



***** School is Closed on Friday 30th March – Good Friday *****

SportsXtra Holiday Camp here from 9th-13th April – places still available www.sports-xtra.com

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week Years R, 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed a visit from Tracy Corderoy and Steven Lenton the author and illustrator of the Shifty McGifty books. The children were very excited to meet them both and Tracy and Steven were amazed by the variety of interesting questions that the children had prepared. Thank you as always to Mrs Clarke for organising this author visit.

Whilst I am on the theme of thank you, I must thank FOWPS for the funding this term. They have bought more iPads, library storage and funded the Forest School sessions. Thank you to everyone who have supported the FOWPS events and so contributed to these resources.

This week we have all enjoyed the Year 4 and 3 production of “The Wind in the Willows”. Putting on a play offers children a different opportunity to shine and my goodness we have some talented singers and actors! The children have worked hard to learn lines, know their cue and to work together. They are a credit to their teachers, LSAs and parents. Thank you for your kind donations, which raised £82.38 in our exit collection for Naomi House and Jackspace.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Eagles

Best Lunchtime Award: Seals

Next week in:

Year R we will be enjoying our Easter activities.

Year 1 we will be completing our RE work on happiness and sadness.

Year 2 we will be learning about Palm Sunday and the importance welcoming others.

Seals will be having a fire at Forest School, so if you can help (Thursday 2.20pm) please let Mrs Rix know. Thank you.

Year 3 we will be learning about Easter and the Paschal Candle, constructing our Roman Catapults and learning about the properties of materials in Science.

Panthers will be having a fire at Forest School, so if you can help (Thursday from 1.55pm) please let Panthers class know. Thank you.

Year 4 we will be enjoying some Science, RE and ICT days.

Please ensure medical forms for Ufton Court are returned before Wednesday 28th March.

Year 5 we will be preparing for our Masterchef restaurant and introducing percentages.

Year 6 we will be finishing our Mayan print designs in Art and using an ioLight microscope in Science.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Liliana	Panthers	Imogen
Penguins	Grace	Lions	Grace
Seahorses	Theo	Tigers	Emily
Turtles	Alanna	Doves	Ryan
Otters	Eli	Kingfishers	Felicity
Seals	Jack	Eagles	Jaydene
Dolphins	Luca	Kestrels	Eva
Jaguars	Lola-Pixie		

Roll of Honour

- Otters Class for their fantastic class worship with the theme of God's rules.
- Maisie and Luke of Otters for their excellent attitude towards all areas of their learning.
- CJ of Lions for making mature decisions at break time.
- All of Year 3/4 for their brilliant performances in Wind in the Willows!
- Florence of Kestrels for her perseverance and determination to succeed.
- Jake of Eagles for his excellent effort and progress with his reading comprehension.

Achievements

- HMS Merit Certificate – Katie of Lions for maintaining a good practice schedule on the violin and for continuing to make good progress.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Penguins with 99.67% and in **KS2** were Doves with 99.66%.



House Points winners this week are Endeavour. Well done children!

House Cup winners for this Half Term – Mufti Thursday 29th



As previously mentioned, we have been totalling the house points collected across the half term, as well as announcing the weekly winners. The winning house for this half term is **DISCOVERY!** Anyone in Discovery house can wear mufti clothes to school next Thursday (the last day of term).

Children's Reports

On Monday, the children in Years 1-6 will be coming home with their latest data report. This is an update of the ones you received at parents' evening and the data and comments have been added for this term.

Tree Planting Day

We will be planting 80 trees to extend the Forest School area during the afternoon of Thursday 29th March and will need some willing volunteer helpers. Please email the office if you are able to help. Thank you. (For further information on the trees please see FOWPS News below).

Changes to Lunch Menu This Week

Tuesday – Easter Lunch – roast beef or veggie sausage puff, Easter shortbread or hot cross bun.

Thursday – fish fingers and chips or BBQ veg & bean wrap.

Library News

The library is open on Mondays after school until 4.00pm for parents and children.

Holy Week and Easter at All Hallows

Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Compline (Night Prayer) at Tufton, led by Hazel Cormack
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper in the Church Rooms and afterwards in the darkened church, recalling the upper room and the garden of Gethsemane
Good Friday	10.30am	Family Service followed by a walk at Longparish, bring a packed lunch to the Church Rooms and building the Easter garden. This service and walk will be particularly lovely for children.
	2.00pm	Liturgy - A solemn commemoration of the crucifixion
Easter Day	10.00am	Liturgy of the Resurrection Archdeacon Richard Brand will preside and preach. The church is hushed and dark awaiting the proclamation of the Resurrection.

Whole School Visit to All Hallows – Tuesday 27th March – Helpers Needed Please

KS1 will leave school at 9.30am, walking back at approximately 10.30am. KS2 will leave school at 10.30am and will walk back at approximately 11.30am. Please email the office if you are able to help. We will need sufficient volunteers for the walk to be able to take place. DBS checks not necessary for this walk. Thank you.

KS1 After School MultiSkills Club

Bookings for after Easter are now open on the SportsXtra website, www.sports-xtra.com

Vacancy for 1st Whitchurch Scout Group Chair

The Whitchurch Scout Group is looking for a new volunteer Chair of the Executive Committee, which provides financial and administrative support to the individual Sections.

