



***** Save the Date: Saturday 21st April – Ground Force Day helpers needed (details to follow soon) *****

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week many children have been contributing to Whitchurch life. I am sure you will have seen the wonderful paintings by our Year 2 children outside the Silk Mill. Earlier in the year, the Year 2 children worked with people from the Silk Mill when they were studying the Victorians.

Meanwhile Year 5 have been visiting the Town Hall. They met with the mayor and discussed their suggestions on how to improve Whitchurch. Much of the discussion was centred on the large lorries which travel through Whitchurch! The children were very pleased to report that the mayor would be taking their suggestions to his next meeting.

This week we had Anthony Dimmick, David Wilson Homes' community liaison manager, in school to talk to the children about the importance of building site safety. Together with Duracell Lighting they have kindly donated hi-vis vests and some cycle lights to help improve safety for walking and cycling to school.

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Lions
Best Lunchtime Award: Pelicans

Next week in:

Year R we are looking forward to meeting Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton when they visit on Monday. We will also be finishing our stories and using money to buy suits from the drapery.

Year 1 we will be building our four wheeled vehicles. Please send smallish boxes, eg. small cereal boxes or small shoe boxes.

Turtles – our class worship has been **postponed** until the summer term (date to be confirmed).

Year 2 we will be making moon buggies. Please keep sending in small boxes and lids etc.

Otters – a reminder that it is our class worship on Tuesday 20th from 9.10-9.30am. All family members welcome.

Year 3 we will be performing our Wind in the Willows pantomime and making a Roman trebuchet.

Wind in the Willows tickets will be issued on Monday.

Year 4 we cannot wait to perform our production of Wind in the Willows!

Year 5 we will be making fruit tarts, moving onto decimals and starting our new book 'The man who walked between the towers'.

Year 6 we will be making our Mayan books in ICT using the book creator app.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Mayson	Panthers	Benjamin
Penguins	Luca	Lions	Megan
Seahorses	Jacob	Tigers	Dylan
Turtles	Leo	Doves	Joe
Otters	Eleanor	Kingfishers	Kai
Seals	Thomas	Eagles	Libby
Dolphins	Nicholas	Kestrels	Lucy
Jaguars	Will		

Roll of Honour

- Dolphins Class for their super, moving worship on the theme of Mothers Love.
- Isobel of Seals for showing thoughtfulness in PE.
- Jasmine, Emily and Abigail of Otters for always being kind to others.
- The whole of Year 5 for representing the school and wider Whitchurch community at the Town Hall.
- The girls and boys football teams for their excellent performances with all of their matches this week.
- Skye H, Aidan W, William T, Lois B and Bella B for their fantastic reviews in this week's TES magazine.

Achievements

- Emily of Kestrels who has achieved a Bronze award in the Bonus Round of the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a fantastic achievement as only about 2,000 children in the country reached this level.
- Griff of Eagles and Ben of Kestrels who took part in the Bonus Round of the Primary Maths Challenge. It is a massive achievement that three of our children took part in this round, so well done to all three!

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Turtles with 99% and in **KS2** were Doves with 98.62%.



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

Year 2 SATs

A presentation to inform you about testing arrangements for the end of Key Stage 1 can be found on the school website. There are some slides and a short video clip that explains how the tests will be conducted. The information can be found under the heading Curriculum-SATs. Please come and see us if you have any further questions.

Library News

***** The library will be closed after school on Monday 19th due to the author visit *****

[Author Visit - Tracey Corderoy & Steven Lenton Year R, 1, 2 and 3 - Monday 19th March](#)

A reminder that we have Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton visiting the school on Monday. Thank you to all of those who have sent their payment into school already - these books have been ordered. There will be a selection of all the books available to buy on the day; however, we cannot guarantee a specific title. If you wish to purchase a book to be signed on the day you can send cash or a cheque made payable to PG Wells in a named envelope to the class teacher. **Please note: copies of The Missing Masterpiece will not be available.**

TES Book Review

Some of our Year 3/4 Chatterbooks group reviewed the new book from Steven Butler and Steven Lenton 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' for the TES Class Review. They produced some fantastic reviews and we are incredibly proud of their hard work. Here is the links to the reviews:

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-views/class-book-review-nothing-see-here-hotel>

Whole School Visit to All Hallows – Tuesday 27th March – Helpers Needed Please

KS1 will leave school at 9.30am, walking back at approximately 10.30am. KS2 will leave school at 10.30am and will walk back at approximately 11.30am. Please complete the form below if you are able to help. We will need sufficient volunteers for the walk to be able to take place. DBS checks not necessary for this walk. Thank you.

KS1 After School MultiSkills Club

Bookings for after Easter are now open on the SportsXtra website, www.sports-xtra.com

Thank you! Big Bandana Bake Cake Sale

A massive thank you from Pauline and all of the kitchen staff for helping them to raise over £130 for The Brain Tumour Charity.

Bingo Brian is Back Tonight!!

Friday 16th March, doors open at 7:30pm, eyes down at 8pm. £10 per ticket, licensed bar available and raffle with some great prizes including Paulton's park tickets. Tickets will be available on the door tonight. Fundraising for Whitchurch Scouts attending the Worldwide Jamboree.

