



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very warm week in school, but the children have managed this brilliantly with some great learning going on around school as always. It was lovely to see so many of you at the music concert on Wednesday. It was great to hear the children perform and show what they have been learning during the year and there was such confidence displayed in the performances. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us, especially on such a warm evening. Year R have also enjoyed their trip out to Wellington Country Park, again it was very warm but the children all had an amazing time. Also, a huge well done to the Year 6 cricket team who won the Basingstoke competition this week and will now be heading off to the Utilita Bowl to take part in the county finals day.

I hope that you have all had chance to look at the information that came out earlier in the week regarding the use of smartphones. Thank you to those of you who have taken time to email in and give feedback on this – there has been an overwhelming positive response. I hope some of you have been able to sign up for the online Papaya workshop if you were unable to attend the previous one we hosted in school.

Next week we have our Sports Day on Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup> June) and it will be lovely to see you all at this whole school event. It is really important that everyone who is attending signs in at the gate and gets a sticker which you will need to wear during the day. This is part of our safeguarding procedures and you may be asked to leave (or at least return to the gate to get signed in correctly) if you are not wearing your sticker. During the events, you are welcome to come closer to where the action is taking place but please allow your child to take part with their class and not distract them or the staff during the events. As you will know, lunch is a picnic and any children wanting a school lunch will be able to order a picnic lunch at morning registration. The choices will be a tuna roll (red) or a cheese roll (green), with pork or vegan sausage roll, shortbread biscuit and fruit.

This week, In French, Year 3 have been learning how to name vegetables and are becoming very good at it! They have learned how to work our change when paying for items in a shop and they have started their new Geography unit on The Ivory Coast. They found and labelled the different continents, identified where The Ivory Coast is located on a map and looked at the borders and oceans that surround the country. Year R had a fantastic trip to Wellington Country Park, where they learnt information about lots of animals. They also wrote some super recounts of their trip. Year 4 have been planning a follow up to The Iron Man story in English. They have finished work on shape in maths and enjoyed art where they were drawing animals in a Viking style. In history they have been learning all about life in Viking Britain. Year 5 have been sharing appreciation and what we appreciate about each other in PSHE. In English, they have been writing a prequel for our story Rumaysa. In art, they have been designing their own repeated patterns based on ancient Islamic civilisation and printing their designs on card.

Year 1 have been writing the story of Rapunzel. They have learnt how to edit and improve their spellings and add adverbs into their sentences. In RE, they discuss different ways Christians show they love God, such as going to the church. In PE, we have practised some of our sports day activities and track races. Year 6 visited the cathedral for the Year 6 leavers' service, which always marks a significant moment for our Year 6 children. We have also been looking at some Indigenous Australian art and will be having a go at creating our own next week. In English, the children have created some brilliant sequels to Alma and have really taken to the creepy theme of it. Finally, Year 2 have been retelling the story of the Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. We have been carefully looking at sentence structure and how we are improving and building on our initial simple sentence ideas. In Art, they have been sketching animals in the style of the artist they have been looking at, John Muafangejo. The children have worked very hard to make their sketching careful and accurate. Well done!

Our worship this week has focused on the sun and sun safety – quite timely based on the current weather and the summer solstice this weekend.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Michelle Dunwell  
Acting Head Teacher

## Year R Stars of the Week



	<u>Pelicans</u>	<u>Puffins</u>
Friday	Paxton	AJ
Monday	Vera	Willow
Tuesday	Fergus	Archie
Wednesday	All of Pelicans and Puffins for their amazing behaviour on the trip	
Thursday	Levi	Thea

## Lead Learner

Seahorses	Isabella	Tigers	Isla C
Turtles	Zachary	Doves	Tommaso
Dolphins	Lacey	Kingfishers	Logan
Seals	Alex D	Eagles	Megan
Jaguars	Lola	Falcons	Ted
Leopards	India and William	Kestrels	Emily
Pumas	Jessica		

