

# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

## School Matters

10/10/25

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy and positive week at Whitchurch, and I'd like to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you for your generous Harvest donations. The response has been overwhelming, and I'll be including a photo in the newsletter to show just how much we've collected for our local food banks. Your kindness will make a real difference to families in our community.

We're now well into Walktober, and it's been wonderful to see so many children making the effort to travel to school sustainably. Whether it's walking, scooting, cycling or park-and-stride, these small changes help build healthy habits and reduce our environmental impact. We're encouraging children to record their progress in a creative way - posters, diaries, videos, or anything they'd like to share in the final week of term. There will be prizes for the most inventive entries in each year group, so get those ideas flowing!

Next Friday, we'll be taking part in Show Racism the Red Card's Wear Red Day. This national campaign uses the power of sport and education to challenge racism and promote inclusion. We ask that all children wear something red to school to show their support. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1, so that we can contribute to their cause. Every donation helps fund anti-racism education for young people across the UK.

A reminder that Parents' Evening is next week. We look forward to welcoming those of you attending in person on Wednesday evening. If you've opted for an online appointment, you can attend this by logging on at [www.parents-booking.co.uk](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk). These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements so far this term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.



Mr D Ware  
Headteacher



### Leave of Absence Forms

The [Leave of Absence Request Form \(LOAF\)](#) has been updated to reflect a policy change. Schools are now authorised to issue Penalty Notices to parents who attempt to avoid penalties by scheduling holidays that fall below the threshold, including during weeks containing Bank Holidays or INSET days.



## Key Dates

### New dates in yellow

Next Week – Lunches Week 1

KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month

Mon 13–Thu 14 October - Parent consultation week

Fri 17 October – Mufti Day (non-uniform) in aid of Wear Red Day

Mon 20 October - Whole school flu immunisations

Thu 23 School disco

Fri 24 October - Inset day

Mon 3–Fri 7 November - Book look week (details to follow)

Wed 12 November – Whole school visit to All Hallows (helpers needed)

Thu 13 November – Open Day for Sept 26 starters – 10–11am or 6–7pm (no need to book)

Mon 24–Fri 28 November - Year 6 Calshot trip

Mon 1 December - Inset Day

**Tue 9 December – Puffins Nativity 9.30am**

**Wed 10 December – Year 1 Nativity 2pm**

**Thu 11 December – Pelicans Nativity 9.30am**

Thu 11 December – KS2 panto visit to school

**Fri 12 December – Year 1 Nativity 9.30am**

**Tue 16 December – Year 2 Nativity 9.30am**

**Wed 17 December – Year 2 Nativity 2pm**

Mon 5 January – Inset day

Wed 21 January – Year 5 Hampton Court

Thu 12 February – Year 3 Fishbourne

Fri 17 April – Year 1 Jungle Jonathan visiting

Friday 22 May – Inset day

Mon 15–Wed 17 June – Year 4 Ufton Court

# Celebration

## Year R Stars of the Week

### Pelicans

Friday - KJ  
Monday - Reuben  
Tuesday - Effie  
Wednesday - Emilia  
Thursday - Noah

### Puffins

Friday – Archer  
Monday – Arietta  
Tuesday – Rufus  
Wednesday – Asha  
Thursday - Ada

## Lead Learners

Seahorses – Maya  
Turtles – Logan  
Dolphins – Lucy  
Seals – Cora  
Jaguars – Ava-Marie  
Leopards – Edward  
Pumas – Matilda  
Tigers – Archie  
Doves – Edward  
Kingfishers – James  
Falcons – Liam  
Kestrels - Eliana

## Roll of Honour

Seahorses - Aubrey  
Turtles – Evie  
Dolphins – Alfred  
Seals - Emmy  
Jaguars – Ben  
Leopards - Albie  
Pumas – William  
Tigers – Teddy  
Doves - Blake  
Kingfishers – Esme W  
Falcons - Grace  
Kestrels – Jack, Danny

## Focus Year – Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at Stone Age cave paintings. We first sketched an animal in the style of the stone age art and then we looked at the colours and equipment they used to paint with. We mixed our own paints using the colours available at the time and then painted using sticks, twigs and fingers.



## House Points



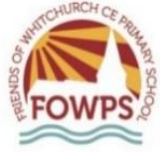
**House Point winners** this week are Victory, well done children!

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for friends who care. Help us to be friends who lift others up and bring love wherever we go. Amen

## Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October we are having a mufti day (non-uniform) to raise money for Show Racism the Red Card. Children and staff can wear something red if they wish, just wear non-uniform, or can still wear uniform if they prefer. Minimum donation of £1 to participate. There will be an activity appropriate for each class during the day.



## School Fundraising

### School Disco – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/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)

COMING SOON!!!

After school club based at Testbourne Community School.  
Collection from Whitchurch Primary School, Monday to Friday...

- ★ Collection from school with a short walk to club.
- ★ Healthy snack provided.
- ★ Choose and enjoy play opportunities with your friends.
- ★ Collect any time until 6pm.
- ★ Flexible payment options - bank transfer, childcare vouchers, tax free
- ★ Qualified and experienced staff

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OCTOBER THEMED DAYS

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PLEASE NOTE: IMF FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR OCTOBER HALF TERM

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