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## NEWSLETTER NO 16

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

This has been a busy week in school with Y3 having a Trip to Etches Museum in Kimmeridge and a group of our children participating in an inter-school Curling Event.

### Football Tournament

On Wednesday 15th January Mr Bowley and Mr Goldsack-Marsh took 20 boys and girls to a County Football Tournament. We left the school at 9.30 in the morning and travelled to Devizes, to take part in the tournament which hosted 100 different schools from all over Wiltshire.

The action commenced with the girls, very early in the morning, with the weather continually alternating between cloudy, foggy and sunny. The girls played some great football and improved significantly as they progressed through the tournament. Overall, the girls came 9<sup>th</sup>, setting high expectations for our future girls' teams. This team was our first AWGS girls football team to ever reach this stage....

As soon as the girls had kicked off the tournament, it was the boys' turn to show their skills. They started well, winning several games, thus qualifying for the semi-finals... However, it wasn't meant to be, as eventually we lost to a well-drilled team who were the final winners of the boys' tournament.

We were in Devizes all day and arrived back at school at 6pm, with all the boys and girls very tired!!

Thank-you to all involved. You made us very proud!!!!



## Walking to School Challenge

We have been delighted with our pupils' enthusiasm for the Walking to School Challenge, with over 70% of our children now making Active Travel a regular part of their school week. The "Living Streets" project is currently running a competition to design next year's badges, and we would love for our children to take part. Your child will therefore be coming home with an entry form today.

This year's theme is **Walk with Joy** and asks pupils to think about what makes them feel happy.

Perhaps it's seeing a bright, colourful flower or going on an exciting outdoor adventure? Maybe it's the wagging tail of a pet, eating a favourite snack or playing a favourite game. Does hearing a funny joke make them giggle or does a big hug from someone they love make their heart feel warm?

Whatever makes your child feel happy, we want them to grab their crayons or pencils and draw it.

**Entries need to be back in school after Half-Term on Monday 24 February**, so that we can get them uploaded by the deadline.

## Mobile Library Van

We are lucky enough to be visited by the mobile library van once a month. Many children have library cards for Wiltshire Library Service and these can be used on the van. However, some children do not have cards and some cards are out of date, therefore, these children cannot currently access the van. If you are interested in your child(ren) choosing books to borrow from the van, please complete the form they have been given today and return to school. We can then ask the library van to organise cards for them.

## Parents Dyslexia Workshop

There is a free online Dyslexia Workshop available to all parents on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 4pm until 5.30pm

Your child does not need to have a dyslexia diagnosis for this to be very useful.

Please click on the link below.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 374 279 554 628

Passcode: w6WfHA



## **Cold Weather Clothing**

Please do ensure that your child/ren come to school with appropriate clothing (warm waterproof coats/school jumpers/long school trousers/warm tights) as well as sturdy footwear for the cold weather. We recommend that they keep a spare pair of jogging bottoms in their bags, in case they need to change into additional dry clothing, whilst at school.

## **Stamps RNLI**



Please remember to keep saving any stamps that you receive and pop them in the RNLI box that we have in the reception area here at school. Thank you.

## **Eco Club**

This term's Eco Club will focus on eco homes where children will use a shoe box to make a model eco home with features like solar panels and a vegetable plot. The club is on Wednesdays 3.15-4.15 and is open to Y1-6, though this creative project is especially suitable for KS2 children. If your child is keen, please sign up via the office and pay £27 in cash or via bank transfer (the office has the bank details).

## **District Sports Clubs**

Each week, Mr Bowley from District Sports runs afterschool clubs which are:

Tuesday- Inclusive Sports (Children do activities like archery, curling and boccia.)

Wednesday- Dodgeball (We play tournaments and cannonballs with a range of games!)

Thursday- Tag Rugby (We are preparing for the upcoming Year5/6 tournament and working on game skills.)

Friday- Indoor Fitness and Little Ninjas (We work on boxing and martial arts while introducing a bit of fun fitness.)

Everyone, from Years 1-6, is welcome, with each club costing £4.50 a week. If any children are interested, you can obtain further information and sign up via the District Sports website: [www.districtsportssouth.com](http://www.districtsportssouth.com)

## **Swiss Students**

### **Can you host a Swiss Student(s)?**

Last year we welcomed four Swiss students from the Pedagogical 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Community News:

### Parent Online Safety Awareness (Wiltshire Police) – Thursday 30 January – 6pm

The New Forest Primary School we will be hosting the above parent session which will be led by Wiltshire Police: Youth and Early Intervention team.

This event will be held in their school hall at the Nomansland School site.

Simon and Jon, who are the Cyber Protect and Youth & Early Intervention Officers for Wiltshire Police, will be providing a valuable session of two parts covering the threats and vulnerabilities to young people entering into their digital space as well as essential guidance for parents themselves. This will include; passwords, 2FA, digital footprint awareness and phishing defence.

The session should last around 2 hours and will be flexible and open for interaction.

If you are interested, please could you register with them using the link below by 10.00am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January: -

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/7rkA3TFcfA>

We hope that you will be able to attend this useful and informative session.

## 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



“Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country and a finer world to live in” – Martin Luther King

## DIARY DATES

### February

Friday 14

INSET DAY

### June

Monday 16

INSET DAY

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe

**Headteacher**



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