



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the long weekend! The staff have spent today increasing their knowledge of teaching reading and spelling, which are two key areas we will be focusing on this year. As you know, reading plays a very important part of school life at Whitchurch C E Primary School. We spent some time today talking about reading to children because strong listening comprehension contributes to being a good reader. For this reason, I continue to urge you to read to your children – whatever age they are. I leave this request with a quote from Ofsted: *“Some pupils arrive in FS2 [reception] having heard 1,000 hours of stories and others have heard none. There can be 19 months of difference in vocabulary between children at 5 years of age”.*

I was delighted to hear from Jo Clarke, our School Librarian that the response to the Summer Library Challenge from Whitchurch was so outstanding that we were second in the county for the number of children who completed the challenge! Well done to all those readers, especially to the children who enrolled in the library for the first time this year.

The weather looks to be changing now. Please make sure your child brings a named coat to school every day. While you are naming coats, please name your child’s sweatshirts. The Lost Property Box is already brimming with un-named sweatshirts! You don’t need fancy name tags – just use a Biro!

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Next week in:

Year R we will be learning about number 2 and the sounds p, i and n. We will also be continuing our story ‘Where the Wild Things Are’.

Year R children have now been added to ParentMail. If you have not received an email to connect with ParentMail, please contact Mrs Boxall in the office.

Year 1 we are learning about harvest and taking a seasonal walk around school.

Year 2 we are finding out about keeping ourselves fit and healthy.

Dolphins will be trialling the new Marvellous Me app.

Year 3 we will be completing a local rock survey.

Year 4 we will be creating our own civilisations based on ‘Weslandia’.

Year 5 we will be completing our letter to Ben about coral bleaching. In Maths we will be looking at negative numbers.

Year 6 we will be creating our collaborative collage.

The application page for secondary school applications is now open and will remain open until 31st October. Please apply on time. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

Tidy Classroom Award: Seals

Leading Learners

Seahorses	Bobby	Lions	Alfie
Turtles	Joseph	Tigers	Susanna
Seals	Jacob	Doves	Owen
Dolphins	Finley	Kingfishers	Charlie
Leopards	Hugo	Eagles	Georgie
Jaguars	Elias	Kestrels	Zoe
Panthers	Thomas		

Roll of Honour

- Jake of Seahorses for always setting a good example.
- Taliesin of Turtles for being a good friend when someone was upset.
- Max of Dolphins for settling into class so well and being a kind friend.
- William of Seals for always being ready to learn.
- Finley of Doves for showing true kindness.
- Leo of Kestrels for his fantastic hardworking attitude.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Pelicans with 100% and in **KS2** were Panthers with 100%.

House Points

Due to the Inset Day, house points from this week will be added to the total next week.

Parking

Sadly, we have had some reports of inconsiderate parking around the school area again. Please be considerate of our neighbours and of each other by not double-parking, not parking in front of drives or on dropped curbs, or not blocking the nearby cul-de-sacs. Please do not park in disabled bays if you are not entitled and you do not hold a blue badge permit. Our nearby residents have applied for these disabled spaces personally because they need them, as they live in an area heavily congested with parked vehicles. You could face a fine if reported. Thank you.

Special Menu Thursday 27th September

HC3S are celebrating British food, so the lunch choices will be roast beef and Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes (red choice) or harvest vegetarian pizza with chips (green choice), with seasonal British vegetables, followed by Yeo Valley yoghurt cup cake, shortbread biscuit and New Forest ice cream with British strawberry fruit ripple.

www.lovebritishfood.co.uk

Musical Instruments

It is fantastic to see so many children learning to play a musical instrument this year. Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that all instruments should be taken home of the day of their lesson and not left in the music room. There is an expectation that children are practicing at home during the week between lessons in order to make progress. The music room is also used throughout the week and excess instruments take up space. Thank you for your support. Mrs Spencer

Paying for Trips/Events on SCOPay

If you have recently paid for trips or events via SCOPay, please log back in to ensure you have ticked the permissions boxes. This avoids us needing to chase paper copies of permissions. Thank you.

All Hallows Harvest Festival Service

You are warmly invited to All Hallows Church Harvest Festival Service at 10am on Sunday 23rd September, followed by a free BBQ. Donations will support the Andover Food Bank.

Scouts Charity Bake Sale and Afternoon Tea

Sunday 30th September 12-3pm in the Gill Nethercott Centre. All proceeds to Cancer Research.