## Roll of Honour

- Poppy of Puffins for helping to remove a spider that had climbed onto her friend even though she doesn't like them!
- Alfred of Seahorses has achieved a 250 streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Robin of Turtles for always showing our school values.
- Daisy of Turtles has achieved a 100 day streak on DoodleMaths. Well done!
- Ivor of Turtles has achieved a 250 day streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Nathaniel of Dolphins for his amazing effort with handwriting all week.
- Clemmie of Dolphins has achieved a 500 day streak on DoodleMaths. Brilliant!
- Erin of Seals for being so kind and helpful.
- Jack of Jaguars for coming in and settling down so well this week - keep it up!
- Alfie of Leopards for his amazing running achievements - beating his PB four weeks in a row! Well done Alfie.
- Luna of Leopards for showing resilience and determination in learning your spellings.
- Finley of Pumas for showing great sportsmanship during a game of rounders.
- Rory of Doves for being a kind and considerable friend in PE this week.
- Imogen of Kingfishers for always showing the school values in school and showing kindness to everyone.
- Harry of Kestrels for setting up a very organised chess club for Year 5/6 to enjoy.
- Ruby of Kestrels for being incredibly helpful and offering to tidy up on behalf of those who left early to attend a sporting event.
- Lewis, James, Felix, Dillon, Henry, Ethan, Oscar and Wilf for their incredible attitude throughout all their cricket matches. Going into the final against the team that they had lost against and keeping calm under a lot of pressure is a testament to their courage and communication as a team.

## Achievements

- Emmett of Jaguars for being awarded his Swim England 600 metres badge.

## House Points



**House Point winners** this week are Discovery. Well done children!

## Cricket Winners!

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Lewis, James, Felix, Dillon, Henry, Ethan, Oscar and Wilf participated in the knockout round of the Basingstoke schools Dynamos cricket competition. After coming runners up in their group, losing only to St Mary's school, they knew that the matches were going to be tough. Our first match in the semi-finals was against St John's school who won the other round of the group stages. Whitchurch bowled first and after the first ball got hit for a stumping six, it was clear that this was going to be a tough match. However, the boys stayed calm and composed, working together and backing each other up. The match ended with Whitchurch winning comfortably by over 60 runs and reaching the final. This result gave them a lot of confidence. However, it was short lived as they found out they were playing St Mary's in the final, a strong team who had not yet lost a match. Whitchurch won the toss to bat first and runs were hard to come by because of some pinpoint bowling from St Marys. Whitchurch scored 42 runs from 40 balls. Whilst it was not what the boys had hoped, we were still well in this and knew that with a strong start we would be in with a chance. All the boys bowled and fielded incredibly equally stopping St Mary's from scoring runs and making some crucial wickets. By the time we got to the final over, Whitchurch were ahead by over 30 runs. Whitchurch held their nerve in the final over and beat St Mary's to become champions of the Basingstoke schools tournament. Furthermore, because of their tremendous victory, they have been selected to participate in the Dynamos County Finals Day, which is being held at the Utilita Bowl (the home of Hampshire cricket). What an incredible achievement and we wish them the best of luck.



## School Fundraising



### Happy's Circus – 19th July

Tickets still available 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk)

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

Week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

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

[www.whitchurchprimary.com](http://www.whitchurchprimary.com):

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

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 trip to the Silk Mill

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Sports Day – picnic lunch choices of cheese or tuna roll etc**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

USA Day themed lunch

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
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Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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)  
**Whole School Church Visit (helpers needed please)**  
Parish Fete  
Year 4 Ufton Court residential trip  
**Year 6 production (afternoon) \*\* New evening added at 6.00pm**  
Year 6 production (evening 6.00pm)  
**Puffins Class end of year performance 9.30am**  
**Pelicans Class end of year performance 9.30am**  
Happy's Circus  
9.30am All Hallows Year 6 Leavers Service (Year 6 parents welcome)  
6-7.30pm Year 6 Leavers BBQ for children only  
School community picnic (pm) and end of term  
INSET Day  
Children return to school

