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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

This has been a fun week with children reporting on the wonderful toppings that families, at home, have been creating for Pancake Day. Chocolate, banana and whipped cream appears to be a firm favourite! Another highlight of the week has been World Book Day with children and staff arriving at school dressed as favourite characters from books. More of that to follow....

World Book Day

What a fabulous celebration we had yesterday for World Book Day! It was wonderful to see the children supporting each other in mixed aged groups throughout the day, with our older children showing great care for those experiencing World Book Day for the first time. Children were involved in so many book-related activities including: making biscuits for the 'Tiger Who Came to Tea', designing a bedroom for 'Paddington', creating new lands for the 'Magic Faraway Tree', making magnificent Narnia-style lands lying behind wardrobe doors, hunting for hungry caterpillars, having a Mad Hatter's tea party and creating a whole school Jabberwocky! At the end of the day, we were all treated to a wonderful poetic performance of 'Alice in Wonderland' by our talented Year 6 - what a show! We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support of this wonderful day - the children's costumes were absolutely fantastic! Roll on World Book Day 2026...

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher consultations will be held during the week beginning Monday 31 March with the majority of teachers' appointments on Wednesday 2 April. **Please log in to your Arbor Account** to book an appointment with your child's teacher. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, so please make sure you book a 10 minute slot. On the Wednesday, there will also be lots going on in the hall to see and do: Tea & coffee with Louise, Pre-loved uniform sale, as well as further information about Little Wandle, our Phonics and Early Reading programme.

Arbor – Parent App

We are continuing to roll out the **Arbor Parent App**. Within the App, (and desktop version) you will see information regarding your child; including attendance, consents and payment for trips, as well as the ability to order and pay for lunches. Booking and paying for breakfast club will also be available on the App.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

Before Half Term you will have received a welcome email with instructions on how to create your account. Please review the information that is written about your child and update any information that you feel is outdated. This is important as the information you provide, via Arbor, enables the school to keep accurate records.

Please can we encourage you to order lunches at least a day in advance. Teachers will continue help children to choose school lunches for any pupils in their class who have not pre-ordered a school lunch, or brought a Home Packed Lunch, while we get used to the new system!

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.

Great Athletes



Athlete Kelly Simm joined us today for our Great Athletes event. The pupils and staff have had a fantastic time with Kelly, this afternoon. Kelly was really impressed with everyone's enthusiasm! Kelly then spoke to the whole school about her journey into Gymnastics - starting when she was just 6 years old and she is now a GB Athlete (with a Gold Medal in the Commonwealth Games). A great inspiration of what can be achieved through hard work and determination! Payments of any money raised through sponsorship, can now be paid any

time **before** Friday 14th March online via the portal on the sponsorship form, or cash can be brought to the school office, as long as it is attached to a completed sponsorship form and placed in a sealed envelope with the words GREAT ATHLETES written on the front of the envelope.



Online Parent/Carer Workshop:

You are invited to the following workshop:

Title: Parenting a child with ADHD

Description: This workshop is for parents who have a child with ADHD. The workshop will share a selection of ideas from psychology that are relevant to ADHD, linking these to effective parenting approaches and highlighting the most important thing that our children need from us. The workshop will include 1 hour of information sharing, followed by half an hour for questions.

Date and Time: Wednesday 26th March 9.30-11am

Venue: This will be an online session, via Microsoft Teams.

Link/Invite: [Parent/Carer Workshop - Parenting a Child with ADHD | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

EASTER CLUB 2025
7th April - 11th April
Full Day - 8am - 5pm
AM Session - 8am - 12.30pm - Bring packed lunch
PM Session - 12.30pm - 5pm

Happy Easter!

Theme Days
Mon 7th - Chick Nest Making
Tues 8th - Mask Making
Wed 9th - Biscuit Decorating
Thurs 10th - Spring Flower Planting
Fri 11th - Easter Egg Hunt
Plus additional fun crafts

Pricing Over 3's
Full day £30
Half Day £15

Egg decorating competition!
On all week prizes for the winners of each age group!
-under 2
-2 to 4yrs
-KS1
-KS2

Morning & Afternoon Snack Provided

Pricing Under 3's
Full day £35
Half Day £17.50

Book via email
Alderburypreschool@gmail.com by
28th February

Holiday Club



"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed."

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

April

Monday 7 – Monday 21 Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 Return to School

May

Monday 5 May Bank Holiday
Monday 26 to 30 Half Term Holiday

June

Monday 2 June Return to School
Monday 16 INSET DAY

July

Thursday 24 July Break up for Summer Holidays

Best wishes

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