World Scout Jamboree 2019 – Whitchurch Scouts Fundraising Updates

Wine, Dine & Dance Sat 13th October 7:30-11:30pm

Tickets still available for the Wine, Dine & Dance evening on Sat 13th October in Testbourne Sports Hall. Organise a table with friends or just go along and join others for a fun evening. Disco and licenced bar, with attendees bringing their own food. For information & tickets (£12 each) please email whitchurchwsj@gmail.com

Scouts Car Wash, Bacon Rolls and Cakes

The monthly Car Washes at the Scout Hut, Bere Hill, Whitchurch are continuing on the first Sunday of every month from 10am to 3pm. Upcoming dates: **7th October, 4th November and 2nd December**. £6 for a wash or £12 for a valet and cup of tea/coffee.

FOWPS News



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

FOWPS AGM - 24th September

FOWPS are holding their AGM at 7pm in Tigers classroom. If you would like to join the committee to organise or to just help at our fun events, or would like to know how much has been raised over the last year and where the funds have been spent, then please do come along. FOWPS raise much-needed funds for the school, to benefit your children.

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

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

Monday 24th September	FOWPS AGM 7.00pm in Tigers classroom (everyone welcome)
Monday 1 st October	Individual and in-school sibling photographs
Wednesday 3rd October	Year 3 visit from Iron Age Matt
Wednesday 3 rd October	Iron Age Day for Year 3
Monday 8 th October	Parent Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 9th October	Harvest Festival
Thursday 11 th October	Parent Teacher Consultations
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th October	Year 6 Calshot Residential
Tuesday 30 th October	Whole School visit to All Hallows Church
Wednesday 31 st October	Year 5 visit Hampton Court
Wednesday 7 th November	Open Day for new parents of children starting school in September 2019 (10.00-11.00am, 1.45-2.45pm or 6.00-7.00pm – no need to book)
Wednesday 5th December	Year 4 Ufton Court Information Evening
Friday 24 th May 2019	Inset Day

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

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We are seeking people to join our friendly and hard working lunchtime team.

We are looking for calm, caring and enthusiastic people who enjoy working with children to ensure they are happy, healthy and safe during this important part of the day. Duties will include supervising eating, playing with the children and administering minor first aid.

Hours are Monday to Friday 11.45am to 1.30pm, term time only.

If you are unable to work 5 days part time positions may also be available.

Please contact Johanne Scotland (01256 892755)

for an application form, or call into the school.

Whitchurch C E Primary School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Criminal Records Bureau checks along with other relevant employment checks.

Reading Challenge September 2018 (updated table of rewards)

Reading continues to be a very important part of education at Whitchurch and the children seem to continue to enjoy the Reading Challenge. We have had to make some more changes this year. The badges have become difficult to buy, are frequently broken and have become expensive. Therefore, we have decided to keep the Good Reader Badge for 50 reads and provide stickers and certificates for the steps between until finally achieving the Star Reader Badge.

Children who have been awarded badges in previous years may continue to wear them on their uniform and the stickers may be worn on their sweatshirt or collected in a card which the class teachers will provide.

The structure for collecting reads is as follows:

1. Your child may collect **two** reads at home per day if they read before and after school. A read must be at least 10 minutes in Key Stage 1 and Early Years and 20 minutes in Key Stage 2.
2. If your child reads in school, the teacher or the child will add another signature.
3. To help us in school, please count up the number of signatures at the end of the week and note this down in your child's book.
4. The teacher or LSA will make a note of the number of reads in the week and will award a sticker or certificate when your child has reached the appropriate number.
5. Your child will continue the challenge from where they left off last term.
6. The children who completed the Library Summer Holiday challenge will be awarded 50 additional points.

Here is a reminder of the certificates, stickers and badges:

Home and School Reads	Reward	Home and School Reads	Reward
25	certificate	500	Ruby certificate
50	Good reader badge	550	Ruby sticker
75	Certificate	600	Emerald certificate
100	Bronze certificate	650	Emerald sticker
150	Bronze sticker	700	Citrine certificate
200	Silver certificate	750	Citrine sticker
250	Silver sticker	800	Sapphire certificate
300	Gold certificate	850	Sapphire sticker
350	Gold sticker	900	Amethyst certificate
400	Platinum certificate	975	Amethyst sticker
450	Platinum sticker	1000	Star reader badge

Thank you very much for your continued support with reading.