



Parent Consultation Bookings for whole school – www.parents-booking.co.uk/whitchurch
Please remember to log in and book your appointments

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I walked round school yesterday afternoon, I was so thankful to all our volunteer helpers who were busy making a difference to our children everywhere. There were parents helping with sewing, a band of parents at Forest School and others hearing reading. We are very grateful to you all. Thank you!

Staff

We will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Dunesby and Mrs Cunningham at the end of half term. Mrs Dunesby has been teaching at Whitchurch for many years and taught lots of children in Year R. Mrs Cunningham has been working in Year 4 and Year 5. We wish you both well in your new posts.

Collective Worship

This week we have continued to think about courage. Key Stage 1 remembered the story of David and Goliath. Thank you to Panther Class for their wonderful worship about courage – encouraging others and overcoming fear.

Healthy Eating

Following my request last week for parents to keep sweet treats to a minimum in school lunches, parents have queried why children may bring sweets to hand out for birthdays or be given out by teachers. We have discussed this as a staff and teachers will not give out sweets and we ask that you do not bring sweets for your child to hand out for their birthday. Thank you!

Healthy Lunches

I am disappointed to say that children are still bringing small packets of sweets as part of their lunch after my request last week. I have asked staff to monitor the children carefully this week and I will be in contact with parents.

As a reminder, if you want to provide your child with something sweet in their lunch box, one small biscuit or a small piece of cake is sufficient. Please do not include nuts, sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches.

Further advice on packed lunches can be found on the NHS website Change for Life at

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Seahorses

Lunchtime Award: Panthers

Next week in:

Year R we will be writing thank you letters to Shen and we will be continuing our learning on addition using 1 digit numbers.

Year 1 we will be continuing with our story 'The Odd Egg'.

If you are a school DBS checked volunteer, please let your teacher know if you can help with castle making any afternoon next week (except Tuesday) from 1.10pm.

Year 2 we will be sewing a bookmark. If you are able to help Monday or Tuesday pm and are school DBS checked, please let us know.

Year 3 we will be preparing and writing an information text about the Romans and planning our own scientific investigations into the forces of magnets.

Year 4 we will be looking at Saxon artefacts from the Hampshire History Service.

Year 5 we will be looking at balance arguments in English. In Maths, we will be ordering and comparing fractions.

Year 6 we will continue to learn about the effects of extreme weather.

Leading Learners

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| Pelicans | Martha | Jaguars | Mai |
| Penguins | Naomi | Panthers | Alice |
| Puffins | Mary | Lions | Will |
| Seahorses | Grace | Tigers | Skye |
| Turtles | Serafina | Doves | Jack |
| Seals | Emily | Kingfishers | Grace |
| Dolphins | Tristan | Eagles | Felicity |
| Leopards | Ellie | Kestrels | Isla |

Roll of Honour

- Ashley of Turtles for being brave at lunchtime. Mrs Juniper is very proud of you.
- Alice of Dolphins for being very kind to a friend at lunchtime.
- Eddie of Seals for always being a good friend.
- Imogen of Leopards for always being a kind and supportive friend.
- Thomas of Tigers for brilliant enthusiasm in lessons.

Achievements

- Charley of Kestrels – HMS Merit Certificate for maintaining a brilliant practise routine on her violin and learning third position.
- Ethan of Tigers – HMS Merit Certificate for great keyboard practise.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Dolphins with 100% and in **KS2** were Tigers with 100%.

House Points



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

Library News

Unfortunately, we will be no longer be opening the library after school on a Monday because we have had limited interest.

Year 1/2 Library Challenge – Hop around Hampshire

To encourage the children to read a wider variety of books we will be taking part in a reading journey. We will be explaining to them the details of the library challenge during our school library sessions next week. The children will be bringing home a guide book to tick off the books they have completed. Please tick off any books they have read at home and we shall tick off those that are read at school. When the children have completed the challenge they will get a certificate. They have until May half term to complete. Why not go and visit your local library over the holidays. Whitchurch is open Monday 1-5pm, Wednesday 1-7pm, Friday 10-5pm and Saturday 10-1pm.

