



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have enjoyed their Christmas Parties and discos as well as fitting in lots of learning. When I was reading out the Lead Learners in worship today, I was amazed at the range of activities the children have been completing.

This term the staff have been working on further developing the teaching of reading and broadening our teaching of the foundation subjects. Most teachers manage a subject and this term they have been making sure that teachers maintain a clear progression of that subject. This is going well, as you will see when you look at your children's work next term.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I will see you all again on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Steven  
Head Teacher

**Tidy Classroom Award:** Eagles  
**Lunchtime Award:** Pelicans

#### After the Christmas holiday in:

**Year R** we are beginning the story of 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We are looking forward to the Christmas stories. Please post on Tapestry so the children can share them in class. Thank you.

**Year 1** we will start our new topic 'Slaying the Dragon'.

**Year 2** we will be starting our new learning about Victorians and opening an exciting artefacts box!

**Year 3** we will be finding out about the unusual force exerted by magnets.

**Year 4** we will be starting our Saxons topic and learning about the Winter Olympics poem for our dance routine.

**Year 5** we are starting our new topic about Earth and Space. Also, we start our forest school sessions.

**Year 6** we are looking forward to introducing our new topic!

#### Leading Learners

Pelicans	Oscar	Jaguars	Freyja
Penguins	Chloe	Panthers	Daisy
Puffins	Samuel	Lions	Lola
Seahorses	Beth	Tigers	Thomas
Turtles	Cleo	Doves	CJ
Seals	Oliver	Kingfishers	Lily
Dolphins	Dominic	Eagles	Floyd
Leopards	Holly	Kestrels	Edith

#### Roll of Honour

- Lily of Dolphins for being very helpful to the lunch staff this term.
- Samuel of Dolphins for his fantastic effort and attitude in all of his learning.
- Savannah of Seals for settling into her new class so beautifully.
- Philippa of Panthers for her positive outlook and resilience.
- Finlay of Tigers for always taking care over his work and setting an excellent example of a good learner.

- Dylan, Charlie, Owen, Finlay, Maisie, Cate, Eleanor, Emily, Isabelle, Nancy, Evie, Bernie, Hana, Maisie of Year 5 – Mrs Spencer was really proud of the super singing and the mature way in which they represented the school at Wessex Lodge Nursing Home.
- Charlie of Kestrels for being such a fantastic role model during our craft afternoon with Year R.

### Achievements

- Georgie of Eagles – HMS Merit Certificate for Brass.
- Zach of Jaguars – HMS Merit Certificate for Brass.
- Leon of Kingfishers – HMS Merit Certificate for Brass.

### Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Pelicans and Penguins, both with 98.46% and in **KS2** were Tigers with 99.64%.

### House Points



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

### Library News

#### Whitchurch Library - Winter Reading Challenge

Read or listen to four library books, collect stickers and earn a certificate! There is no need to sign up, simply come into one of the participating libraries and tell them how many books you've read and they will give you a collector card and stickers – and finally the well-earned certificate! Everyone can take part, no matter your age!

The library is open: Saturday 22nd December 10am - 1pm/ Friday 28th December 10am - 5pm/ Saturday 29th December 10am - 1pm/ Monday 31st December 1pm-5pm/ Wednesday 2nd January 1pm - 7pm/ Friday 4th January 10am - 5pm and Saturday 5th January 10am-1pm.

### Christmas at All Hallows

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am

Christmas Day Celebration Service

### Letters this Week

Year 4 Ufton Court Residential

### FOWPS News



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

FOWPS would like to thank everyone that made the Christmas fair a big success. A big thank you to all the volunteers that manned a stall, the fabulous singers, the cake makers, all the local businesses that had a stall or gave so kindly to the auction or raffle prizes. We cannot make an event like this happen without you all, so once again thank you. We are delighted to announce that the fair made £3,100 plus an additional £1,000 of match funding which is incredible. If you would like to know more information about match funding then please do get in touch.

#### Family Quiz – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January – 3.30-6.00pm

Tickets will be £5 per adult and £1 per child. Ideal for ages 4+, but all children welcome. To reserve tickets please email Faye on [hello@fayebrown.co.uk](mailto:hello@fayebrown.co.uk)

FOWPS would like to wish you all a fabulous Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all at our events that we have planned for next year.

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

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

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Hot Dog Monday</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	FOWPS Family Quiz 3.30-6.00pm (£5 per adult, £1 per child)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Milestones visit
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day - (children to dress up as a book character)</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day Book Fair</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Andy Griffiths Author Visit – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class teacher at registration
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Inset Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Last day at school

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