



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

The children have returned to school very happily and have been working hard already. This week I have enjoyed working with Year 1 who have been working out some challenging puzzles in maths.

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mr Darren Blake as our new site manager. He will be starting to work with us on Monday 21st January. Please bear with us meanwhile!

On these cold and frosty mornings, several parents have mentioned how slippery the bridge is on Town Mill Lane. I am sorry but we cannot grit this bridge, as our responsibility is confined to the school grounds. If you feel strongly about the bridge, please contact the Town Council.

You may have noticed the building work beside the staff car park; this is in preparation for the recladding work, which we expect to start after Easter. We will be having two temporary classroom blocks (totalling four classrooms) delivered next week. This will mean that the staff car park will be out of use on Wednesday to Friday. Therefore, the staff will be parking in the spaces outside the school fence. If you are used to parking there, please be aware that you will need to find another place. If you need a parking space, due to a physical need please make the School Office aware. Whilst the classrooms will be delivered early, we may not be using them until much later in the term. When they are operational, we will let you know if your child is moving.

School Lunches – Thursday 17th January

Thursday 17th January is our Spring School Census day. The number of school lunches chosen by the children in Years R, 1 and 2 is one part of how the budget is calculated. Therefore, please can we ask that as many children as possible in these year groups choose a school lunch on Thursday. At present, lunches are free for all children until they start Year 3. The choices will be:

Red - Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, or
Green - Vegetarian Sausages
with roast potatoes, veg of the day and gravy
followed by Iced Cookies, jelly, fresh fruit or yoghurt

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Penguins
Lunchtime Award: Jaguars

Next week in:

Year R we will be drawing pictures to show where our magic door will take us and writing sentences to go with them.

Year 1 we will be continuing with our topic about castles and dragons.

Year 2 we will be exploring a Victorian toys and school archive box.

Year 3 we will be investigating magnetism in Science and learning about the Roman Invasion of Britain.

Year 4 we will be launching our Saxon Sagas topic, finding out who the Anglo-Saxons were and where they came from.

Year 5 we will be creating and describing our own robots and continuing with formal multiplication methods.

Year 6 we will begin making our own natural disaster news reports using iMovie.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Eva	Jaguars	Oscar
Penguins	Gretchen	Panthers	Philippa
Puffins	Dylan	Lions	Cristian
Seahorses	Monty	Tigers	Lois
Turtles	Aaron	Doves	Eleanor
Seals	Grace	Kingfishers	Iyla
Dolphins	James	Eagles	Floyd
Leopards	Harry	Kestrels	Ted

Roll of Honour

- Charlie of Pelicans for settling into school so well.
- Alfie of Seahorses for always having a polite and thoughtful attitude.
- Lola-Pixie of Lions for having a really positive start to the term.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Seals with 98.00% and in **KS2** were Lions with 98.97%.

House Points



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

Library News

The library is open on Mondays after school until 4.00pm.

Letters this Week

Year 1/2 Snow White Production

Parent Curriculum Leaflets for all Year Groups

FOWPS News



FOWPS second hand uniform sale - the first Wednesday of every month – 8.55-9.15am

Family Quiz – Saturday 26th January – 3.30-6.00pm

LAST FEW REMAINING TICKETS - £5 per adult and £1 per child. Ideal for ages 4+, but all children welcome. To reserve tickets please email Faye on hello@fayebrown.co.uk

Saturday and Sunday 26th-27th January - Annual Potato Day

FOWPS will be running a craft stall at the potato day. If you are able to volunteer for a shift

please do get in touch with FOWPS on our email address below. Shifts are 9:30 - 11:30, 11:30 to 1:30 and 1:30 to 3:30 for both Saturday and Sunday.

Thursday 28th February to 7th March - Charity shop

FOWPS have secured a week in the charity shop again this year. If you are able to donate any items, or would like to volunteer for a shift in the shop, please contact us. Don't forget companies do offer volunteer days for free, so sign yourself up as a shopkeeper for a couple of hours or the whole day. Please do not bring any donations into school.

If you want to keep up to date with all the latest news, you can 'Like' us on Facebook FOWPS Whitchurch, Hampshire or email FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

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

Friday 11th January

INSET Day

Wednesday 16th January

Year 6 Parents' SATs Drop-in – 3.45-5.45pm

Wednesday 23rd January

Year 2 Victorian Silk Mill Visit

Saturday 26th January

FOWPS Family Quiz 3.30-6.00pm (£5 per adult, £1 per child)

Monday 11th & Friday 13th February

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 6th March

Year 1 Milestones visit

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day - (children to dress up as a book character)

Friday 8th March	World Book Day Book Fair
Tuesday 26th March	Andy Griffiths Author Visit – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 29 th March	Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class teacher at registration
Friday 24 th May 2019	Inset Day
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Last day at school

Details of term dates for 2018/19 can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>