pick up. I would be so grateful as we are going to struggle otherwise.

Thank you - Suzy, Teresa and Danaea



In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same – Albert Einstein

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

June

Friday 20 June Non-Uniform Day

July

Tuesday 1 July Sports Day

Sunday 13 FAWGS Colour Run (3pm)

Tuesday 15
Thursday 24

Whole School Production (2pm & 5pm)
Final Day of Term
Year 6 Leavers Service – Parents of Year 6 Only (12:45 pm)
2pm Break up for Summer Holidays

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher