



***** Please note, there will be no Judo on Tuesday 7th March due to Parents Evening ***
Please make an appointment if you haven't already done so. Thank you.**

Dear Parents

This week has been very reading focused with the introduction of the new Reading Challenge and the dressing up for World Book Day. I have been very impressed with the way the children have taken up the new challenge, reading many times over the half term holiday as well as every evening this week. Our first certificates were awarded today to Bella and Belle. I have been talking to the teachers and LSAs about "reading miles" this week, which are simply this: the more you read the better you become at reading! Not only that, as children read more they extend their general knowledge and as they know more about things then reading becomes easier! We all hope that your children will be very successful in school and reading lots really helps.

It may be worth a reminder about the Reading Scheme book bands which children work their way through in Key Stage 1. As a broad guidance children should be ready to start Blue as they start Year 1 and ready to start purple as they start Year 2. However, we know that children learn to read at different rates and we support children to make progress whatever stage they are on. Please don't forget how important it is for you to read to your children too. This can count towards the reading challenge if your child is too tired to read to you.

Reception			Year 1				Year 2		
Pink	Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	Turquoise	Purple	Gold	White

Health and Safety - Please may I remind everybody that no dogs (except guide or assistance dogs), carried or on a lead, are allowed anywhere on the school premises at any time. Thank you.

Next week in

Year R will be finishing our Alien and Space topic and we will be using language related to time to sequence our day.

Year 1 are travelling to Russia for our topic and reading 'The Magic Bed'.

Year 2 the children will be travelling to The Anvil on Tuesday for the Giant Sing (please remember to bring a teddy). It is Seals class worship on Thursday morning from 9.10am to approximately 9.30am. All family members welcome. Please sign in at the office.

Year 3 the children will need plastic transparent drink bottles with screw top lids for soil testing, no bigger than 500ml (as an example the Oasis drink bottle would be perfect as it has quite a wide opening). We will be starting our DT project – levers and leverages – making an Egyptian Shaduf.

Year 4 hope to go for a walk around Whitchurch to aid their English work. We would be grateful if there are any parents or grandparents who have a few spare hours on Tuesday morning from 9.15am until 10.30am to assist with this. Please contact Miss Colyer if you can help.

Year 5 we will be writing a voice over to the short animation 'The Piano'. Also we will be looking at how the space race began.

Year 6 are investigating reversible and irreversible changes in Science. We will continue to look at The Hobbit in English, which the children are really enjoying.

Tidy Classroom Award: Turtles

Best Lunchtime Award: Jaguars

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Theo	Panthers	William
Penguins	Joao	Tigers	Floyd
Turtles	Daisy	Lions	Keira
Seahorses	Jorgie	Doves	Esme
Starfish	Elsie	Kingfishers	Ruby
Seals	Ethan	Eagles	Edie
Dolphins	Jaimi-Lea	Kestrels	Abbie
Jaguars	Jack		

Roll of Honour

- Mrs Sabine and Miss Robinson were proud of Seahorses for supporting a child who achieved a maths challenge for the first time.
- Benji for being kind to another child.
- Jasmine for being kind and thoughtful to help a friend in need.
- Asha for being a kind friend.
- Leon for being polite and totally cheerful – it makes Miss Prouten's day!
- Tigers and Lions for their wonderful behaviour and attitude at PGL.
- Fynn for his super helpfulness with another pupil at lunchtime.

Achievements

- Molly – Merit Certificate for good progress and practice on the violin.
- Thomas – Merit Certificate for achieving 20 music merits in keyboard.
- Lucy – Merit Certificate for superb homework marks in keyboard.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Seahorses with 99.17% and in **KS2** were Lions with 100%.



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

Mrs Steven

The Daily Mile

We have had a great start to our daily mile with Year R and Year 4 out every day. All the children have been active for the whole session choosing to either walk, run or skip with their friends. We are delighted that some of the children are already making a mile. (Year R = 18 laps of the KS1 playground, Year 4 = 14 laps of the KS2 playground).

Increase in School Meal Price from 1st April

As a reminder, the price for a school meal is increasing to £2.15 with effect from 1 April 2017. The increase of five pence is being introduced to meet the rising cost of providing school meals, but continues to represent good value for money for a two course, freshly cooked school meal. Please can we remind parents that lunches must be paid for in advance, preferably via the SCOPay facility or by cheque payable to Whitchurch CofE Primary. Thank you.

