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NEWSLETTER NO. 17

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It has been another busy week in school for the children and staff. We are all starting to enjoy the slightly lighter mornings and the first signs of Spring are here, with the snowdrops coming up along the school path.

A reminder that Friday 14 February is an Inset Day and school is closed. Half term break follows, with children returning to school on Monday 24 February.

Internet Safety Week

Internet Safety Week is coming up soon, in the meantime, please take a look at this guide to Broadband Parental Controls: How to Keep your Child Safe Online put together by Go.Compare <https://www.gocompare.com/broadband/parental-controls/> which you can also find on our website.



Mr Bowley's match report

On Wednesday 22 January Mr Bowley and Mrs Telfer took pupils to a curling tournament at Wyvern St Edmunds School. We left the school at 9am and took part against 36 different teams.

We had 2 very strong teams full of confidence with the tournament being run very well by the young leaders! Both teams won a few games where they progressed onto the next group stage, however we were just pipped to the top spot, and ended up being placed 8th and 24th out of 36. A very admirable effort with very little practise – well done!

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 to Ms Defriend - thank you.



Absence from School

Just a little reminder to either email, or telephone and leave a message if your child is unwell, or is absent for any other reason. We would be grateful if you could keep your child off until 48 hours over the last episode of D&V.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

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

Valentines disco is on Thursday 13 February. See poster attached. Forms have gone home with children, so please return to school by Wednesday 5 February, if you would like tickets. Tickets will also be available on the door if your child is a bit anxious about attending.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Swiss Students

Can you host a Swiss Student(s)?

Last year we welcomed four Swiss students from the Pedagogical 6th Form College in Kreuzlingen, Switzerland who were studying to become teachers and we have been asked again, if we are able to host students this year.

The students' native language is German and they speak excellent English and French. In order for us to receive the students they must have a host family who is able to provide accommodation and meals for the two weeks stay, Sunday 22 June-Saturday 5 July 2025.

The host family would need to provide breakfast, packed lunch and dinner for the student(s) and spend as much time as possible with them to allow them to get the maximum amount of speaking practice. The student(s) would spend the mornings and afternoons at school. The host family would receive £300 per student for the two weeks stay.

If you are interested in providing this support for one, two or more students, please let our Admin Officer, Ms Defriend know.

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!

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

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

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



“Lighten the burden of another.”

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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