



Dear Parents/Carers,

Spring is round the corner and soon we will have lighter evenings again. It is as good a time as ever to review safety with your family. I am sure you talk regularly about keeping safe and depending on the age of your children, staying close to adults when walking in the community or if your child is older, reminding them about “stranger danger”. Road safety is very important and teaching children about safe places to cross the road is vital. We can talk to the children in school, but practising this with you is better. The situation outside school with cars continues to be tricky. Please make sure you cross in safe places and keep to the pavement. Thank you.

I really enjoyed Lions Class worship on Thursday morning. Quite apart from the lovely singing, acting and prayers was the sense of friendship and supporting each other. Well done children!

### Collective Worship

This week we used our time to remember Atticus. We have been practising a song for him too. We continue to remind the children that if they are feeling sad or worried that there are lots of adults that they can talk to.

Mrs K Steven  
Head Teacher

**Tidy Classroom Award:** Panthers  
**Lunchtime Award:** Seahorses

### After half term in:

**Year R** we will begin our story ‘The Tiny Seed’ and we will be planting seeds to grow fruit and vegetables.

**Year 1** we will start our new topic on toys.

**Year 2** we will be blasting into space. Please read our topic leaflet to find out more.

**Year 3** we will be finding out how Ancient Britons fought back – the Celtic revolt against the Romans.

**Year 4** we are excited to start rehearsing for our production of ‘Cinderella Rockerfella’.

**Year 5** we will be reading ‘King Kong’ in English and we will start our Masterchef topic.

**Year 6** we will be starting our unit of work in English on ‘The Tempest’.

### Leading Learners

Pelicans	Amy	Jaguars	Primrose
Penguins	Jacob	Panthers	Dexter
Puffins	Lily	Lions	Lola-Pixie
Seahorses	Spencer	Tigers	White
Turtles	Briony	Doves	Ryley
Seals	William	Kingfishers	Charlie
Dolphins	Samuel	Eagles	Georgie
Leopards	Maisie	Kestrels	Alice

### Roll of Honour

- Phoebe of Seahorses for always making the right choice. She always tries her best to support her friends.
- Maisy of Seahorses for being an excellent role model.
- Holly of Seals for always looking for ways to be kind.
- Olivia of Jaguars for being someone we can depend upon to work hard and do the right thing.
- William of Panthers for a super conscientious attitude to all his work.
- Lions class for their class worship about Promises and Noah’s Ark.
- Owen of Doves for volunteering to help a friend with his homework during his own lunch time.
- Evie of Kestrels for being a constant ray of sunshine.

## Achievements

- Asha of Lions – HMS Gold Beginner Stage Certificate of Achievement for violin.
- Alice of Leopards – HMS Gold Beginner Stage Certificate of Achievement for violin.
- Samuel of Kestrels - HMS Merit Certificate for achieving 30 music merits for great keyboard practise.
- Olivia of Tigers - HMS Merit Certificate for achieving 20 music merits for great keyboard practise.
- Georgie of Eagles – HMS Merit Certificate for consistent trumpet practise.
- Zach of Jaguars – HMS Merit Certificate for consistent baritone practise.
- Molly of Doves – HMS Merit Certificate for continuing to practise the violin and making excellent progress.

## Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Penguins with 100% and in **KS2** were Leopards with 99.13%.

## House Points



House Points winners this week are Endeavour. Well done children!

## House Cup winners for this Half Term



We have been totalling the house points collected across the half term, as well as announcing the weekly winners. The winning house for this half term is **DISCOVERY!**  
The children in Discovery house wore mufti clothes today.

## Cross Country Competition

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to a cross country event at Down Grange this week. Every single one of our runners worked really hard and showed true determination. A special mention to Ted of Kestrels, who came 9<sup>th</sup> out of over 150 children, meaning he has qualified to represent Hampshire in another event. Well done Ted!