Saturday Club – 24th March

Easter egg hunt and lots of other Easter fun. St Luke's Hall, Overton – 10-11.30am.
The Saturday Club is a club for families organised and run by The Community Church.

Easter Egg Hunt at Rising Fives - 24th March

Rising Fives Preschool is holding an Easter event on Saturday 24th March with an egg-citing egg hunt trail around Whitchurch and lots of activities for little people back at Rising Fives. Come along any time between 9.30am and noon to Rising Fives Preschool, Fairclose, Wells Lane. £1 per child for the Easter trail.

White Hart Easter Egg – Whitchurch Wocks

During the Easter holidays the White Hart will be making and hiding their very own Whitchurch Wocks. Any lucky child who finds one of the wocks can bring it to the White Hart and exchange it for an Easter prize! There are over 30 prizes to be won!! (One wock per child, one prize per wock).

TOTP Disco - Saturday 24th March 7.30pm - 11.00pm - Testbourne Community School

Coming to Testbourne Theatre Hall on Saturday 24th March a chance to step back in time to your favourite TOTP era. Tickets are strictly limited, bring your own food and we will have a licensed cash bar. We would love to see you dressed to impress and there will be prizes for best TOTP attire and best dressed table. We will be raising funds for much needed equipment for Testbourne School. To reserve tickets please email ptfa@testbourne.hants.sch.uk

Longparish Cricket Club - Junior cricket

Is your child interested in playing cricket this summer? Longparish Cricket Club run coaching sessions for children in Years 4, 5 & 6 and a U11s team to play friendly matches against other clubs, so come along and join in! Sessions are on Monday evenings from 6.30-8pm and start on Monday 16th April 2018 at Longparish cricket ground, Longparish, SP11 6PR. For more information please contact Justin Jackman, Junior Coordinator on 07769 712629 or jackmanjustin@aol.com

FOWPS News



School Disco - Friday 23rd March

KS1 disco - 3:45-4:45pm (children will change in class and go straight to the disco)

KS2 disco – 5.00-6.00pm.

Tickets - Please either send £2 (exact money please) via the class teacher in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class or you can purchase them on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of March outside school at 3.30pm. Please try to avoid handing in envelopes at the office. If you have any donations of sweets or small toys they would be gratefully received. If you are able to help, please email the FOWPS email address below.

Eggstravaganza - Thursday 29th March

Come down to the school from 3:30pm to sign up for the Easter treasure hunt, fun for the whole family, entrance is £1.50 per child which includes a prize. There will be free crafts, 50p stalls, refreshments, cakes, tombola and a raffle. Plus, a special guest appearance of the Easter Bunny at 4pm!

Quiz Night and Bake-Off – Friday 27th April

Postponed earlier due to the snow. If you had a ticket please contact FOWPS if you are still able to make the new date, so that we can release any spare tickets for sale. The quiz is a great night to come and test your brain or cooking, with prizes for the best pudding and to the winner of the quiz. Tickets are £5, which includes as many puddings as you can manage!

Primary Pedal - Sunday 20th May

Primary pedal is back for the fourth year. If you would like to enter the 20, 40 or 60 mile cycle route then please visit the website and sign up. Free cake along the route to give you that extra boost to the finish line. Last year we had over 200 entrants and would love to see you all again this year. Entry is £15 and free for under 16s.

www.primarypedal.org.uk

Ceilidh featuring Belshazzar's Feast - Saturday 26th May

FOWPS in association with the Whitchurch Folk Club will be holding an evening of folk music and traditional dancing featuring Belshazzar's Feast. Tickets are available from FOWPS or from Whitchurch Folk Club. We only have 100 tickets so grab them while you can. <https://billetto.co.uk/users/whitchurch-folk-club>

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

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

Monday 19th March	Tracey Corderoy & Steven Lenton Author/Illustrator visit Years R, 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 20 th March	Otters Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (family welcome – enter via rear door to hall)
Wednesday 21 st March	Year 3/4 performance 2pm
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 3/4 performance 6pm
Friday 23 rd March	End of term school disco
Tuesday 27 th March	Whole School All Hallows Church Visit (volunteer walkers will be needed please)
Thursday 29th March	Year 5 restaurant afternoon (Doves 1.45-2.15pm, Kingfishers 2.15-3.00pm)
Thursday 29 th March	FOWPS Easter treasure hunt
Saturday 21st April	Ground Force Day helpers needed (details to follow soon)
Wed 25 th -Fri 27th April	Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court
Sunday 20 th May	Primary Pedal
Saturday 26 th May	Ceilidh featuring Belshazzar's Feast
Wednesday 20th June	Sports Day all day (details to follow)
Wednesday 27th June	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 5th July	Year 6 Testbourne Induction Day
** Monday 23 rd July	Inset Day (change of date – no longer Monday 4 th June) **
Monday 1 st October	Individual and in-school sibling photographs

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

Walk to All Hallows Church – Tuesday 27th March

(Please return to the office or email to replies@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)

Child: Class:

I am able to help *KS1 from 9.30am / *KS2 from 10.30am (*please delete) with Class

Signed: (parent/carer)