# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

02/10/26

Dear Parents,

This week in worship we spoke about Harvest. We discussed how lucky we are to have food to eat. Find time at home to explore when the food you eat has come from, how far did it travel? Discuss who may have been involved in bringing the food from where it grows to being on their plate. I would like to thank you all for bringing in donations of food this week so we can help support Andover Food bank. I look forward to showing the children our harvest collection (see below) on Monday. If you didn't yet donate any items and would like to, please drop them off at the office on Monday morning.



Spotlight UK Christmas Appeal
This year, we are supporting the Spotlight UK Christmas Appeal. They request brand new, unwrapped toys suitable for children aged 4-12 years. These will be for those struggling in various ways, be it low income, family with debilitating illnesses, young carers or those affected by domestic violence. We will have a collection box in the entrance to the office.
Thank you to all of you who feel able to support this.

Parent Consultations evenings have all been set up. Different days for different classes available online. Face to face meetings in the hall for all classes are on the Wednesday evening. Available to book at Parents Booking | Parents Login Here Please ensure you book by the deadline of 8th October at 10pm. If you have any problems with booking, please email Mrs Boxall or call the school office.

Lost Property
With the colder weather coming in, I am sure you will all be looking for jumpers and cardigans. We seem to have accumulated quite a few. Please remember to label all clothing. We do support the children to look after their clothes, but we seem to have quite a few in lost property. If you would like a look at lost property, please ask at the rear link corridor door first thing in the morning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

**Mr D Ware**
**Headteacher**

**Phase Leader and SEN Contacts**
EYFS Lead - Mrs Wersby - **YearR@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk**
KS1 Lead – Mrs Meade - **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**

**Key Dates**
**New dates in yellow**
Lunches next week – Week 3
KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month
Wed 7 October – individual photos
**12-15 October – Parent consultations (emails to book have been sent)**
Thu 22 October – FOWPS School Disco
Wk beg 9 November – book looks
**Thu 12 November – Whole school All Hallows visit – helpers needed**
23-27 November – Y6 Calshot
**Friday 4 December – FOWPS Christmas Fair**
Fri 12 February 27 – INSET Day
Fri 16 April – Year 1 visit from Jungle Jonathan
Fri 28 May 27 – INSET Day
**School holiday dates | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council**

**Thank you to everyone for remembering our Inset Day – further dates have been on the website since early September under Parents/Term Dates**

# Celebration

**Year R Stars of the Week**

Pelicans

Friday – Hannah
Monday – Albie
Tuesday – Millie
Wednesday – Harrison
Thursday – Leon

Puffins

Friday – Beatrix
Monday – Barney
Tuesday – Grayson
Wednesday – Harrison
Thursday – Arno

**Lead Learners**

Seahorses – Aria
Turtles – George
Dolphins – Izzy
Seals – Yestyn
~~Jaguars –~~ Jaguars – Joshua
Leopards – Hazel
Pumas – Uzay
Tigers – Ava-Marie
~~Doves –~~ Doves – Theo
Kingfishers – Alex
Eagles – Bradley
Kestrels – Kai

**Roll of Honour**

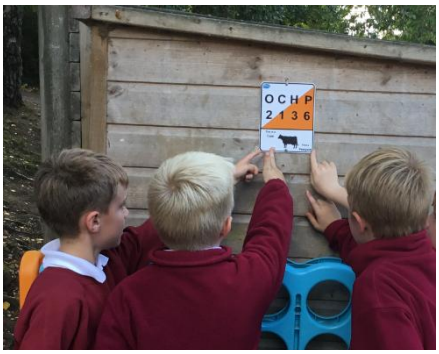
Pumas – Alex D
Kingfishers – George

**House Points**

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

**Focus Year Group – Year 3**

In Year 3, we have been busy developing our orienteering skills. The children used maps of the school grounds to locate control points around the site. They demonstrated careful observation and map-reading skills as they navigated their way around, recording the correct letters and numbers found at each location.







**House Captains**

The Year 6 House Captains have been chosen by the peers, as follows:

Endurance – James F and Mia E
Endeavour – Reuben S and Amelia C
Victory – Alex C and Ella P
Discovery – Blake M and Esme W

Dear God,

Thank you for the food that grows all around the world which we eat from our tables at school and at home. Help us to be thankful for those who produce, harvest and transport our food. May we never forget to use the world's resources wisely and for the good of everybody. AMEN

## School Fundraising with FOWPS

### FOWPS AGM

The Friends of Whitchurch Primary School AGM took place at the end of September. Our thanks to all parents who joined the committee in discussing our successes over the past year and our plans for the year to come. Our presentation from the meeting is available on our website at: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=meeting-minutes

New Committee Members

FOWPS is run entirely by parent and staff volunteers, and every penny raised goes directly toward enhancing our children's school experience. We've been lucky to have five new members join the committee: Sarah, Beth, Sarah-Jayne, Steph and Jenny.

If you're interested in joining but couldn't make the AGM, or would like more information on our volunteering opportunities, please check out https://fowpswhitchurch.co.uk. Could you: Help at one of the School Discos? Volunteer for an hour at the allotment? Set up or pack away at the Christmas Fair? Sort some donated uniform? Marshall at the 5K & Fun Run? Please let us know if you're interested.

Farewell

We've also said farewell to three FOWPS stalwarts. Thank you so much to:

Vicki Brown - for ten incredible years championing pupil enrichment and guiding us through COVID; Leigh Hanby - for flawless organisation, masterminding minutes & constitutions, and keeping us on track and Jamie Oliver - for boundless enthusiasm, wearer of many hats, and our go-to fixer for sorting all manner of issues especially tech.

Thank you to all of you and everyone who has volunteered in the past.

Change to the FOWPS constitution

We are proposing to update the FOWPS constitution to align with current Charity Commission guidance and best practice. The proposed changes will modernise how FOWPS is governed by adopting a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) structure. This will provide clearer trustee responsibilities and stronger governance arrangements.

Importantly, these changes will not affect the purpose of FOWPS. We will continue to raise funds and support activities that enhance the educational experience of children at Whitchurch CE Primary School. The proposal was discussed at the AGM and will now be submitted to the Charity Commission for approval.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOWPS committee or take a look at our website: https://fowpswhitchurch.co.uk/

### Evening Caretaker Vacancy

We are looking for an evening Caretaker for 10 hours a week, over 5 days. Negotiable hours after 4pm. For more information, contact Mrs Snow at adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk or 01256 892755.

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.

