



NEWSLETTER NO. 5

4th October 2024

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It has been another cold week, so please make sure you send your child in to school with a **named**, warm, waterproof coat as children will be outside at break and lunch times in all weathers (unless it is torrential rain).

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Hopefully, you have all received an email from notifications@primarysite.net inviting you to book a 10 minute Parent/Teacher Consultation with your child's teacher. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as this is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and check how they have settled in to their new classes. For ease, I have listed below the days the teachers are available:

Monday 18 th November	Years R/1 Year 3	Mrs Budd Mrs Pallas
Wednesday 20 th November	Years R/1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Mrs Budd Miss Orphan Mrs Pallas Mrs Anderson/Mrs Robson Mr Goldsack-Marsh Mr Tatnall



Cardwell and Simons school photographer

On Wednesday 9th October in the morning, the school photographer will be in school taking individual and family (only siblings in school) portraits of the children. Please send your child to school in 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 Agland know.

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 week stay, Sunday 22nd June-Saturday 5th 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 week stay. If you are interested in providing this support for one, two or more students, please let Mrs Agland know.

Pudsey Bear and Children in Need

This year Children in Need is on Friday 15th November 2024. As in previous years, children can bring spare pennies to school for our Pudsey bucket and they can wear Pudsey ears which can be purchased for £2.50 (cash please) at Alderbury Pre-school (see photo).



Harvest Foodbank collection

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest collection.



Mr Goldsack-Marsh's Match Report

On Wednesday, our Years 5 and 6 boys took part in a football tournament, involving 18 teams, of which we came second! It was a fantastic occasion and achievement, with the boys narrowly missing out in the final by 1-0. The boys represented the school and themselves brilliantly, making Mr Bowley and I very proud! The football the boys played received lots of praise, which is credit to them and showed why they deserved to be in the final. We initially lost our first game due to a few mistakes, but the boys learnt from them quickly and went on to win the next three in a row quite convincingly, earning us a place in the semi-final. The semi-final was a hard fought game, with both teams having chances but unable to break the deadlock. This meant we had to go to dreaded penalties which we won 5-3, credit to Josh, who made an unbelievable save! The highlight for me came next, when, before celebrating their own success, the boys consoled the other team, showing their incredible sportsmanship! Both the girls' and boys' football teams have started a fantastic year of sport (again for AWGS) with medal places two weeks in a row! Hopefully with lots more success and fun to follow! Well done to Josh, Jake, Ethan, George K, Jack K, Jack R, Jude, Ollie, Tommy and Ustym and a big thank you to the parents/grandparents who collected the children at the end.

FAWGS NEWS

FAWGS NEEDS YOU!

If you are new to the school, then you are probably wondering who FAWGS are - we are the school's PTA - Friends of Alderbury and West Grimstead School.

WE NEED YOU!



FAWGS is now in need of a new committee. Carolyn White and Louise Griffin will be standing down after several years of organising events and projects for FAWGS with lots of other parent volunteers and helpers along the way. Over the last three years alone, we have raised over £20,000 which has been donated back to the school. It has been amazingly rewarding to be able to raise this much for the school.

You may not know that FAWGS gives £200 towards each school trip in order to keep costs down for parents. It has also provided £1000s worth of books, sports equipment, the big football goals on the playing field, the new outdoor learning tables and lap tops plus so much more. All the cutlery/plates etc needed to get the school back eating in the school hall after lockdown were also donated. We have organised many fun events for the children – the Fireworks Spectacular, discos, Santa's Story Time to name a few.

There are so many exciting ways to raise money for our school and with a committee of volunteers sharing the load, the need to commit lots of time becomes less – the more the merrier (and easier!) and Ms Matthiae, the school's Finance Officer, has kindly offered to take on the role of Treasurer if needed.

Unfortunately, we are not able to hold our Fireworks Spectacular this year but if there are a group of parents/friends who would love to be involved in FAWGS raising much needed funds, then events like this can happen again in the future.

Sadly, if no-one comes forward, we will lose the additional fundraising that FAWGs brings to our lovely school. Funding is tight, so we all need to do our bit to help.

Please do contact Carolyn; fawgschool@gmail.com or 07989 635432, if you would like to find out more.



“You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.”

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

October

Wednesday 9th am Cardwell and Simons school photographers
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
Headteacher



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