



***** Thursday 19th October – Time to Shine Day – Come to School Dressed as Brightly as Possible *****

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to meet so many of you at Parents Evening and to find out how the Doodle Maths is going. We are very keen to work with you to develop good learning habits for your children. Completing five minutes Doodle Maths and ten minutes reading daily is so much better than a long burst at the end of the weekend! Anyone who has learned to play an instrument or play sport to a high standard knows that regular practice is essential. It is the same for reading and maths. Therefore, we are delighted to see how many children have already embraced this way of working.

Next week our Year 6 pupils are off to Calshot to learn new skills and build stronger relationships with each other. We wish them the very best – staff included!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs K Steven
Headteacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Pelicans

Next week in:

Year R we are looking forward to our parents visiting and joining in some fun activities (younger siblings welcome too!). If you have any empty milk bottles please bring them in with you. Thank you. Please see below for Year R homework information.

Year 1 we will be finishing our weather reporting and looking at the data.

Turtles have forest school on Monday 16th.

Year 2 we will be learning about the artist Keith Haring.

Year 3 we will be starting our DT project and learning about symbolism in RE.

Year 4 we will be writing a non-chronological report on some amazing desert animals.

Year 5 we will be reading timetables in maths and writing up our stories set in Africa.

Year 6 we are really looking forward to going to Calshot! Look out for news on Kestrels or Eagles blog on our school website. Mrs Dunwell will update this in the evenings and you will be able to view it from 8pm!

Year 6 SATs information evening (previously advertised as Thursday 9th November) now postponed until Thursday 18th January (6pm). Please come and see Mrs Dunwell or the Year 6 team if you have any questions before this.

Secondary school application deadline – 31st October – please apply on time.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Naomi and Charlotte	Panthers	Olivia
Penguins	Christian	Lions	Evie
Seahorses	Molly May	Tigers	Olivia
Turtles	Sam	Doves	Ted
Otters	Jade	Kingfishers	Leo
Seals	Leo	Eagles	Jake
Dolphins	Georgina	Kestrels	Liam
Jaguars	Gracie		

Roll of Honour

- William of Turtles for super tidying this week.
- Oscar of Otters for always being a ready and respectful learner.
- Damian of Dolphins for his fantastic effort and attitude this week!
- Jack of Seals for showing kindness when someone was upset.
- Tildy of Jaguars for her sensible and brave behaviour in PE this week.
- Iyla of Tigers for showing kindness to a classmate who was sad.
- The rugby team who represented the school brilliantly last week. A special mention must go to Isaac who led by example.

Achievements

- Charley - Hampshire Music Service Merit Certificate for a great start to the year with continued effort on the violin.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Penguins with 100% and in **KS2** were Kestrels with 99.26%.



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

Year R Homework

In Year R we would like children to complete 5 minutes of Doodle Maths a night (one 5 a day challenge) and 15 minutes reading a day (reading through their school reading book and answering questions related to the text). This read, if recorded in their reading records, is counted towards the school reading challenge.

During October half term please could you talk to your child about holidays they have been on, so that they can talk about it at school. Thank you.

Whole School Visit to All Hallows – Tuesday 31st October

The school will be visiting All Hallows church to celebrate All Saints Day on Tuesday 31st October. KS1 children will leave school at 9.30am to return by 11.00am and KS2 will leave at 10.40am to return by 12.00pm. Please ensure children have a waterproof coat on this day. The visit can only take place if we have enough parent volunteers to help walk the children safely. Please complete the reply slip at the end of the newsletter and return to school via your child's class. Thank you.

Time to Shine Day

On Thursday 19th October we are inviting all children to come to school dressed as brightly as possible. This is to highlight to everyone the importance of using reflective and bright clothing so that children are more visible to traffic as Autumn approaches and the clocks go back. Thanks to Be Wiser Insurance, we will have available a small number of reflective stickers for cycle helmets for children who cycle to school a small owl torch for every child.

Sports Xtra's October Half Term Holiday Camps

The events are now available to book on the new website (www.sports-xtra.com). There will be many traditional and non-traditional sports, Spy Games, Adventure Games.

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October - Everest Community Academy, BASINGSTOKE (9am – 4pm) Extra time available at this venue for a little extra cost.

Monday 23rd October – Wednesday 25th October - Testbourne Community School, WHITCHURCH (9am – 4pm)

Thursday 26th October – Friday 27th October - Old Basing Infant School, BASINGSTOKE (9am – 4pm)

Early booking offers now on! Courses from just £18 per day but only for a limited period so, please, book quickly! To ensure the children get the best possible care, where applicable, we place children in age specific groups. All children will need a packed lunch, a water bottle, trainers and suitable clothing. All coaches have Enhanced DBS, Emergency First Aid, Safeguarding and Sport Coaching Qualifications.



Bag2School – 16th November

A date for your diaries - we have a bag2school collection booked for the 16th November. Please hang on to any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags and soft toys (sorry no towels or bedding).

Bags will be sent home the week before for you to fill and return to school at drop off on the 16th November **(please don't drop off before the day as we have no room to store them at**

school). The bags are weighed and we are paid based on the weight of our collection - all money goes to FOWPS.

Email: FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk, Facebook: FOWPS, Whitchurch, Hampshire

Letters this week

Music Tuition Payment Reminders

Year 5 Hampton Court Visit

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

16 th – 20 th October	Year R parent sessions (instead of Parent Consultations)
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 4 Ufton Court parent information evening
Thursday 19 th October	Non-uniform – bright colours for the 'Time to Shine' be safe be seen day
Tuesday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 applications for secondary schools
Tuesday 31 st October	Whole School visit to All Hallows Church. Helpers will be needed (details to follow)
Wednesday 1 st November	Second hand uniform sale – 8.45-9.15am in the hall
Wednesday 1 st November	Author visit - Maz Evans – Years 4, 5, 6
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
Thursday 16 th November	Year 2 Victorian Day with a visit from the Silk Mill (more information to follow)
Tuesday 21 st November	Flu vaccinations within school – Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4
Thursday 21 st December	Inset Day
Friday 9 th February	Inset Day
Thursday 18th January	6pm Year 6 SATs information evening for parents
Monday 4 th June	Inset Day

Details of term dates for 2017/18 can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

Visit to All Hallows Church – Tuesday 31st October

Child's Name: Class:

I/we will help with the walk to church for the above class:

Name of adult helper/s: