



Dear Parents/Carers,

I was very lucky to see Jungle Jonathan with Starfish class this week. Jungle Jonathan was superb, he challenged the children's thinking, developed their observation skills and put everyone at ease. He was keen for the children to see how beautiful the animals were. We saw a giant millipede, a couple of tarantulas and a very large grasshopper which we thought was a stick insect. I was called away before the snake, but I am sure she was gorgeous too.

It was with regret that I tell you that Tracy Belcher, our I.T. Assistant will be leaving us next Friday. Tracy has worked at Whitchurch CofE Primary for thirteen years and will be very much missed. We wish her lots of luck in her new IT technician's post in an Andover school.

#### Robin Stevens Visit

We were very delighted to welcome Robin Stevens, author of the murder most unladylike series, to school yesterday. Special thanks to Mrs Clarke for organising this visit.

Here is a report by Annabel, Harriet and Morgan:

She spoke about coming from America and about her father who was a professor at one of the Oxford colleges. As a child she read Famous Five, Secret Seven and Nancy Drew mysteries. She has been asked to write a sequel to "The London Eye Mystery" as the original author has died.

#### School Trips/Events

After feedback from parents regarding trip/event letters, we have taken on board some helpful comments and have now changed the template for all such letters to make it clearer that permission slips need to be returned on all occasions for the children to be able to take part.

We have also added the following mandatory wording to the body of the letter: *As per guidance, when requesting a voluntary contribution the school is required to make it clear that the contribution is voluntary and if insufficient voluntary contributions are received to cover the cost of the visit, then the school will have to cancel the activity/visit.*

Whilst we aim to enrich the curriculum to provide interesting learning experiences for the children, we cannot, unfortunately, subsidise these events.

#### Parking

Please can I ask everyone to be considerate to our neighbours when parking near to the school, especially being careful not to block driveways, dropped kerbs or cul-de-sacs. Thank you.

Mrs K Steven  
Headteacher

**Tidy Classroom Award:** Kestrels

**Best Lunchtime Award:** Lions

### Next Week in:

Year R we will be planting cress and writing instructions. We will be having a marble party on Friday afternoon to celebrate the children's good behaviour and achievements. Please could they all wear trainers.

Year 1 we are making a big modroc bug and having our Ugly Bug Ball performance!

Our Ugly Bug Ball performance to family members will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm in the hall. Please can Year 1 children come into school wearing a bug costume that day.

After half term Year 1 are going to be using lots of recycling materials to create their final class projects. If you have any of the following please could you send them in before half term or straight after half term:

Seahorses – old CDs, cassettes, VHS tapes etc to build a robot.

Turtles – any plastic bags or clean, flexible plastic recycling to weave a rubbish mountain.

Starfish have enough supplies for their project. Thank you.

Year 2 we are going to plant our beans outside and continue our seed investigation.

Year 3 we will be collating data and drawing graphs of our Whitchurch Walk results. A bit thank you to all of the helpers who accompanied us (or will be on Monday)!

Year 4 we will be finishing our torches in DT. We will be looking at the inventor Steve Jobs.

Year 5 we will be looking at Charles I and the English Civil War.

Year 6 we will be producing some exciting writing taking inspiration from "The Hidden Forest" by Jeanie Baker.

### Leading Learners

Pelicans	Sebastian	Panthers	Iyla
Penguins	Finnegan	Lions	Joseph
Seahorses	Elias	Tigers	Oliver
Turtles	Gregory	Doves	Tilly
Starfish	Harry	Kingfishers	Calum
Seals	Susanna	Eagles	Henry
Dolphins	Jasmine	Kestrels	Harriet
Jaguars	Grace		

### Roll of Honour

- Mai for being super brave when Jungle Jonathan came to visit us.
- William for always keeping the class rules.
- Year 3/4 rugby squad for excellent play and sportsmanship.
- Ryley for his polite manners to a visitor.
- Jake who always has a positive outlook and a smile on his face every day.

### Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Dolphins with 99.26% and in **KS2** were Kestrels with 99%.



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

### Lost Property

Lost property will be on display in the link from Monday to Thursday next week. Anything left will be bagged up for FOWPS for the second hand uniform sales. We have an awful lot of lost property that is not named. Please can you label EVERYTHING that comes into school. Thank you.

## Whitchurch Parish Fete – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 12.30-4.30pm

The fete has been a traditional activity for the Whitchurch community and it's a great day out for families young and old. There are traditional games, food, drinks, cakes, and entertainment.

It is held at the glorious grounds of The Lawn on Church Street beside the River Test.

Its £1 per adult to enter whilst all children up to 12 years are free.

## All Hallows Family Service

This Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May is the family service at All Hallows. Everyone is welcome – the service starts at 10am. Please stay for tea or coffee, squash and biscuits afterwards.

## Letters this week

Year 1/2 trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens  
Year 3 trip to Folly Farm and Bassetts Farm  
Year 5 trip to Marwell  
Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum  
Year 6 trip to Winchester Cathedral  
Year 6 Think Safe visit

## FOWPS News



### Funds Raised

We've had some great news this week - the grand total raised for FOWPS at the primary pedal was £2141, including £500 raised by Helen Mason for completing the 40 mile route.

You also helped raise just over £100 from the Bag2School collection - thank you to everyone who donated.

### Year 3 & 4 Aladdin photos

If you still want to order photos from the Year 3 & 4 performance, please get your orders in next week - all proceeds go to FOWPS, so please help our fundraising while getting some lovely photos of your children.

### Summer Fair - Saturday 17th June

Enjoy a BBQ and a glass of Pimms while browsing the stalls at this year's summer fair. We have a giant inflatable slide, sumo wrestling suits, obstacle course, football, angry birds, plant sales and more traditional stalls like the teddy tombola and coconut shy. There will be judo demonstrations through the day and Marina school of dance will be performing. The silent auction and raffle will take place on the day, so please return your raffle tickets to your class teachers to be in with a chance of winning from a great selection of prizes.

In order to run as many stalls as possible we need lots of volunteers - if you are able to help with either set up, first session 12-2pm, second session 2-4pm or with clearing up then please e-mail [louisewalsh@doctors.org.uk](mailto:louisewalsh@doctors.org.uk) or the fowps e-mail below.

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

Facebook: FOWPS, Whitchurch, Hampshire

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

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Doves Class Worship 9.10am – family members welcome (change of date)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Concert for children who play instruments (note change of date)
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Art Week
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Second hand uniform sale (hall 8.50am)
**Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	FOWPS Mufti Day (donations of tombola items for the summer fair) **
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral (details to follow)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R,1,2,3 author visit - Sean Taylor
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Think Safe Trip (details to follow)

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	FOWPS Summer Fair
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Penguins Class Worship 9.10am – family members welcome
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Natural History Museum Trip
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 3 Folly Farm & Bassetts Farm Trip
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Cathedral Vocal Project (30 spaces)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Pelicans Class Worship 9.10am – family members welcome
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1/2 trip to Hilliers (details to follow)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Primary Proms trip to The Anvil
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Lions Class Worship 9.10am – family members welcome
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne</b>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Choir Performance at the Parish Fete, The Lawns
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school church picnic
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3/4 author visit - Tamsin Cooke
<b>**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reserve date for Sports Day**
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole School Summer Disco and Year 6 BBQ
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents – 9.10am (1 hour max)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year