



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week your child will have brought home their pass for Doodle Maths. We have invested in this on-line programme for every child to enable them all to practice their maths and to keep mathematical concepts fresh in their minds. Doodle Maths works on the same principle as home reading in that, little and often is best. Please try to give your child 10 minutes a day for their maths as with their reading. Children need to have accumulated 50 stars a week to keep up but 100 stars is better as this helps them make better progress.

We could not have launched Doodle Maths without the new iPads, which FOWPS paid for. I cannot say enough that without the funds from FOWPS we would struggle to provide resources for your children. It is a sad fact that our school budget covers our necessities and very little else. Therefore, if you are able to join FOWPS or help them for specific events you are helping the whole school. There is further information from FOWPS below.

This week we welcomed our new reception children. Next week they start full time! We wish the children and their families a wonderful time at Whitchurch CofE Primary School.

Dogs

Please do not tie your dogs too close to the school gates. We have some children who are very afraid. Thank you.

Mrs K Steven
Headteacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Lions
Best Lunchtime Award: Panthers

Next week in:

Year R we are looking forward to our first full week. We will be learning about Elmer and how we are all special. Please remember the reading evening is on Thursday 3.45pm and 7.00pm.

Year 1 we will be sketching some leaves and counting forwards and backwards.

Year 2 we will be investigating teeth in Science.

Year 3 we will be learning about Stone Age art and drawing using charcoals. We will be looking at historical artefacts from this period.

Year 4 we will be continuing our discussions for our book talk book 'Whale Boy' and completing our learning of place value in maths.

Year 5 we will be concentrating on our RE topic of God.

Year 6 we will be creating a class book of additional chapters of 'The Hobbit'.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	All of the Year R children are	Panthers	Bella
Penguins	stars for settling in so well!	Lions	Angel
Seahorses	Sofia	Tigers	Thomas
Turtles	Jorja	Doves	Ashleigh
Otters	Christopher	Kingfishers	Jasmine
Seals	Keeley	Eagles	Ruby
Dolphins	Noah	Kestrels	Chloe
Jaguars	Quentin		

Roll of Honour

- Zach B for always being ready to learn.
- Tom K for his lovely manners and conscientious approach to learning.
- Isabel SpeSncer for always using her manners.
- Charlie Cowmeadow for his enthusiasm for all aspects of our work.
- Charlie B, Owen B, Evie C, Dylan P and Archie W for their fantastic review in TES.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Turtles, Otters, Seals and Dolphins with 100% and in **KS2** were Panthers, Tigers and Doves with 100%.



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

Homework

This year we would like children to focus on short 10 minute a day tasks. Each day they will need to complete their Doodle Maths, read and fill this in their diary towards the reading challenge and practise the spellings that they are given. In Key Stage 2, they will also need to practise their times tables for the weekly challenge.

In addition to this, children in Key Stage 2 have also been provided with a grid of optional activities, should you / they wish them to work on some different topic related activities. By making this optional, we hope that it frees parents up to ensure that they complete those important daily tasks listed above.

Library News

TES Class Review - The Secret Diary of John Drawbridge

Some of our Year 4 children were invited to review 'The Secret Diary of John Drawbridge' by Philip Ardagh and Jamie Littler 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/medieval-adventure-swingeth-rather-strolleth-class-book-review>

Chatterbooks Groups - KS2

I will be running 'Chatterbooks' book groups during lunch times for Years 3/4 from Wednesday 19th September and for Years 5/6 from Wednesday 26th September. The groups will run on alternate weeks for half an hour and we will be doing lots of fun book activities. If your child would like to join 'Chatterbooks' please email me at j.clarke@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk Places are available on a first come, first served basis.

FOWPS News



Apple Pressing

Thank you to everyone who came along in support of the apple pressing day last weekend. The weather held out until 1pm and plenty of apples were pressed on the day. FOWPS will have bottles of Whitchurch Apple Juice available to purchase in the next few weeks at £3 a bottle. We will give you more details when we have collected the bottles.

Victoria Rampton 3 Peaks Challenge

Victoria has taken part in the 3 Peaks Challenge this week in aid of FOWPS. The Three Peaks Challenge is an event in which participants attempt to climb the highest mountains of England, Scotland and Wales within 24 hours, so this is an amazing achievement. If you would like to sponsor her, she has a Virgin Money Giving Page - <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/VictoriaRampton>

New Parents Coffee Morning - Monday 18th September

If you are a new parent at the school, whether it is with children in Year R or above, then please come along to our coffee morning in the school hall after drop off at 9am. Tea/coffee and cake and some friendly faces.

FOWPS AGM - Monday 25th September

The AGM will take place in the school hall at 7.30pm. If you want to find out more about what FOWPS has been doing over the last year and where the money raised was spent the come and join us. Anyone welcome - remember, if you have a child at the school you are automatically a member of FOWPS.

If you are interested in joining the committee for this year, then please let us know - louisewalsh@doctors.org.uk. If you think you have some skills to offer or would like to get involved with organising an event, but don't want to join the committee, then we'd also love to hear from you.

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

Letters this week

Parent Governor Vacancy Information

Year 2-6 After School Bike Club

Doodle Maths information and passes

FOWPS AGM and coffee morning flyer

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

Thursday 21st September 3.45pm and 7.00pm - Year R Reading Evening

Thursday 29th September Testbourne Open Evening on from 6-8pm. During the evening there will be 3 talks from the Head Teacher at 6:05pm, 6:45pm and 7:25pm.

Monday 2nd October Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd October Harvest Festival

Wednesday 4th October Second hand uniform sale – 8.45-9.15am in the hall

Friday 6th October Individual school photographs

9th and 11th October Parent Consultations (Year 1-6)

16th – 20th October Year R parent sessions (instead of Parent Consultations)

Thursday 19th October Non-uniform – bright colours for the 'Time to Shine' be safe be seen day

Tuesday 31st October Whole School visit to All Hallows Church. Helpers will be needed (details to follow)

Wednesday 1st November Second hand uniform sale – 8.45-9.15am in the hall

Wednesday 1st November Author visit - Maz Evans – Years 4, 5, 6

Tuesday 21st November Flu vaccinations within school – Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4

Thursday 21st December Inset Day

Friday 9th February Inset Day

Monday 4th June Inset Day

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