



***** Deadline for Year R applications for September 2019 – Tuesday 15th January *****

If you have a child in this year group, or you know of a neighbour or relative, please remind them of this very important deadline.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week children from Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a lively author presentation by Charlotte and Adam Guillain. The children impressed the authors with their knowledge of their books. Likewise, our children in years 4 to 6 enjoyed their visit from Emma Carroll last week. We are so fortunate to have these author visits and it is a big thanks to Mrs Clarke for organising them.

We held our Remembrance Worship on Monday. It was a very moving moment as every child carried their lit poppy pot and we stood to sing our Remembrance song (with musical accompaniment from Mrs Spencer, Mia and Millie). We were very pleased to have Thomas, one of our ex-pupils, to play the Last Post. Thank you Mrs Sabine for organising the making of the poppy pots and to Thomas for the music.

FOWPs are very busy raising money to benefit our children and after their stunningly successful Race Night, they are now on to the Bags2school and then their Christmas events. We are hoping for a wonderful tombola table and would be very grateful for contributions of unwanted gifts/prizes for this. Soon we will be running a "fill the picture" competition. We are going to challenge Key Stage 1 to put their contributions on the Christmas picture on their playground and Key Stage 2 to put theirs on the Key Stage 2 playground – watch out for the date! The Christmas Fair is on 15th December and we are hoping that you will be able to join us on that day.

Parking

This week I met with the Mayor regarding parking issues close to the school. He does have some plans that he will put forward, but in the meantime the following are some of the things he has observed and has asked that we kindly bring to your attention:

- There is a very blind bend just before the approach to the school hill, next to the garages. Please do not park directly on this bend. Children have been seen getting out of a car directly onto the road.
- Some children, parents and staff have been cutting across the road next to these garages. Please follow the path the whole way around the road to avoid this. I have spoken to staff and teachers who will walk the route with the children to show them the dangers.
- Please try to avoid parking on any bends on the approach to school. School trip buses and food/stock delivery lorries struggle to negotiate these bends and sometimes need to wait for a car to be moved (holding up the traffic behind).
- Please do not park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space (this is part of the Highway Code).

Children in Need

The children watched a video in worship today about how money from Children in Need has funded disability football teams. We linked this to our school value of 'Love' and how the children have shown love by giving to charity and helping children less fortunate than themselves. By donating your Mufti money and by Pauline kindly donating today's tuck money, you have raised £412.77. Thank you so much.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Penguins
Lunchtime Award: Dolphins

Next week in:

Year R we will be talking about Halibut's trip to the palace!

If you would like to come in and hear the children read, please speak to your class teacher.

Year 1 we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 2 we will be writing playscripts for our Great Fire of London Puppet shows.

The children will be bringing home their lines for our play. Please help them to read through and say clearly.

Year 3 we will be investigating reflective surfaces as part of Science work on light.

Year 4 we will be finding out about how animals have adapted to living in the Polar Regions.

Year 5 in English we will be practising using different sentence structures and in Maths, we will be continuing our work on multiplication.

Year 6 we will begin constructing our Ancient Greek cam toys.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Joe	Jaguars	Noah
Penguins	Oscar	Panthers	Bronte-Mae
Puffins	Rupert	Lions	Jessica
Seahorses	Nancy	Tigers	Sienna
Turtles	Grace	Doves	Daniel
Seals	Zara	Kingfishers	Leon
Dolphins	Isaac	Eagles	Danny
Leopards	Leo	Kestrels	Kai

Roll of Honour

- Alana of Seals for always trying to be helpful.
- Ethan of Dolphins for being super sensible in class and a good role model to others.
- Elsie of Jaguars for always being ready to learn and setting the right example.
- Alice of Leopards for being an excellent role model in class.
- Charley of Kestrels for being a fantastic role model who always strives to do her best in everything she does.
- Well done to the 31 Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the Primary Maths Challenge in school this week. The challenge was really tricky but everyone worked hard to do their best. Results will follow soon.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Pelicans with 99.23% and in **KS2** were Kestrels with 99.33%.

House Points



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

Library News

The library is open on Mondays after school until 4.00pm.

School Council Project – Milk Bottle Tops for Naomi House

Your School Council have another little project they would like to promote - Collecting (clean) milk bottle tops for Naomi House. They can be any colour but have to have the number 2 on the inside of the lid, which is displayed in a (very!) small triangle. The number 2 means they are of the correct 'composition'. We would really appreciate your help to do this. There will be box/bag in each classroom to collect the bottle tops.

Would you like to join the All Hallows Choir?

Affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music, come and learn to read music and sing. Children from Year 4 onwards, are invited to sing a Carol with the choir at our Christingle Service on Sunday 9 December, there will be a practice at 6:30pm on Thursday 6 December at All Hallows.

Christmas at All Hallows

Sunday 9th December 10am Special Christingle Service

An interactive fun service, we will make a Christingle together and listen to the Christmas story. An offering will be taken for The Children's Society.

Sunday 16th December 6pm Carols by Candle Light Service

Followed by mulled wine and festive treats.

Monday 24th December 4pm Crib Service

As we tell the nativity story, come dressed up for shepherd, angel, wise men, or sheep or any character you fancy!

