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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It's hard to believe that we are already into our second month of the New Year and that the February half term holiday is just around the corner. Friday 14 February is an Inset Day and the school will be closed on that day. The Half Term break follows on from the Inset Day, with children returning to school on Monday 24 February.

Arbor – Parent App

We are very excited to share with you that, from today, we are rolling 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.

Later today, you will be sent 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 Please review the information that is written about your child and update any information that you feel is outdated.

You can then begin to order your children's school lunches for next week. Please be aware that you need to order lunches at least a day in advance. Some of you will notice that there is already a balance in your Arbor Account. This is simply the charge for your Child's school lunch on Thursday 6 & Friday 7 February.

Please do not worry if you forget to order your child's school lunch in advance. Each day, all teachers will choose school lunches for any children in their class who have not pre-ordered a school lunch, or brought a Home Packed Lunch.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6 March and our school-wide theme will be 'Classic Texts'. We will be participating in many exciting, book-related activities throughout the day, fostering a love of reading and books within our school. Children are encouraged to **EITHER** dress up as their favourite book character **OR** to bring in a simple prop associated with this character. It would be lovely if we could see an array of characters from classic texts, but this is certainly not essential! In fact, we would like to emphasise that there is no expectation or need to purchase costumes or props: something you already have or can easily make is encouraged. Alternatively, children can come to school in uniform as usual if they wish. Following the success of our World Book Day book swaps in previous years, we also encourage children to bring in a book (in good condition) that they are prepared to permanently swap - that way every child gets a 'new' book on the day! Book swap books can be brought to the school office from Monday 24 February. We thank you in anticipation of your support for World Book Day.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

Great Athletes

We are thrilled to be able to share some information about our upcoming Great Athletes event. We are excited to announce that the athlete who will be visiting us will be Kelly Simm!



On the event day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by their athlete. This is a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Kelly will then share her incredible sporting journey - a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with Kelly at the end!

Fundraising for the event will begin next week (Monday 10 February) when the children will be bringing home a sponsorship form. The money raised for the event will help us to purchase new sports equipment and improve levels of physical activity in our school!

Outstanding library books

If your child visits the mobile library when it comes to school every 4 weeks, please have a look at home for any outstanding library books. Quite a few have not been returned for some time and it may jeopardise your child being able to take out books from the library van in future. Please return any books that you find, to the school Admin Office - Thank-you.



Outstanding School Lunch Payments

As we are now making school lunches payable through the Arbor software, please log onto ScoPay and review any outstanding sums. Any outstanding credit or debit balances will be transferred across to the new system next week.

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](#)

Parent Governor Election

Please remember we have an upcoming Parent Governor Election, and are seeking nominations. All the papers were sent out via email a few weeks ago. Please let the office know if you are interested and have lost the forms and we can resend the details.

FAWGS



A reminder that the FAWGS Valentines Disco is on Thursday 13 February.

5:45pm-6:30pm for preschool-year 2

6:45pm-7:30pm for years 3-6

If you haven't already ordered tickets, children are welcome to come and pay on the door. It would be lovely to see as many children there as possible! There will be sweets, drinks and LED toys to buy on the night, so children will want to bring a small amount of money to purchase what they want.

Future FAWGS events will include:

Funky Friday

School Tea-towels

Easter Bake Sale

Dates to be confirmed

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holiday Club

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



“Every day you have an impact on the world – What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

February

Thursday 13 February FAWGS Valentine Disco 6.45-7.30pm
Friday 14 INSET DAY
Monday 17 – 21 Half term

April

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

May

Monday 5 May Bank Holiday
Monday 26 to 30 Half Term

June

Monday 2 June Return to School
Monday 16 INSET DAY

July

Thursday 24 July Break up for summer

Best wishes

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