Hot Dog Monday for KS2 tuck on Monday 6th March.

Music News

Chairman's Year of Music Concert

As part of the Chairman's Year of Music, Hampshire Music Service staff are hosting a special concert at The Anvil, showcasing the talents of their staff including some of the music teachers who come to teach here at the Primary School. Tickets are FREE. To book, please contact The Anvil box office.

FOWPS News



School Disco - 24th March

The school disco is fast approaching. If you would like to buy tickets, then please put the correct money (£2 per child) in an envelope marked 'school disco' and send into class with your child.

Yr R & KS1 3.45-4.45pm (children will go straight from class after school, so will not be issued a paper ticket. Don't forget to send their disco clothes and some change for snacks/glow toys, eg £2 into school in the morning. They will need to be collected from their usual playground at 4.45pm)

KS2 - 5-6pm will be issued a paper ticket. This **must** be brought into school on the night or they will not be admitted. No tickets will be sold on the night itself. Signs will be outside the main reception to guide you to the correct entrance to collect your child at 6pm.

If your Year 6 child is allowed to go home unaccompanied after the disco, then please fill in the slip below and return with the ticket money.

If your child has any food allergies then please put a note in with their money (snacks available to purchase are usually crisps/chocolate/flump or haribo type sweets. These will be nut free but may contain other allergens).

Co-op community cause

If you haven't already done so, please register FOWPS as your community cause online at <https://membership.coop.co.uk> as time is running out before the funds close.

For every £1 you spend with Co-op on selected own brand products and services, Co-op give 1p to community projects that help the area where you live. So far FOWPS have earned £526.50. You can register anytime, so please support us.

Primary Pedal - 7th May

A date for your diary - this will be the third year of the primary pedal, with a 20, 40 or 60 mile route available. Unlimited cake at the half way mark and BBQ in the school grounds at the finish. More details to follow.

Email: FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Facebook: FOWPS, Whitchurch, Hampshire

Table Top sale in aid of Testbourne School trip to Mityana, Uganda (October 2017)

On Saturday 4th March 2017 at Whitchurch Parish Hall (9am -1pm).

Please save the date and come along and support us. There will also be a seated area for you and your friends to enjoy hot or cold drinks and homemade cakes.

Letters sent home this week

Year 2-6 After School Bike Club

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

Saturday 4th March	Elvis Tribute/50s Diner Evening
Monday 6th March	'Hot Dog Monday' for KS2 tuck
Tuesday 7 th March	12.00pm+ Year 2 Giant Sing trip to The Anvil (packed lunch needed)
Tuesday 7 th March	Parent consultation evening http://parents-booking.co.uk/whitchurch
Wednesday 8 th March	Second hand uniform sale
Thursday 9 th March	Seals Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Tuesday 14th March	a.m. - Abi Elphinstone Author Visit - Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 14 th March	11.30am+ Year 5 Giant Sing trip to The Anvil (packed lunch needed)
Thursday 16 th March	Dolphins Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Friday 17 th March	Inset Day
Thursday 23 rd March	Turtles Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Thursday 30 th March	Starfish Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Friday 24 th March	Whole School Spring Disco
Tuesday 4 th April	Year 1 ukulele concert 10.00am
Tuesday 4 th April	FOWPS After school Easter egg hunt
Wednesday 5 th April	Second hand uniform sale
Wednesday 5 th April	Year 3/4 performance 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 6 th April	Year 3/4 performance 6.00-7.00pm
Thursday 6 th April	Seahorses Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Friday 7 th April	Last day of Spring Term
10 th -21 st April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 25 th April	Whole school visit to church – parent helpers needed (timings to follow)
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 10 th May	Second hand uniform sale
15 th -19 th May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 25 th May	Spring Concert for children who play instruments (note change of date)
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day
Saturday 17 th June	FOWPS Summer Fair
Friday 21 st July	Whole School Summer Disco
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year

School Disco – Year 6

I give permission for (Year 6)

to leave the disco unaccompanied at 6pm.

Signed..... (carer/parent)

Print Name.....