



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy half-term holiday! This half-term seems to have flown by with so much going on around school. Mr May and I enjoyed a visit to all the classes earlier in the week and we got to see lots of good learning in Maths and English happening across the school. It was nice to have the time to observe and appreciate all of the hard work that the children and their teachers put into all of their lessons. All of the children enjoyed some additional sport earlier this week as well, either with the cricket coaches or their class teachers, and it is always good to see our grounds being used and enjoyed. The children's week ended with the disco and it was lovely to see so many of them there enjoying themselves with their friends. A huge thank you to FOWPs for running these discos to raise funds to support some of the activities that we are able to then provide as a school. After half term, there are two events in the first week that I would like to draw your attention to. The first one is the talk by the Papaya team around children's use of technology which I know is an ever more challenging issue for parents so please join us for this if you can. For further information, please see the flyer that was sent out earlier in the week or find it on the website under Parents/Letters. The second event is the viewing of our Tri-Wonder project work from this term. Please pop into classes to view this work after school on Wednesday 4th June.

This week Year 2 have been continuing our work in English writing a postcard to Mrs Grindling's friend, we have designed, made and tested our beach vehicles in DT and we have really enjoyed looking at, identifying and counting the trees in our school grounds. We have had super discussions around the Tri-wonder project and we have been able to use our art skills to design our Year 2 piece of art for the exhibition after half term. Year 5 have consolidated their learning and written a non-chronological report about an animal from The Amazon Rainforest; they look fantastic. They continued learning about heart rate in Science by taking their experiments outside and finding their pulses. They have also been busy researching different animals you can find in the Amazon Rainforest. They then, using formal conjunctions, wrote a non-chronological report on one of the animals. Year R have enjoyed the story of the Three Little Pigs and they have completed some amazing writing. Year 1 had a visit from Revd Dodie who told us all about our sister school Mityana Junior School. We especially liked learning about all the uses for banana leaves such as to make footballs and egg carriers. They have also been working on their Tri Wonder project this week. They can't wait for you to come and see it! In RE, they have been looking at the inside of a synagogue and why it is important for Jewish people.

Year 4 have been very lucky to work with Damian Kelly-Basher who is the Hampshire poet laureate, to produce some poetry based on rivers. They began by 'being a river' outside and moving together in a long trail. They then thought about how they would feel if they were a river and wrote a short piece of poetry about it. We were very impressed with the children's work. They will now get the opportunity to contribute ideas to a poem about the River Test that Damian will write for the Whitchurch children's festival in July. Year 3 have worked on building friendships and understanding what we can do to resolve conflicts in PHSE. They used their Geography field skills to practise finding North, South, East and West on a compass and continued to learn how to play the Ukulele in music. Finally, Year 6 have been doing some further work around evolution in Science and, in particular, selective breeding. They have been writing some arguments for and against selective breeding and had a debate about it. We held auditions this week for the end of year production. We have spent a long time going through auditions and trying to accommodate all of the children's wishes with regards to roles. They were told which production, their role and were given their scripts yesterday so they can start getting a feel for it all over half-term.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Michelle Dunwell
Acting Head Teacher

Year R Stars of the Week



	<u>Pelicans</u>	<u>Puffins</u>
Friday	Casper	Pearl
Monday	Bertie	Poppy
Tuesday	Matilda	Teddy
Wednesday	Eloise	Ronnie
Thursday	Zac	Grayson

Lead Learner

Seahorses	Evie	Tigers	Emily
Turtles	Sarah	Doves	Evelyn
Dolphins	Seals	Kingfishers	Connor
Seals	Uzay	Eagles	Sam
Jaguars	Lila and Arlo N	Falcons	Felicity
Leopards	Taha	Kestrels	Lexi
Pumas	Ffion		

Roll of Honour

- Tobias of Seahorses has achieved a 100 day strike on DoodleMaths. Well done!
- Zoe of Seahorses has achieved a 100 day strike on DoodleMaths. Well done!
- Matilda of Turtles for making others smile when they were feeling sad.
- Finley of Turtles has achieved a 250 day strike on DoodleMaths. Well done!
- Nathaniel of Dolphins for showing care and kindness towards two of his friends when they got hurt.
- Harper of Dolphins for having a super attitude towards her work- always being ready to learn.
- Freddie of Seals for being so helpful around the classroom.
- Aurion of Jaguars for showing a great character strength in honesty.
- Megan of Tigers for always helping in class.
- The Orienteering Team from Year 5 who came to take part in a morning of outdoor adventure. They had to complete a number of map based tasks, showing excellent team work. Some of the tasks included buddying up with smaller children from other schools and our children were excellent role models.
- Danny of Kingfishers for working really hard this week and showing a positive attitude to his learning.
- Emily of Kestrels for showing great persistence and being a kind friend to others.

Achievements

- Ella of Tigers HMS Merit Certificate for her efforts on the keyboard.
- Imogen of Kingfishers HMS Merit Certificate for working hard on her fluency.
- Andover District Scouting held a chess competition and Harry of Kestrels won the Scouts competition and Riley of Pumas won the Cubs Competition. Well done!

House Points



House Point winners this week are Endurance. Well done children!

