Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

09/10/26

Dear Parents,

This week we have continued to think about Harvest, and I enjoyed hearing the children sing 'Harvest Samba' in our celebration worship today. We thought about the value of compassion and how when we celebrate Harvest we show compassion by collecting food to donate to those in need. Mr Rutledge took a group of year 6 children to Andover foodbank to drop off our donations on Monday. All Hallows Church will also be having a Harvest service suitable for all ages, this Sunday 11th October at 10.30am. They will be singing the Harvest Samba and will need some children to help!

PE Kits – Parent input needed
We have been reflecting how we manage 'changing for PE'. We feel that a lot of time is lost during the day getting the children changed for PE, items of clothing get lost and learning time wasted. We would like your opinion on whether children should come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE. Please complete this survey to give us your opinion. PE KIT SURVEY

Playground Upgrades
Over the summer we have begun exploring plans to make much needed upgrades to our school site. Including upgrading the climbing equipment and surfacing surrounding the equipment on both the KS1 playground and the KS2 playground. We also have plans to make significant improvements to the Year R outside area. FOWPS are working very closely with us to help fund this project and we will share more details with you when they are available.

Spotlight UK Christmas Appeal
Thank you to everyone who has started sending in donations of brand new, unwrapped toys for the Christmas Appeal. We have a collection box in the entrance to the office.

Starting School in September 27
If you know anyone with children starting school in September 2027, please tell them about our upcoming open day – Wednesday 4th November. We will be holding a talk followed by a tour at 10am and again at 6pm. There is no need to book.

Photographs
We had our school photographer in this week taking individual photos. Unfortunately, they ran out of time to take sibling photos. We know how much parents like the sibling ones so are arranging for them to come back in soon. We will keep you updated.

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

Kind regards,



Mr D Ware
Headteacher

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Key Dates
New dates in yellow
Lunches next week – Week 1
KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month
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
Tue 8 December – Puffins Nativity 9.30am
Wed 9 December – Y1 Nativity 2.00pm
Thu 10 December – Pelicans Nativity 9.30am
Fri 11 December – Y1 Nativity 9.30am
Tue 15 December – Y2 Nativity 9.30am
Wed 16 December – Y2 Nativity 2.00pm
Wed 16 December – Y3&5 Carol Concert 6.00pm
Thu 17 December – Y3&5 Carol Concert 9.30am
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

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Monday – James
Tuesday – Theodore
Wednesday – Romeo
Thursday – Aster

Puffins

Monday – Joseph
Tuesday – Mia
Wednesday – Jack
Thursday – Dougie

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Delilah
Turtles – Lucas
Dolphins – Casper
Seals – Matilda
Jaguars – Tobias
Leopards – Molly
Pumas – Alex D
Tigers – Alfie B
Doves – Adam
Kingfishers – Amber
Eagles – Violet
Kestrels – Ezra

Roll of Honour

Dolphins – Teddy
Jaguars – Ella
Leopards - Jack
Pumas – Ayla Rose
Tigers – Mia-Paisley
Kingfishers – Ava

House Points

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

Focus Year Group – Year 4

We have had an exciting week of learning in year 4! The children have been investigating what a life cycle is in science this week. It was great to see so much enthusiasm within our science topic. The children did a brilliant job of thinking about the different stages of different types of animals, including mammals such as chickens and dogs! Alongside this the children were able to create a moving life cycle about a butterfly. They look amazing!



Dear God, *help us to be aware of those in need. Give us the means to help. Let us give to those who are not as privileged as we are. Amen*

The Road Safety Team want to support parents in setting a positive example to help their child(ren) make safer choices when walking, cycling and travelling in a vehicle, now and in the future. The link below highlights these messages and promotes the free parent lunchtime webinar, being hosted during Brake's Road Safety Week in November.
https://sway.cloud.microsoft/xEzqLOV8RGtXGhKN?ref=Link

Harvest Festival Service at All Hallows - Sunday 11th October 10.30am

"It's another Harvest Festival! When we bring our fruit and vegetables, 'Cause we want to share the best of all the good things that we've been given!"
Join us at All Hallows this Sunday at 10.30am to celebrate this year's Harvest!
"It's another opportunity to be grateful for the food we eat, with a Samba celebration to say thank you to God, the Father!"
Any tins, packets or dry food goods would be very welcome for the Food Bank.
Contemporary worship music with The Worship Band suitable for all ages, including the wonderful Harvest Samba, as quoted above!
The service will be followed by tea, coffee and squash and the monthly Bring & Share lunch, to which all are welcome.

School Fundraising with FOWPS

Bibbidi-bobbidi-boo, the FOWPS school disco is back!
This term's ball is coming up very soon on Thursday 22 October. It might be almost Halloween, but don't turn into a pumpkin, make sure your carriage is ready and grab your tickets for just £3 per child at https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=123352
We're looking for volunteers to help make the magic happen before the clock strikes 7pm! If you have an hour or two to spare, sign up at the link above. Your support will help us create an enchanted evening for all the children.
We will be offering enchanting friendship bands and neon face painting for children in Years 1–6 for just 50p, and neon transfers for years 5-6. If your child is attending the disco, please confirm via the link above if you are happy for your child to get their face painted/transfers if they choose to. Your children can also request song choices for the disco at that link above.
Want to keep up to date with everything FOWPS? Visit the official website at www.fowpswhitchurch.co.uk or follow FOWPS on Facebook.

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.





