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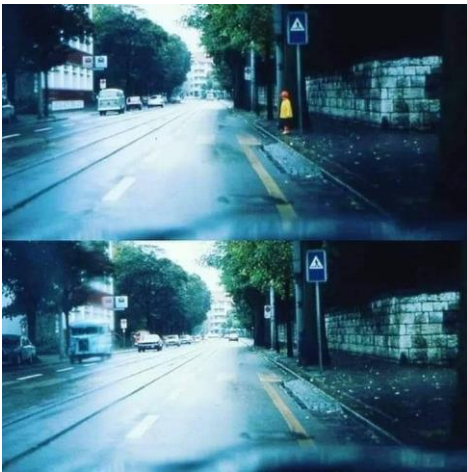
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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It was lovely to see everyone back refreshed from the slightly longer half term.



Now that the clocks have changed, we are all mindful that we have less hours of daylight. Please remember to ensure your child is wearing something bright on your journey to and from school.

The child is in exactly the same place in both photos; the only difference is the clothes he/she is wearing. A powerful reminder to 'be seen be safe' as the nights draw in.

Just a reminder that Mrs Jane Mundy is continuing to provide temporary administrative support, so please continue to use the admin@alderbury.wilts.sch.uk. I am sure you will all agree she's doing a great job!

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent/Teacher consultations take place on Wednesday 20th November, with Years R/1 and 3 offering additional appointments on Monday 18th. If you have not yet booked your 10 minute appointment please do so as soon as possible. Please look out for an email from notifications@primarysite.net inviting you to do so. For all appointments, please sign-in in the school hall when you arrive. Our Year 6 Prefects will collect you for your appointment and take you to the relevant classroom. Please can I ask that you stick to the allotted 10-minute slot, which ensures the whole evening runs smoothly and to time. If you need a longer appointment, please contact Mrs Mundy to arrange this.

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

A massive thank you if you have brought in a Christmas Shoebox. If you have not yet done so, there is still time to fill a box or make a donation of items to include in a box as they are due to be collected on Monday 11th November.



LIVING STREETS

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We are highly delighted to be only the second school in Wiltshire to be included in the WOW – the walk to school challenge, delivered by Living Streets. This exciting initiative is to encourage more children and families to walk to school. The pupil led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day, this could be, wheel, cycle, scoot or park and stride. We have only been part of the challenge for 2 weeks and our active journeys have increased from 56% to 71%. The benefits include:

- Children feeling happier and healthier
- Children arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.

If you have the opportunity to leave the car at home, please do so, the weather forecast looks good for the next week or so.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2024

Next Friday 15th November is Children in Need Day! Please bring in your pennies for ‘Pudsey’ (the real one!) who will be visiting the school, touring the classrooms and collecting the money. Children can wear their Pudsey ears **but with full school uniform please**.



FLU IMMUNISATION

A reminder that the immunisation team will be visiting school on Monday 9th December to deliver nasal flu vaccinations. If you haven't yet done so, please go to this link: www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu to give consent (yes or no). If you have mislaid the original email, please let Mrs Mundy know.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A big thank you if you have already made payment and a reminder that payment is due **by Monday 11th November**.

WANTED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS/TOPS

As part of our drive towards sustainability and inclusion we are planning to hold an informal Christmas Jumper/Christmas Top Swap towards the end of term- More details to follow.

Some of you may have unused or unwanted Christmas Jumpers/Tops lurking at home and I would be grateful if you were able to donate them to school. They would need to be in good condition and suitable to be in school. Please can you send into the office any Christmas tops/jumpers that you would like to donate from Monday.

CAT TEAM COMPETITION

At the end of last half term Mr Bowley organised our CAT team competition. I am delighted to share the results as follows:

- Lions 1st place 195
- Jaguars 2nd place 175
- Tigers 3rd place 155
- Leopards 4th place 115



SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EMBROIDERY UNLIMITED

With immediate effect, all school uniform must be ordered direct from our uniform suppliers, Embroidery Unlimited. You can find the details on our website including a link to the order form: <https://forms.gle/DoqyZQitwNkhenhj7>

PICKWICK PAPERS

Please see attached latest copy of Pickwick Papers

COMMUNITY NEWS:

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ALDERBURY VILLAGE HALL

A reminder that Christmas Fair takes place at Alderbury Village Hall on Saturday 11th November from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Delicious refreshments will be served and there will be gifts, cards, crafts and lots more.



GROW YOUR OWN FOOD

Please follow the link for details about vacant allotment plots with Southampton Road Allotment Association. You can contact SRAA2022@outlook.com to register.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST



Stamps will be on sale again in school this year. Please see attached flyer for more details. Or contact Julie on 07952 988749.

DIARY DATES – NEW DATES UNDERLINED

November

Monday 4 th	AUTUMN TERM 2 STARTS
Monday 18 th	Years R/1 and Year 3 Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 20 th	Years R-6 Parent/Teacher Consultations

December

<u>Friday 20th</u>	<u>Carol Service & Final Day of Term</u>
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January 2025

Monday 6 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th	Return to School

February

Friday 14 th	INSET DAY
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June

Monday 16 th	INSET DAY
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Best wishes
Mr Thorpe
Headteacher



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