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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Sporting sunhats, summer dresses and shorts, our children, this week, have happily been making the most of the warm spring sunshine both at breaktimes and during periods of outside learning. Also, in school, everyone has been working hard and making plans for the exciting summer term. As the weather continues to improve, please do remember to be safe in the sun, and send your child/ren to school with an appropriate sun hat / sun screen. Thank you.

Mrs Scott

After 2 years back at Alderbury & West Grimstead School, Mrs Scott is moving on (again!) to Farley Nursery School and will be leaving AWGS at half-term. We are so thankful for her dedication to the school and the support she has provided to the Reception class during her time with us. Many of you will remember Mrs Scott made this same move a few years ago, so I'm sure we will see her back at AWGS again in the future!

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!

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

Bag2School

As in previous years, Bag2School will be collecting bags of used clothes on **Wednesday 7 May**. We are very happy to receive your bags from now until 6 May. I have included the link so you can see what they will and will not collect. The school receives a donation from Bag2School based on the amount collected, so please have a sort out at home and bring it in <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Please have a good sort out over the Bank Holiday weekend, and bring your items to school at the start of next week.

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.

Parenting a Child with ADHD

For anyone interested in developing strategies to support the care of children with ADHD, please contact our SENCO (Mrs Wilkinson), or have a word with Naomi in the school office, as we will be able to signpost you to an excellent online resource.

FAWGS – Save the Date

We will be holding a Colour Run and Summer Fair on **Sunday 13 July** at the Alderbury Football Club. We are hoping this will be a big event including lots of the surrounding villages so please put it in your diary! There will be more information to follow nearer the time. We will also need lots of volunteers to help so if you would be happy to join us then let Suzy know!

Ukulele Lessons

Ukulele teacher, Gregory Cook, has an opening for private ukulele lessons that will be carried out during school hours, at school, on Thursdays & Fridays. These 25-minute sessions are available to Key Stage 2 pupils and are intended to help children read music, strum and play chords, whilst exploring a variety of different musical and performance styles.

Mr Cook teaches the “Rockschool” Ukulele Syllabus which is an engaging contemporary music syllabus that is internationally recognised.

Each lesson would cost £20, and is payable directly to Mr Cook.

To find out more or make a booking please email Greg@ukulelevagabond.com.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar teacher, Mr Parks, still has spaces for children who would like to learn guitar. You can contact him directly by email: nckprks@hotmail.com

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Children's Chance

Children's Chance, is a Salisbury charity that provides financial support to families who are struggling to afford extracurricular activities, school trips, music lessons, and more. The charity has been running in Salisbury for over 27 years, and has provided hundreds of local young people with financial awards to fund life-enriching activities. For the eligibility criteria and further information, visit the website <https://childrenschance.co.uk/> or Tel:01722 415991



"The creation of a thousand forests is in once acorn."

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

May

Monday 5	Bank Holiday
Monday 26 to 30	Half Term Holiday

June

Monday 2	Return to School
Monday 16	INSET DAY

July

Thursday 24	Final Day of Term & Break up for Summer Holidays
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Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher