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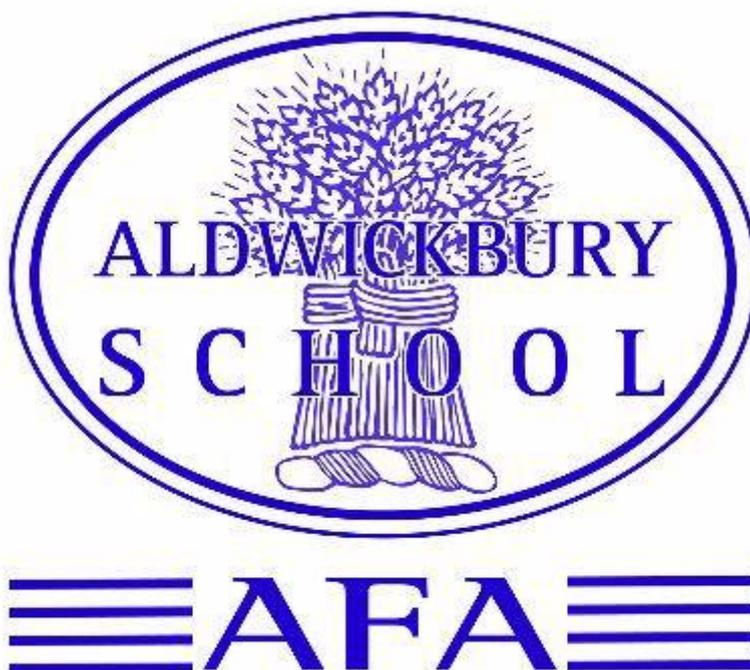
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I started writing this in the very first week of the Easter holidays. The weather was very changeable for the Year 5 and 6 boys heading out on their Bikeability course each day. It involves a good deal of rather fiddly paperwork for one lucky member of the AFA committee, but it was great to see the boys enjoying themselves (and learning valuable safety skills) despite the weather.

Looking back over the term just finished, the main AFA events in January – the Quiz and the Pre-Prep film afternoon – seem a very long time ago. Having said that, it's been a relatively quiet term for AFA events, although lots of planning has been going on in the background – more of that later!

The first major event of this term was, of course, the (in)famous AFA Quiz. For the first time we opened it up to the whole school and sold out in one week. Our quiz-masters, Simon Antrobus and Ted Frith, who have made us wrack our brains for the past 5 years, came up with a head-scratching selection of vexatious questions. In the end the staff won, closely followed by the governors; it's good to know our sons' education is in such capable hands,

but, at the same time, come on Parents – let's try a little harder next year! Simon and Ted are now taking a very well-earned retirement from asking the questions, and will be on the answering side next year.

The Pre-Prep film afternoon showing of Peter Rabbit was an enormous success once again, with the requisite break for the boys to run off some of their surplus exercise! Thank you to Mrs Latimer for her support and her unflappable spirit when faced with a hall full of over-excited little boys!

We also held a very successful second hand uniform sale. Purchasing uniform is easier than ever before as AFA is now the proud possessor of a card reader; you are no longer limited by the amount of cash you might have on you on the day! Unfortunately, the afternoon selected for the only Tuck Shop of the term proved to be wet and miserable. We still sold an impressive amount of cakes, cookies and doughnuts, so huge thanks to everyone who manned the stall so positively despite the weather.

Jessica Dormer
AFA Chair





Next Term's Events

The Easter term may have been relatively quiet on the AFA front, but next term is shaping up to be anything but!

On the first Saturday after we return to school we are holding our Lego Engineering Day for boys in Years 3 to 6. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this; I am sure the boys will find it very interesting – and fun. A couple of weeks later it is time for something for the boys in Years 7 and 8 – the ever popular Disco, and the Sunday after that we have our third annual volunteering session down at Batford Springs Nature Reserve. Invitations for this went out just before the Easter break began; it is open to boys from Year 2 up, together with their siblings and parents. It is a great opportunity to give some time and effort to the local community; it can be hard work but everyone always enjoys themselves, plus there's that great feeling of satisfaction when you see what you've managed to achieve in just a couple of hours.

The day before we finish for half term we have the AFA AGM. Remember you are all members of AFA and, as such, you are all welcome. The formal invitation will come out soon.

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We are looking for a new Treasurer as Chris Wallace, who currently has that role, is stepping down after three years on the job. If you might be interested in taking this on please get in touch by emailing afa@aldwickbury.org.uk.

A Day at the Circus



After half term we have the AFA funded Circus Skills day which promises to be great fun for the boys. This will happen during school time on 11th June; all the boys will need to do is turn up and enjoy themselves.

Barn Dance and Auction of Promises



Of course, the major event of the Summer Term will be the Barn Dance and Auction of Promises on 29th June. Hopefully you have all heard about this, and have the date in your diaries already! It will take place in the marquee on the terrace and should be a great evening. We have a band, and caller, in place, as well as a professional auctioneer. We've received some wonderful promises from the school community – how about Debenture tickets to Wimbledon on Gentlemen's Singles semi-final day, a ride on a combine harvester, or a Marie Kondo inspired 'cleanse' of your wardrobe? Perhaps most excitingly, whose son fancies being Headmaster for the Day?!

We're working on the Auction brochure at the moment so you'll be able to see full details of all the lots soon. If you can't make it on the night, we will be taking pre-bids for the Auction items. There will also be a raffle and everyone will be able to buy raffle tickets beforehand. We're still happy to take ideas for Promises for the Auction, and raffle prizes. If you have anything for us, please do get in touch.



Unwanted Uniform – Please donate to the second hand uniform sale. Yellow collection bins will be out in the car park from Monday 4 June. **We only want Stevenson's uniform items, no bags, shoes or swimming items.** The uniform sale will be on **Friday 23 June.**



Dates for your Diary:

Welcome Coffee Morning for new parents	Friday 26 April	8.30 -9.30 am	Mrs Hales' sitting room
AFA Cricket kit pop-up shop	Monday 29 April	4.30 – 5.45pm	Castle Dining Room
AFA AGM	Thursday 23 May	8.30 -9.00 am	Castle Dining Room
Tuck Shops	Friday 17 May	3.00 - 5.20pm	
AFA Uniform Sale	Friday 14 June		
AFA Cricket match v Staff	Friday 28 June	3.00 – 5.10pm	Castle Dining Room
AFA Auction of Promises and Barn Dance	Friday 14 June	6.00 - 9.30pm	Aldwickbury ground
	Saturday 29 June	7.00pm – 11.30 am	Aldwickbury ground

As you can see, we have a busy Summer Term ahead of us and we hope to see all the boys and their families enjoying yourselves at the various events and activities coming up! In the meantime, we hope you have all managed to have a happy and fun-filled Easter break, whilst also getting the opportunity to recharge your batteries!

The AFA Committee

With best wishes

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