Tuesday 25th December 10am

Christmas Day Celebration Service

Clay Poppies - Safety Advice

We have been made aware that the tea lights sent home with some of the clay poppies have very loose backs and the small batteries come out very easily. This could cause injury or worse if ingested by children or pets. If you have small children or pets, please keep the light on a high shelf or in a cupboard. Advice found online is as follows:

If you suspect your child has swallowed a battery:

- Take them straight to A&E or dial 999 for an ambulance
- If you have the battery packaging or the product powered by the battery, take it with you. This will help the doctor identify the type of battery and make treatment easier.
- Do not let your child eat or drink and do not make them sick.
- Trust your instincts and act fast – do not wait to see if any symptoms develop.

Please do not replace with real tea lights – one of the main causes of house fires in the UK. Thank you.

Cake Sale

Some former primary school pupils have been set a fundraising project by Testbourne School. They will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 22nd November at our school gate from 3.15-3.45pm. The sale is to raise funds for Lepra. Lepra is an international charity dedicated to fighting disease, poverty and prejudice associated with Leprosy. Find out more at <https://www.lepra.org.uk/>

Christmas Trees for Sale – Free Delivery by Team Uganda 2019

A limited stock of Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, either 5-6ft (£25) or 6-7ft (£30) are available for FREE DELIVERY to your home in Whitchurch (and surrounding areas) on 8th December 2018 (if you're out we will leave in a designated safe place). These are from the same supplier used last year for Scouts fundraising, which received great feedback. Please book early (by November 16th) to avoid disappointment. For more information, or to order your tree, please email: whitchurchchristmastrees@yahoo.com Tel: 07957 944677. All profits will be used to fund Team Uganda. Team Uganda are 14 local teenagers who will be travelling to Mityana in Uganda in February 2019. The schools of Whitchurch and the surrounding villages have a long established link with Mityana with many children benefiting from seeing the challenges facing communities in Africa first hand. The trip will continue this connection allowing the children to visit local schools and orphanages, form friendships and ultimately bring their experiences back to their schools to inspire others.

FOWPS News



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

Please can we ask for donations of any unwanted gifts/prizes for our Christmas fair, also if you work for a company that would be able to donate an item for the raffle or auction, can you please get in touch, either email FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk or michellebb72@gmail.com
Bag2school – 23rd November (please note date change from previous newsletters)

The bags have now been sent home. Please do not bring full bags to school before the 23rd, as we have nowhere to store them. Collection is usually at 9.00am prompt, so please drop them off into the school car park disabled bay on drop off. Thank you.

Christmas lights switch on - 1st December

FOWPS have a stall at the Parish hall, selling water bottle holders and lots of Christmas crafts

GNC Late night shopping - 6th December

FOWPS have a stall at the GNC, selling water bottle holders and lots of lovely treats and crafts.

Decorate a bauble - 7th December

This fun competition is open to all the children of the school. Simply purchase a bauble from FOWPS for 50p and get decorating! All of the baubles will be displayed on the Christmas wreaths that will be hung in the school hall. Prizes for the best decorated bauble per year group. Bauble sales - Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd November at 3.30pm on the top KS1 playground. All baubles must be returned to class by Friday 7th December. Please label them with child's name and class.

Christmas Fair - 15th December

Christmas fun for all the family - games, Christmas crafts, refreshments, external stalls and even a visit from Santa Claus! Plus, Silent Auction – look out for more info on what will be up for grabs via the FOWPS facebook page.

Volunteers to help with this event are needed – if you are able to help please email

FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Christmas disco - 19th December

The Year R Disco will take place with their Christmas party during school hours.

KS1 3.30-4.45pm and KS2 5-6pm. Tickets £2 - please send this in a named envelope marked school disco by Monday 17th December. 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.

Tickets will be sold at the top KS1 playground on Friday 14th, Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December.

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

Letters this week

Year R Nativity

Years 1/2 Christmas Play

Sibling Photo Order Letter/Form

Years 3 and 5 Christmas Carol Service

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

Friday 23rd November

Bags2School drop-off by 9.00am (disabled car park bay)

Tuesday 27th November

Pelicans Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm

Wednesday 28th November

Puffins Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm

Thursday 29th November

Penguins Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm

Friday 30th November

Deadline for order forms for Sarah Dutton sibling photos

Tuesday 4th December

Pelicans Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm

Tuesday 4th December

Flu nasal sprays for Years R-5

Wednesday 5th December

Puffins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm

Thursday 6th December

Penguins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm

Wednesday 5th December

Year 4 Ufton Court Information Evening

Monday 10th December

Year 1/2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Pre-Schools 2.15pm

Wednesday 12th December

Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm

Wednesday 12th December

Years 3 and 5 Carol Concerts 4pm and 5.30pm

Thursday 13th December

Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 9.30am

Saturday 15th December

FOWPS Christmas Fair

Monday 17th December

Year 1/2 Christmas Party 2pm

Tuesday 18th December

Year 3/4 Christmas Party 2pm

Wednesday 19th December

Year R Christmas Party 1.30pm

Wednesday 19th December

Christmas Discos

Thursday 20th December

School Christmas Lunch

Friday 21st December

Year 5/6 Christmas Party 1.30pm

Friday 11th January

INSET Day

Friday 29th March

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

Friday 24th May 2019

Inset Day

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