KS1 SATs information

Please visit our school website to view a presentation about the KS1 SATs (under Curriculum/SATs/KS1 Presentation). This includes a useful website link to a clip which explains each paper. The children will be sitting these papers during May. We would appreciate your support in seeing this as part of a normal school day so that the children don't worry or become anxious. Please speak to the year 2 team if you have any further questions.

February Half Term SportsXtra Activities at Testbourne (Tuesday 19-Thursday 21 February, 9am-4pm)

Traditional and non-traditional sports, spy games, adventure games. All coaches have Enhanced DBS, Emergency First Aid, Safeguarding and Sport Coaching Qualifications and they will make sure the children have fun packed days with their friends. More details and to book - www.sports-xtra.com

Wolf Pack Woodland Holiday Club

Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th February - Drop-and-run 10am to 4pm - £30 per child or book both days for £50 per child. Children must be 8 years old or over. Sessions include a hot pasta-based lunch with meat or veggie options.

Please contact us through our Facebook page or drop us an email at thewolfpackforestschoo@gmail.com for more details or to book. <https://www.facebook.com/wolfpackforestschoo/>

Testbourne Community Half Term Activities

Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th, Friday 22nd 10am-1pm. £5 per session, including lunch. More information at www.testbourne.hants.sch.uk under Community or email community@testbourne.school

Letters this Week

Year 6 Calshot Initial Letter (for children currently in Year 5)

Governor News

The Curriculum and Standards Committee met this month and below is a summary of some of our discussions. We had a very informative subject overview of P.E. by Mr Rutledge and were pleased to see that all areas of the National Curriculum are being met. We fully support Mr Rutledge with his future objectives, particularly the Silver School Games Mark which may benefit our school with extra funding and more involvement with outside sport events. We feel this has a very positive impact on the school and the children that attend here.

We had a detailed discussion of the pupil attainment data and looked in particular at how spelling is going to be addressed. We also looked at Ofsted school context and comparative data. A governor will be coming in to school this term to look at some of the new strategies for spelling which are being launched.

Following a Special Educational Needs Monitoring visit by David Simmonds, SEND governor, parent consultations are under way as the school's leadership continues to improve management of this important area.

If you need to contact the Governors, you can do so via the school office on 01256 892775 or by email via the Clerk: clerk@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk.

FOWPS News



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

A big thank you to everyone who came to the family quiz. It was enjoyed by all, with some delicious treats donated by Kim Walker and brilliantly hosted by the Brown family. The quiz raised £400.

Thank you to everyone who came and visited the craft stall at Potato Day and a big thank you to Liz Faulkner, Emi Wilks, Caroline Barber, Carole Dear, Sarah Bull, Helen Mason, Seb and Sarah

Owen for running the craft stall, without your help we wouldn't have raised £450.

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, so please pop in and buy your sunflower cup to be in with a chance of winning £25 Amazon vouchers.

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

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

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| Thursday 7 th February | Leopards Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Leopards family welcome) |
| Monday 11 th February | Parent Consultations |
| Tuesday 12 th February | Year 2 Victorian Dress Up Day |
| Wednesday 13 th February | Parent Consultations (update to day) |
| Thursday 14 th February | Lions Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Lions family welcome) |
| Thursday 28 th February | Jaguars Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Jaguars family welcome) |

28th February-7th March

Wednesday 6th March

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Thursday 7th March

Friday 8th March

Thursday 14th March

Thursday 21st March

Tuesday 26th March

Thursday 28th March

Friday 29th March

Tuesday 2nd April

Wednesday 8th May

Sunday 12th May

Friday 24th May 2019

Wednesday 26th June

Mon 8th July – Wed 10th July

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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

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

Year 1 Milestones visit

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

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

World Book Day Book Fair

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

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

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

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

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

Whole School All Hallows Church Visit

Bags2school drop off (more details to follow)

Primary Pedal (more details to follow)

Inset Day

Year 2 Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Trip

Year 4 Ufton Court Residential Trip

Last day at school