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NEWSLETTER NO. 7

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

As we approach the end of our first term, I am so impressed with how the children have settled into their learning, especially our new Owls. As this is the last Newsletter this term, I would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable break from next Wednesday 23rd October to Friday 1st November (inclusive) and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 4th November. On our return please bear with us while we recruit a new Admin Officer. Until we have someone in the post, Newsletters may be intermittent. Mrs Jane Mundy will be providing temporary administrative support, so please continue to use the admin@alderbury.wilts.sch.uk. I appreciate your patience and understanding.

Goodbye to Mrs Agland

I am sure that everyone in the school community is well aware that this is an incredibly sad day for AWGS: It is Mrs Agland's final day after 14 years faithful and loyal service to the school community (see also Newsletter 3 – 20 September 2024). As a school community, we will come together this afternoon to say our farewell. I am sure that we will all agree that she will be incredibly missed. Our loss, is Salisbury Hospital's gain, and we wish her every success for the future.



Goodbye from Mrs Agland

I wanted to say thank you to all the parents who have expressed their good wishes to me over the past few weeks and to the wonderful, thoughtful and extremely generous gifts I have received. I am incredibly sad to leave such an amazing school community, full of talented, caring staff, supportive parents and beautiful, kind and joyful children. AWGS is a very special place indeed. I have made so many friends and hope to stay in touch, made easier by the fact that Mr Agland will continue to volunteer at school! I feel truly blessed to have been part of this exceptional school for the past 14 years. Thank you for making me feel so loved and I wish you all much love in return!

Secondary School Application Form for Year 7 2025 entry

The deadline of midnight 31st October 2024 is fast approaching. You can apply online via the Wiltshire Council Parent Portal here: <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home> Parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.

Cleverchefs Lunch price increase

Please be aware that with effect from Monday 4th November, the price of a school lunch will increase to £2.66.

Cardwell and Simons school photographs

You should be able to view your child's photographs on the Cardwell and Simons website <https://www.cardwellandsimons.co.uk/>. Please submit your order by Tuesday 5th November to secure free delivery to school.



Christmas Box Appeal 2024

On Monday we had a visit from House of Opportunity regarding this year's Christmas Box Appeal. For those of you who may not be aware, the Christmas Box Appeal allows children and families in Southeast Europe to receive a Christmas box, spreading the joy of Christmas to communities who feel vulnerable and are living in poverty. Your child will bring home a leaflet today. Please consider supporting this extremely worthwhile cause and spend some time over the break to fill a box or two! Boxes must be returned to school by first thing on Monday 11th November. Thank you.

Sponsor for our School Chaplain

We are delighted to announce that a local based business I N Newman Ltd are sponsoring the school Chaplain, Louise, to continue supporting children, staff and parents every Tuesday. I N Newman have a longstanding relationship with AWGS with previous volunteering roles. Mark Newman has visited our school numerous times over the past six years and has established strong links with staff and children. He wishes to further support the crucial work of The Bridge, enhancing the pastoral wellbeing of our school.



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 Agland know.

Christmas Crafts coming soon to Eco Club!

Join us for eco-friendly Christmas crafts next half term after school on Wednesdays 3:15-4:15. This term the club will be suitable for Years 1-6. Please email the office now to book a place and get bank transfer details (or send cash in a named envelope). The cost is £27 for the term. There will be 6 sessions – please note there will be no session on 20th November as it is Parents/Teacher Consultations.



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>

COMMUNITY NEWS:



Grow your own food

Please see the attached flyer giving details about vacant allotment plots with Southampton Road Allotment Association. You can contact SRAA2022@outlook.com to register.

Children's Cinema at Alderbury Village Hall

On Saturday 26th October Alderbury Village Hall will be hosting a Children's Halloween Cinema screening of 'Hotel Transylvania'. Tickets are priced at £4.00 and can be purchased by clicking this link: <https://forms.gle/zsZ44jFEG6m9zHtY9> or from the Post Office or Village Stores. Please see the flyer for all the details.





“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.”

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

October

Wednesday 23rd INSET DAY

Thursday 24th-

Friday 1st November AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November

Monday 4th AUTUMN TERM 2 STARTS

Monday 18th Years R/1 and Year 3 Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 20th Years R-6 Parent/Teacher Consultations

January 2025

Monday 6th INSET DAY

February

Friday 14th INSET DAY

June

Monday 16th INSET DAY

Best wishes
Mr Thorpe
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