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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

So, rain-showers are making an appearance and children are scurrying to school with coats and wellies.... It must be summer! This means that everyone at school is enthusiastically preparing for our schedule of summer activities, alongside the traditional summer term programme of positive learning experiences.



Reflections from the Headteacher

As I enter my final term here at AWGS, I thought I would like to share some memories of the very happy times I have enjoyed with the wonderful pupils and staff here at the school over the last 8 years. My first picture is from my first year here (2017-2018). In the Spring of that year, it marked 25 years since the old (separate) Alderbury and West Grimstead schools closed and merged to move into the building where we are today.

To mark the Silver Jubilee of the combined "Alderbury & West Grimstead School", the Woodland Trust donated a selection of saplings, which the pupils were able to plant in the school grounds. The area is now a well-established wildlife area – The Jubilee Copse – providing much needed shade during the warmer weather. The sapling you can see me planting, is now just 7 years old and is well over 10 feet tall!

Message from the Governors

We are delighted to share the leadership arrangements for the Autumn Term. Miss Hodgson will take on the role of Head of School, bringing her energy, experience, and commitment to leading our school community. She will be supported by Mrs Malcolm, Headteacher of Winterslow Primary School, who will work closely with us throughout the week, offering valuable support and guidance. Together, they will ensure a strong and successful start to the new school year, maintaining high standards and continuing to provide the very best for our children.

Y3/4 Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday the 4 June, Mr Bowley took four children, from years 3 and 4, to Riverside Tennis Club, to take part in a Tennis Tournament. Arriving at 9.15am, we competed throughout the morning, alongside 15 other schools. We were straight in the action, unfortunately losing our first four games. However, we soon overcame our worries and improved

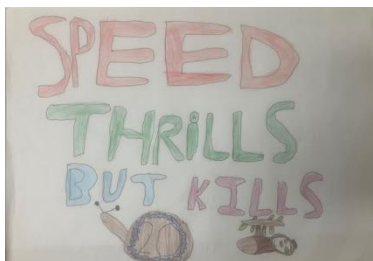
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with each game, winning 14/20 games overall, which placed us 6th out of 16 schools. This was a brilliant effort from all those involved!

Traffic Calming Measures



As you will no doubt have noticed, the much-anticipated Traffic Calming Measures have been installed on Firs Road. Please be aware that the whole of Firs Road is now subject to a 20-mph speed limit. We are delighted that 2 of our pupil's designs were chosen for the new signage, which was installed over the half term holiday. Well to Jack & Maisie for producing the winning designs, which are proudly displayed at the top of Firs Road, for all to see!

If you have to drive to school, please use the football club car park at the start and end of the day and walk the short distance to the side gate, to avoid double parking at the top of Firs Road. It is important that there is good access down the road at all times, in case Emergency Vehicles need to get on site. There are a number of trips and visits over coming weeks, and coaches struggle to get down the road, if people have not parked very carefully. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure everyone's safety.



Alderbury Picnic in the Park

Our annual fun day is tomorrow! The forecast weather has sadly meant a change to our plans, like no outside stage or bouncy castles due to the high winds / lightening forecast, but we have worked hard and it's all still going ahead!

Join us at Alderbury Village Hall / Recreation Ground (2pm - 10pm). There will be a DJ, live music, Tony's fish and chips & an ice cream van, local stalls, entertainment, face painting and the bar at the Social Club. Kidz Love Fit will be providing free sessions during the day in the Village Hall, and the Scouts have made an assault course including a tower to test your agility outside on the Rec. Our community policing team will also be with us with vehicles, information and will be offering bike security marking (so definitely bring your bike with you too!).

Our big raffle is still going ahead, so make sure you have bought your tickets to be in with a chance of winning £200!

Let's hope that the weather isn't as bad as feared, and please come and support us and join in a fun afternoon and an evening of live music!

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 20 June 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 on Friday 20 June 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 Danae

Sports Day

As a reminder, due to the success of our Cricket team (making it through to the County Finals!) **Sports Day will now be taking place on Tuesday 1 July.**

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.

District Sports Clubs

For those of you who don't know me my name is Mr Bowley and I deliver PE and afterschool clubs at AWGS on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We have had some great clubs and participation and as it's the last term I want to do a big push with some new ones!



On Tuesday afternoon the club is tennis and ball skills.

cannonball.

On Wednesday it is our dodgeball club, this includes games like chief, medic and spy, elimination dodgeball and



Thursday is a brand-new club it's...

NERF! For those who may have children with nerf guns at home you know how fun these are! Over the term they will build bases on the field and will be provided with a gun and bullets and goggles for safety.

Friday it's little ninjas and fitness where over the term we will be looking at different ways to improve our fitness ready for tournaments next year and our ninja skills to show off to parents!

All of these clubs can be attended by anybody 6yrs and older so please feel free to come along. Please book these activities in advance, using the link below:

<https://district-sports-south.classforkids.io/term/177>

You can obtain further information from the District Sports website: www.districtsportssouth.com

Please note, all payments for these clubs need to be made directly to the Districts Sports organisation itself, rather than via the school office.

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.

Online Course - Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Wiltshire Council are running an Online Course to support parents whose children suffer with anxiety. The course is running from 10am to 12noon on Friday 20 June. You can find further details about the course, by contacting the family and community learning team. Tel: 01225 770478 or Email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk



“Bad things happen when good people do nothing”

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

June

Monday 16 INSET DAY
Friday 20 June Non-Uniform Day

July

Tuesday 1 July Sports Day
Sunday 13 FAWGS Colour Run (3pm)
Tuesday 15 Whole School Production (2pm & 5pm)
Thursday 24 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