

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

03/07/26

Dear Parents

What a busy week it has been! Still warm but a lot cooler than last week!

I will start by saying I thoroughly enjoyed our sports day on Wednesday this week. It was a lovely occasion and fantastic to see so many parents celebrating this with us and encouraging their children at the finish line or during the carousel of activities. We made the right call on the weather too. I apologise for somehow breaking the mic that Mr Rutledge had kept working all day – so if you couldn't hear me – our winning house this year was Discovery! But well done to all children, they did a fantastic job.

Yesterday, we have also had our music concert. Again, this was a wonderful evening, celebrating all our children who learn instruments at school. It is great to see so many children, stand up in front of everyone and have the courage and skill to perform so well. I am sure all the parents or grandparents in attendance were very proud, as was I.

This week we have also been busy supporting our children with transitioning to their new class and year group. We have had two afternoons, where the children have spent time in their new classrooms and met their new teachers and LSAs. I bet they are all now looking forward to September, but will equally be sad to leave their current teacher. To support parents with this transition, we are offering a chance to meet the teacher and hear a little bit about what next year looks like. These are taking place on Monday after school. Please collect your children as normal and they will take you to their new classroom.

We have ended the week in style, having a non-uniform day in aid of collecting bottles of drink for the fete on 11th July. It always catches me slightly off guard to see primary age children walking to school holding bottles of wine or beer – but thank you so much for your donations. Please can I remind you that although it is 'non-uniform' day, for these days we still expect children to wear appropriate footwear. This is for safety reasons – therefore children should not be wearing any flip flops, sliders or crocs. The safest option is trainers. It was great to see so many children wearing clothing in support of the World Cup. There were a lot of England kits out there. I have had a few questions about Monday... We will be open at our normal time. I suggest getting up early, and watching a recording before school.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Kind regards



Mr D Ware
Headteacher



Key Dates

New dates in yellow

Next week – Lunches Week 2

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

Mon 6 July – Meet the teacher (3.45-4.45 – 2 sessions)

Fri 10 July – Year R Wellington Country Park trip

Sat 11 July – Parish Fete at the school

Mon 13 July – Year 6 Testbourne Transition Day

Mon 13-Wed 15 July – Year 5 swimming

Wed 15 July - Year 6 production (2pm)

Thu 16 July - Year 6 production (6pm)

Mon 20 July – Year 6 Leavers service (All Hallows) – a.m.

Wed 22 July – whole school picnic with parents from 12.30pm (more info to follow)

Tue 1 September – INSET Day

Wed 2 September – INSET Day

Fri 2 October – INSET Day

Fri 12 February 27 – INSET Day

Fri 28 May 27 – INSET Day

[School holiday dates | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council](#)

Parent online workshop on the **16th July 7-8PM** (free):

Supporting Healthy Screen Use.

Book online at
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Phase Leader and SEN Contacts

EYFS Lead - Mrs Wersby - YearR@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

KS1 Lead – Mrs Bhundia - Year1and2@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

LKS2 Lead – Mrs Glynn - Year3and4@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

UKS2 Lead – Mr Rutledge - Year5and6@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

AHT Inclusion Lead – Mr May - Senco@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Freya
Monday – Edit
Tuesday – Ophelia
Wednesday – Jadon
Thursday – Oliver

Puffins

Friday – Nella
Monday – Raphael
Tuesday – Oliver
Wednesday – Tommy
Thursday – Theo

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Yestyn
Turtles – Matilda F
Dolphins – Maddie
Seals – Ava
Jaguars – Alfie
Leopards – Lorna
Pumas – Taha
Tigers – Lachlan
Doves – Isla
Kingfishers – Rowan
Falcons – Grace
Kestrels – Kenny

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Maya
Dolphins – Darcie
Leopards – William & Clemmy
Pumas – Finley
Tigers – Emmett
Falcons – Rory

House Points



House Point winners this week are Discovery, well done children!

Focus – Year 2

Year 2 have explored the Hindu Festival of Janmashtami! The children learnt about how people celebrate Lord Krishna's birthday by creating a shrine for the classroom. They made colourful peacock crafts, flower garlands, decorative crowns and birthday cards, which were used to decorate a class shrine. As part of the celebration, we also tasted barfi, a traditional Indian sweet, and learned about its significance during the festival.



Dear God, Thank you for the variety of the ever-changing seasons, which give us the summer and winter solstices. Thank you for all the special things we're able to do in the long summer days and the winter days too. Help us to appreciate the sun and the light, heat, and food it gives us. Amen.

Achievement

Jesse of Jaguars played for a football team that was entered into the 'One Tournament' that holds several regional heats to qualify for a national final. They got through at the Southern heat at the beginning of June in Southampton then...

Last Saturday, he scored the winning goal in the final in the Midlands, crowning them National Champions!
Well done Jesse!



School Fundraising with FOWPS

The Whitchurch Parish Fete is approaching on 11 July! You can get ahead by purchasing raffle tickets. Your child was sent home with a booklet of raffle tickets this week. The raffle will be drawn at this year's fete and tickets are priced at £1 each. First prize will be a platinum hamper, minimum value of £100, and there are gold and silver hampers worth £75 and £50 to be won too! You can also purchase tickets online at the FOWPS website <https://fowpswhitchurch.co.uk>

FOWPS are also very keen to hear from anyone who can help support this key fundraising event for both us and the parish. Please go to the FOWPS website <https://fowpswhitchurch.co.uk> to see what's happening and how you can get involved, and we have a WhatsApp channel for volunteers [HERE](#). Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all for the enormous haul of bottles we collected this morning which will make up some of the prizes for the tombola and other stalls on the day of the fete. We'd also like to thank you for your support of our stalls at Sports Day this week – we raised several hundred pounds towards school activities.

FOWPS would also like to thank All Hallows church for their generous donation of £200 towards supplies for the school allotment. The space is looking great, thanks to the hard work of some of our volunteers but also the school children and staff.

Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend – FOWPS PTA



Whitchurch CofE Primary School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people in its care. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr David Ware and the Deputy DSLs are Mrs Michelle Dunwell, Mr David May and Mrs Emma Cooke. The Designated Safeguarding Leads can be contacted through the school office on 01256 892755 or email to adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk marked for the attention of one of the safeguarding leads.

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