## Headlice Detection

We have had some reports of headlice in school recently. Please can you take the opportunity over half term to ensure your child is clear. Head lice and nits are very common in young children. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are usually picked up from head-to-head contact. The best way to check on the presence of lice, if you are not sure is to use the following regime:

- Wash the hair well and towel dry. The hair should be damp not dripping.
- Apply conditioner through the length of the hair.
- Comb through with a normal comb to get rid of any knots.
- With a fine tooth detection comb, starting from the roots, comb carefully along the complete length of the hair.
- Wipe the comb each time on a piece of tissue.
- Work around the whole head. It takes 10 to 20 minutes to do it properly.
- Repeat every few days for 2 weeks.

It is probably worth using a detection comb weekly to stop the egg to lice cycle.

Lotions and sprays from the pharmacy can be used to kill LIVE headlice, they do not usually remove eggs.

If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied back at school at all times with small discreet hairbands.

## Letters this Week

Year 2 Spring 2 Curriculum Leaflet (other year groups to follow over half term)

Year 1 Forest School Sessions

## Governors News

### Katherine Lee writes:

Governors are preparing for a busy period of meetings over the coming weeks. One of the areas that we will be looking at is school funding and as you are all aware there is increasing pressure on our finances. On my monitoring visit yesterday (as Finance Governor and Chair of Resources) I discovered that parental contributions towards school trips have dropped. This saddened me. It is a terrible sign of our times. People are struggling with increasing costs of living and below inflation pay-rises. I know we all have our own financial pressures and that making ends meet is more of a struggle than it has ever been. However, without parental funding of these additional activities, there is a real risk that the school may have to withdraw them. It isn't a decision we want to make, but it is one I wanted to make you aware of. Anything you can do to help the school is appreciated. Please, if you would like to get in touch with me, I would like to hear from you. To contact the Governors, you can do so by email via the Clerk: [clerk@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk).

## FOWPS News



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

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, please contact us. **Please do not bring any donations into school – there is no room to store anything. Thank you.**

We will be running the sunflower competition again from the shop this year. The children have now decorated their cups in school, so please pop in and buy your sunflower cup to be in with a chance of winning £25 Waterstones vouchers.

### Friday 22nd March - Spring Disco

Tickets £2 - please send this in a named envelope marked school disco by Monday 18th March. Alternatively, tickets will be sold at the top KS1 playground on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March.

The Year R Disco will take place during school hours.

KS1 3.30-4.45pm and KS2 5-6pm.

KS2 will be issued with a ticket, KS1 children will be going straight from class after school. We require volunteers to help on the day - if you are available to help with any of the following please e-mail FOWPS: Set up - 3-3.30pm, KS1 disco - 3.30-4.45pm, KS2 disco 4.45-6pm, Clear up - 6pm.

### Friday 29th March - pudding quiz

The annual pudding quiz is back. If you love a quiz or you're a great baker then grab a ticket or bake up a treat! Tickets are £5, maximum of 8 per team. Bring your own food and drink. Prizes for the best pudding and the winning quiz team.

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

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

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Jaguars Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Jaguars family welcome)

28<sup>th</sup> February-7<sup>th</sup> March

FOWPS taking over the charity shop – time to buy your sunflower pots

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 Milestones visit

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**\*\*Tigers Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all family welcome) - date change\*\***

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

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

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day Book Fair

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Pelicans Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Pelicans family welcome)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Puffins Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Puffins family welcome)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Spring Disco**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Andy Griffiths Author Visit – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Penguins Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Penguins family welcome)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class teacher at registration

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Pudding Quiz**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Whole School All Hallows Church Visit

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Year 5 Café open to parents (more details to follow)**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Bags2school drop off (more details to follow)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

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

Primary Pedal (more details to follow)

KS2 SATs week

Inset Day

**Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Service**

Year 2 Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Trip

Year 4 Ufton Court Residential Trip

Last day at school