



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 28

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

The school has seen a flurry of activity this week, as preparations and celebrations are being made for the last few weeks of the Summer Term. Our Y6 children put on an outstanding performance in the Cricket Tournament on Thursday and our Y4 children partied at school on Wednesday evening with pizza and a film. We are all ready for the half-term break and wish you all a relaxing time.

### Traffic Calming Measures

As you will no doubt have noticed, the much-anticipated Traffic Calming Measures are being installed on Firs Road.

Please be aware that the whole of Firs Road is now subject to a 20 mph speed limit.

There are parking restrictions going in outside the school, and further signage will be added over coming weeks. As per our email yesterday, 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.

The PCSO team will be around after half-term to help everyone get to understand the new regulations.

### Mini-Marathon

Our Mini Marathon entrants made AWGS very proud on Saturday with their sterling efforts on the track at Laverstock. We would like to thank all the staff and families who supported our young people to participate in this wonderful event.

### Art Exhibition

On Thursday 22 May, parents of our Year 6 pupils came to school to see the culmination of the Year 6 Enquiry "Why are Shadows Important?". The children were able to showcase their artwork inspired by light and shadow.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

## **Sports Day**

Due to the success of our cricket team this week (they are now in the County Finals on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July), we will, unfortunately, have to move Sports Day to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This will allow the cricket team players to participate in Sports Day. We hope this gives you sufficient time to make arrangements to join us on the new date. Thank-you for your understanding .... And *Congratulations* to our cricket team.

## **Non-Uniform Day – Friday 20 June**

On Friday 20 June, pupils are welcome to come to school in non-uniform if they wish. The “fine” will be a bottle of something for the FAWGS Summer Bottle Tombola.

## **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!

## **Reading for Pleasure**

Do you sometimes struggle to know which book to read next? Well, Little Wandle, our Phonics programme, has introduced an exciting new feature on its website - regularly updated 'Recommended Reads'. Take a look and get into some fabulous new books this Spring:

[Our pick of Spring books for EYFS | Letters and Sounds](#)

[Our pick of Spring books for Key Stage 1 | Letters and Sounds](#)

[Our pick of Spring books for Key Stage 2 | Letters and Sounds](#)

Remember to tell Miss Hodgson all about the books you read!

## **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.

## **FAWGS – Save the Date**

We are super busy, at present, currently organising the **Colour Run** and **School Fair** for Sunday 13 July. This will hopefully be a big fundraiser so please come along and help to support the school. The event is open to everyone in the local area so bring your friends and family. There is going to be a lot of entertainment, bouncy castles, bar, food vans, games etc so it will be a great afternoon!

FAWGS need of a lot of volunteers for the event to run stalls and help with the colour run, so if you could spare a bit of time, please let Suzy know (07765966186). Thank-you, The FAWGS Team.

[FAWGS Dates for your diary:](#)

Friday 20 June – Non-Uniform Day - (bring a bottle for the tombola)

Sunday 13 July - Colour Run and Summer Fair

## **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

If any children are interested in After-School Sports Clubs on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, you can obtain information from the District Sports website: [www.districtsportssouth.com](http://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.

## Alderbury Picnic in the Park

The annual fun day returns on Saturday 7 June at Alderbury Recreation Ground (2pm - 10pm). There will be live music, bouncy castles, food & ice cream vans, local stalls, entertainment, face painting and the bar at the Social Club - bring your own picnic, and enjoy the day - let's hope for the sun!

Raffle tickets (£1 each) to support the event are now available to buy from Alderbury Post Office, Alderbury Stores, Alderbury Sports Club and all committee members (including Claire and Brian Jackman, Julie and Darren Mernagh, Nicky & Barry Sloan and Sandra Wallace) - top prize £200! Get in touch with them, or these will also be available on the day - before the big draw on stage!



“A good person is the friend of all living things.”

## Diary Dates – new dates underlined

### May

Monday 26 to 30                      Half Term Holiday

### June

Monday 2                              Return to School

Monday 16                            INSET DAY

### July

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (1pm)

2pm Break up for Summer Holidays

Best wishes

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**Headteacher**