Riding Scooters and Bicycles to School

Please can we ask that children push scooters and bicycles in the school grounds for the safety of other children and adults using the pathways, and also on the approach to school (there is a no cycling sign at the bottom of the hill path). When waiting at the top of the hill for school to open the children must stay on the path and not ride around on the road. If your child rides a scooter or bicycle to school, please can you reinforce this message at home. As a staff, we have started to remind everyone of this message when manning the gates. Thank you.

Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind you that all children should be in the correct school uniform at school. We are seeing an increasing number of hoodies and trainers. However, we do appreciate at this time of the year you may not want to buy new shoes if they have been outgrown. The uniform list can be found on the website under Parents/Uniform information. Thank you.

Start and End of the Day

At the start and end of the school day, please can children not play on the play equipment. School is not insured for pre-school or secondary school children. Please ensure that when you have collected your children that you leave the school grounds straight away, so that we can lock the gates. Thank you.

School Fundraising



Happy's Circus – 19th July

A third of tickets have sold in the first 24 hours, so don't delay in getting yours today at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93601> We'll need a few volunteers for before the show starts, the interval and at the end of the event, so please

sign up at the same link.

MAD Day – 6th June

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98059>

Bring-a-bottle Non uniform day – 20th June

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98058>

Parish Fete – 12th July

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98054>

Match Fundraising

Rising costs coupled with a drop in funding may lead to FOWPS spending more than they raise this year to provide the children with the events, activities and equipment that they enjoy so much throughout the year. YOU CAN HELP! Match funding can double the funds raised by FOWPS. It really helps us meet our targets. Please ask your employers if they match funds for charity fundraising. It's quick, easy and could make all the difference.

Want to keep up to date? Have any ideas for fundraising?

Find out more at our website www.fowpswhitchurch.co.uk or follow FOWPS on Facebook FOWPS

If you would like to help with any FOWPS activities – please enter your details [HERE](#). You can do as much or as little as you like. If you can regularly donate or match fund, please see the details on our [HOW TO DONATE PAGE](#)

You can also email us at admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk

Future School Dates (added or amended each week are in bold)

Week beginning Monday 2nd June

Lunches Week 3 from the Edwards and Ward menu, found at

www.whitchurchprimary.com:

[Whitchurch Church of England Primary - Lunches and Healthy Snacks](#)

Monday 2nd June

Pupils return to school

Tuesday 3rd June

Year 6 parents: Sex and Relationships Education (virtual) 5:00-5:30pm

Tuesday 3rd June

Smart Phone Free Childhood Parent information evening (6-7.30pm)

Wednesday 4th June

Tri-Wonder work viewing – 3.30-4.00pm in classes

Thursday 5th June

Year 5 parents: Sex and Relationships Education (virtual) 5:00-5:30pm

Friday 6th June

MAD Day

Friday 6th June

KS2 hotdog Friday

Wednesday 11th June

Book look evening

Thursday 12th June

Year 6 Natural History Museum

Monday 16th June

Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service (children only)

Wednesday 18th June

Year R Wellington Country Park Trip

Friday 20th June

FOWPS Mufti Day – bring a bottle

Tuesday 24th June

Year 3 trip to the Silk Mill

Wednesday 25th June

Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne

Friday 4th July

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Monday 7th July

Saturday 12th July

Wednesday 16th July – Friday 18th

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Thursday 17th July

Saturday 19th July

Tuesday 22nd July

Wednesday 3rd September

Thursday 4th September

Details of future term dates can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

KS2 hotdog Friday

Reserve Sports Day

Meet the new teacher (after school)

Parish Fete

Year 4 Ufton Court residential trip

Year 6 production (afternoon)

Year 6 production (evening)

Happy's Circus

School community picnic (pm) and end of term

INSET Day

Children return to school

Half Term Activities at The Silk Mill

Join us for a fun-filled day at the Whitchurch Silk Mill Spring Fayre! Monday, May 26th 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Bring the whole family and enjoy a variety of classic games and activities, including hook-a-duck, tin can alley, and the ever-popular egg and spoon race. Don't miss the amazing performances by the BUBBLES MAN, entertaining guests throughout the day! Entry is completely free, though some activities and stalls may have a small charge. Please bring cash, as some stalls may not accept cards. We can't wait to see you there!



Greening Whitchurch

Public Meeting

7pm Thursday 5th June
Whitchurch Parish Hall

All welcome

Speaker:

Terena Plowright - founder of the Greening Campaign

Whitchurch is one of 20 communities in Hampshire, chosen to receive Lottery funded support from the Greening Campaign.

The initiative is supported by Hampshire County Council, and brings partners such as the Hampshire Waste Prevention Team, Garden Organic, and the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Join us and help decide:

- What will our projects be - A Repair Cafe, a bee corridor, thermal imaging?
- We have been specially invited to have seeds from the National Heritage Seed Bank in Coventry



Come along and learn more about it! This is a great opportunity to make a difference as a community.



Pillars of the Greening Campaign

- Energy Efficient Warmer Homes
- Cycle of the Seed
- Waste Prevention
- Health Impacts of Climate Change
- Space for Nature



Thermal image showing heat loss from a home

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