The role usually requires approximately 1-3 hours per month, and includes;

- Providing leadership and direction to the Executive Committee, consisting of Treasurer, Secretary, Group & Section leaders, plus parent representatives
- Chairing the bi-monthly Executive Committee meetings and AGM
- Ensuring that the Group continues to develop the local Scout offering
- Act as one of the Charity Trustees for the 1st Whitchurch Scout Group

No prior experience is necessary.

If you are interested in the role or have any queries, please contact Ian Farley via 1stwhitchurch@gmail.com

Lambing Weekend – Saturday 7th April and Sunday 8th April – 12-4pm (in aid of Overton's swimming pool)

At Northington Farm, Overton, RG25 3DJ (free parking). £5 adults, children FREE! Cake stall, refreshments and raffle! As it is a working farm, wellies are recommended! Children must be accompanied and dogs left at home please. (Mr & Mrs Crosbie Dawson and Lordsfield Swimming Club do not accept any liability for illness or accidents which might occur).

Longparish Cricket Club - Junior Cricket

Is your child interested in playing cricket this summer? Longparish Cricket Club run coaching sessions for children in Years 4, 5 & 6 and a U11s team to play friendly matches against other clubs, so come along and join in! Sessions are on Monday evenings from 6.30-8pm and start on Monday 16th April 2018 at Longparish cricket ground, Longparish, SP11 6PR. For more information please contact Justin Jackman, Junior Coordinator on 07769 712629 or jackmanjustin@aol.com

FOWPS News



Eggstravaganza - Thursday 29th March

Come down to the school from 3:30pm to sign up for the Easter treasure hunt, fun for the whole family, entrance is £1.50 per child which includes a prize. There will be free crafts, 50p stalls, refreshments, cakes, tombola and a raffle. Plus, a special guest appearance of the Easter Bunny at 4pm! FOWPS would be really grateful for any cake or biscuit donations on the morning of 29th March, and also any helpers for the stalls at the Easter Eggstravaganza event. As always, all donations must be nut free. Many thanks in advance.

Ground Force Day – 21st April

A call for help for our Ground Force Day on Saturday 21 April. Mr Blake will be leading a day of general maintenance of the school and grounds from 9am to 12.00pm and from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Any offers of help will be welcome – please bring your own tools and work gloves.

As part of the Ground Force Day we will be expanding the Forest School site by planting 80 new trees in the area between the current Forest School site and the chicken run. FOWPS are funding the purchase of the trees and are asking for families to sponsor a tree at £10 each. The trees will be planted over the next week but if you would like to help place the protection around the trees and label your sponsored tree then your help would be much appreciated.

Quiz Night and Bake-Off – Friday 27th April

Postponed earlier due to the snow. If you had a ticket please contact FOWPS if you are still able to make the new date, so that we can release any spare tickets for sale. The quiz is a great night to come and test your brain or cooking, with prizes for the best pudding and to the winner of the quiz. Tickets are £5, which includes as many puddings as you can manage!

Bag2School – Tuesday 15th May

Primary Pedal - Sunday 20th May

Primary pedal is back for the fourth year. If you would like to enter the 20, 40 or 60 mile cycle route then please visit the website and sign up. Free cake along the route to give you that extra boost to the finish line. Last year we had over 200 entrants and would love to see you all again this year. Entry is £15 and free for under 16s.

www.primarypedal.org.uk

Ceilidh featuring Belshazzar's Feast - Saturday 26th May

FOWPS in association with the Whitchurch Folk Club will be holding an evening of folk music and traditional dancing featuring Belshazzar's Feast. Tickets are available from FOWPS or from Whitchurch Folk Club

<https://billetto.co.uk/users/whitchurch-folk-club> Tickets are £20 and £18 concession, doors open at 7pm with music starting from 7:30pm at the parish hall.

Bingo Brian - 15th June, more details to follow

Summer fair - Saturday 23rd June, more details to follow

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Letters Sent Home This Week

Year 1 Marwell Trip

Ground Force Day

Year R Fit Camp

SportsXtra Easter Activities

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

Tuesday 27th March

Whole School All Hallows Church Visit (volunteer walkers will be needed please)

Thursday 29th March

Year 5 restaurant afternoon (Doves 1.45-2.15pm, Kingfishers 2.15-3.00pm)

Thursday 29th March

FOWPS Easter treasure hunt

Saturday 21st April

Ground Force Day helpers needed

Tuesday 24th April

Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo

Wed 25th-Fri 27th April

Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court

Thursday 3rd May

Year R Fit Camp

Tuesday 15th May

Bag2School

Sunday 20th May

Primary Pedal

Saturday 26th May

Ceilidh featuring Belshazzar's Feast

Friday 15th June

FOWPS Bingo Brian

Tuesday 19th June

Year 1 Visit from Jungle Jonathan

Wednesday 20th June

Sports Day all day (details to follow)

Saturday 23rd June

FOWPS Summer Fair

Wednesday 27th June

Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 5th July

Year 6 Testbourne Induction Day

** Monday 23rd July

Inset Day (change of date – no longer Monday 4th June) **

Monday 1st October

Individual and in-school sibling photographs

Details of term dates for 2017/18 can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>