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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It was lovely to see so many parents of our new Year R children coming in to school for Mrs Budd's 'A day in the Life of Owls' yesterday. I hope you found it informative.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher consultations will be held during the week beginning Monday 18th November with the majority of teachers' appointments on Wednesday 20th November. Please look out for an email from notifications@primarysite.net next week inviting you to book an appointment with your child's teacher. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, so please make sure you book a 10 minute slot.

Census Day lunch menu Thursday 3rd October

Next Thursday 3rd October is Census Day when the Department for Education collect information from schools, much of which affects our funding. Some of the funding we receive is based on the number of children who have Universal Free School Meals on the day of Census ie children in Years R, 1 and 2. To help us maximise the amount of funding we are entitled to for your child, please book a school lunch on 3rd October. The menu for next Thursday is below. We really appreciate your support with this, thank you:



Homemade Pizza or
Creamy Pasta
Salad Bar
followed by
Chocolate Brownie

The usual jacket potatoes and roll options will also be available.

Harvest Foodbank collection

We will be collecting tinned and packaged goods for our Trussell Trust Harvest Foodbank collection the week beginning 30th September. Any donations you can provide are very much appreciated. Thank you.



Year 5 walk around the Village

As part of their class enquiry 'Why is my local area important?', Year 5 walked around Alderbury Village on Tuesday 24th September. The class walked to the War Memorial and back down to the Post office, passing lots of Alderbury landmarks in between, before heading back to school. Armed with litter pickers, they also performed a valuable service to the community, collecting lots of rubbish along the way. The children were a credit to the school and many members of the public commented on the good work they were doing. A big thank you to Mrs Garlick who accompanied the class.



Match Report from Mr Bowley

On Wednesday 25th September our Years 5 and 6 girls team took part in a football competition at Pembroke Park Primary School. The team played really well and came through some tough challenges, not least a penalty shoot-out against Harnham Junior School and thanks to a magnificent save by our star goal keeper Kennedy, our team came in 3rd

place out of 24 schools! I was so impressed by their attitude, commitment, energy and enthusiasm and their sportsmanship towards the other teams. Well done to Isla, Poppy, Imogen, Kennedy, Jasmine, Elena, Sophia, Charlotte, Alicea and Elsie and a big thank you to parents who collected at the end of the event.

After school clubs

If your child is attending clubs run by Mr Goldsack-Marsh or Miss Metcalfe, a reminder that payment is now due. Please pay by cash in a named envelope and pass to Mrs Agland. I have included details of dates and cost here for your convenience:

Day	Club	Year groups	No. of places	Cost
Monday	Ball Sports	3-6	20	£31.50 9 th September-21 st October (7 weeks at £4.50)
Tuesday	Football	1-6	30	£31.50 10 th September-22 nd October (7 weeks at £4.50)
Thursday	Gym	2-6	20	£27.00 12 th September-17 th October (6 weeks at £4.50)



“If you want something you have never had, you must be willing to do something you have never done.”

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

w/b Monday 18th 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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