



Dear Parents

This week Seals Class presented a very interesting worship all about “Respect”. The children spoke beautifully and sang confidently. It has been quite a week for singing as Year 2 attended the “Big Sing” at the Anvil too. They said it was great fun.

The Reading Challenge is taking on at quite a pace. Twenty-five children were awarded certificates for twenty-five reads and six children were awarded the first badge this week. Well done children!

We have recently been alerted to a few issues between children in school involving social media. We are aware that many children use various sites at home and on mobile phones and although we are also aware that many parents monitor the use of this, we wanted to remind you of the age restrictions that exist for many of these sites.

The image at the end of this newsletter from "Action for Children" shows the age restrictions that these sites have in place in order to help protect children online.

#### **Next week in**

Year R we will be reading the story ‘The Great Pet Sale’ and learning about money.

Year 1 we are learning all about India, our senses and writing about journeys on the ‘Magic Bed’.

Year 2 we will be writing about ‘Bob the Man on the Moon’. Dolphins will be leading class worship at 9.10am for family on Thursday. Please remember your lines!

Year 3 Jaguars will be learning how to mummify a cuddly toy and writing up the mummification process. Panthers will be creating Scratch computer animations.

Year 4 we will continue our information guides on Whitchurch using adverbial phrases, prepositions and conjunctions. We are excited to get going with rehearsals for our performance.

Year 5 we will be talking about the first moon landing. Two reminders for Tuesday: Abi Elphinstone author visit and please remember a packed lunch is needed for our visit to The Anvil for The Giant Sing.

Year 6 we will be writing our own ‘spin-offs’ for characters from The Hobbit.

**Tidy Classroom Award:** Kingfishers

**Best Lunchtime Award:** Eagles

## Leading Learners

Pelicans	Grace	Panthers	Katie
Penguins	Lily	Tigers	Howie
Turtles	Philippa	Lions	Hannah
Seahorses	Dexter	Doves	Meghan
Starfish	William	Kingfishers	Maddie
Seals	Lola	Eagles	Sophie
Dolphins	Lola-Pixie	Kestrels	Zack
Jaguars	Issac		

## Roll of Honour

- Jack (Starfish) for kindly thinking of others before himself in the lunch hall.
- Honey (Turtles) for always being a great tidier in class.
- Seals class for a wonderful class worship.
- Millie (Panthers) for showing consideration to others and lovely manners.
- Aga (Tigers) for such responsible leadership during the walk in Whitchurch.
- Sam (Doves) for being a good friend and helpful in the class.
- Jade (Kingfishers) for her enthusiasm and positivity in everything that she does.
- Lena, Aimee, Esther and Ruth (Year 6) for their fantastic reviews of 'His Royal Whiskers' on the TES online this week.
- Oliver (Eagles) for always setting a fantastic example to the rest of the school in everything he does.

## Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Pelicans with 99.31% and in **KS2** were Jaguars with 99.69%.



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

Mrs Steven

## Increase in School Meal Price from 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Praise Communion at All Hallows

This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March is the family service, Praise Communion, at All Hallows at 10am with the Worship Band, One Accord. There are activities at the back of the church for pre-school age children and babies. All are welcome.

## Library News

### The TES Class Review - His Royal Whiskers

Some of our Year 6 children were invited to review 'His Royal Whiskers' by Sam Gayton for the TES Class Review. They produced some fantastic reviews and we are incredibly proud of their hard work. Here is the link to the review:

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-views/transformed-a-fluffy-wuffy-kitten-a-fate-worse-death-class-book>



### Transformed into a fluffy-wuffy kitten – a fate worse than death: the class book review

www.tes.com

Prince Alexander, son of the Czar-with-a-silent-C is transformed into a kitten. Can his friends change him back before the Czar has them brutally punished? Our reviewers were eagerly turning pages to find out

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's Book Fair we managed to raise nearly £200 to spend on books for the school library. On the back of such a successful book fair we have been offered an author visit for Year R, 1, 2 and 3 with the brilliant picture book author Sean Taylor. The visit will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, more details to follow.

## 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.

**YrR & 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 class 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.

### Elvis Tribute Night

Thank you to everyone who came to the Elvis Tribute at the Gill Nethercott on Saturday - the event was a brilliant success. A special thank you to Fiona and Roger Walters for the amazing job they did in organising the whole event and serving up some delicious food on the night. We will let you know how much was raised when we have the final tally.

### County Councillor Grant

We are pleased to announce that we were successful in a bid for just under £1000 grant from our local County Councillor Tom Thacker. The money is being spent on pond dipping/science equipment to get the best use out of the newly refurbished pond area. We extend our thanks to Mr Thacker for the grant.

Email: [FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)

Facebook: FOWPS, Whitchurch, Hampshire

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

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	a.m. - Abi Elphinstone Author Visit - Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	11.30am+ Year 5 Giant Sing trip to The Anvil (packed lunch needed)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Dolphins Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Turtles Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Starfish Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Spring Disco
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 ukulele concert 10.00am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	FOWPS After school Easter egg hunt
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Second hand uniform sale
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3/4 performance 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3/4 performance 6.00-7.00pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Seahorses Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term
10 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school visit to church – parent helpers needed (timings to follow)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Second hand uniform sale
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Concert for children who play instruments (note change of date)
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year R,1,2,3 author visit - Sean Taylor</b>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	FOWPS Summer Fair
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole School Summer Disco
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year

# Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

*(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)*

Twitter  
Facebook  
Instagram  
Pinterest  
Google+  
Tumblr  
Reddit  
Snapchat  
Secret



YouTube  
Keek  
Foursquare  
WeChat  
Kik  
Flickr



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## School Disco – Year 6

I give permission for ..... (Year 6)

to leave the disco unaccompanied at 6pm.

Signed..... (carer/parent)

Print Name.....