



***** Deadline for Year R applications for September 2019 – Tuesday 15th January *****

If you have a child in this year group, or you know of a neighbour or relative, please remind them of this very important deadline.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very lucky at Whitchurch to have such a great band of parents and other family members who support us. Our FOWPs are very hard working and have arranged many events for the Christmas period. We are extremely grateful for their fund raising which helps us significantly. Our Christmas Fair is going to be wonderful this year, but if you are unable to attend you may be able to help through buying and selling raffle tickets, arranging a regular donation or if you are shopping with Amazon you can help us by logging in via www.smile.amazon.co.uk with your usual Amazon log in details. Type Friends of Whitchurch Primary School into the 'or pick your own charitable organisation' box, then shop as usual. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

We now have a date for the "fill the picture" on the playground competition mentioned in School Matters last week – Friday 7th December. Please can the children bring items suitable for the Christmas Fair tombola stall, eg. unwanted gifts/prizes to fill the pictures to see who can win, KS1 or KS2.

Another band of people whom we depend upon are our volunteer helpers. It is great that the children have another listening ear for reading, help at Forest school or with other activities. If you know of someone who has time to spare we are always happy to take more volunteers. Please remember volunteers need to complete a DBS check which Mrs Boxall can help with.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Eagles
Lunchtime Award: Kingfishers

Next week in:

Year R we are looking forward to our dress rehearsals.

Year 1 we are learning about tens and ones in Maths and practising our nativity.

Year 2 we will be making buildings from 1666. Please keep sending in teabag sized boxes.

Year 3 we will be researching the regions and traditions of Spain, learning about the Spanish Joan Miro and having a go at using his style.

Year 4 we are starting rugby training with Mr Filbey. Please can all children bring in a spare pair of socks for PE. Please can all Year 4 children bring a photo of themselves to school on Monday. No bigger than A5 size.

Year 5 we will be writing a sequel to our class book.

Year 6 we will be learning about the Trojan War in Topic.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Megan	Jaguars	William
Penguins	Harvey	Panthers	Morgan
Puffins	Ted	Lions	Anna
Seahorses	Maisy	Tigers	Emily
Turtles	Taliesin	Doves	Finley
Seals	Isla	Kingfishers	Lucas
Dolphins	Amber	Eagles	Charlie
Leopards	Yelena	Kestrels	Edie

Roll of Honour

- Grace of Seals for always being a kind friend who looks out for others.
- Will of Lions for always showing courage and making mature decisions.
- White of Tigers for being understanding and supportive to classmates.
- Maisie of Kingfishers for being a superb role model and always being ready for her learning.
- Jasmine of Kestrels for always putting in an outstanding amount of effort into everything she does.
- Freya of Eagles for her excellent attitude and handling school life well with a smile.

Primary Maths Challenge

This year we have again taken part in the Mathematical Association's Primary Maths Challenge. 31 children from Year 5 and Year 6 took the challenge in school last week. Everyone worked really hard on what proved to be some very challenging maths problems. Well done to all of the children who took part and especially to the following children who received bronze, silver or gold awards:

Gold Bo H, James B, Zoe B and Noah H

Silver Hannah C, Aga D, Miriam F, Charlie B, George B, Dylan M, Tom C and Leon C

Bronze Gwendolen H, Lily D, Eleanor Y, Maisie C, Edie B, Ollie S, Samuel B, Dylan P and Howie B

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Puffins with 98.94% and in **KS2** were Lions with 100%.

House Points



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

Library News

The library is open on Mondays after school until 4.00pm.

PE Kit

Please can all KS2 children bring a spare pair of socks to school to keep in their PE bag. Sometimes during outdoor PE socks can get wet through trainers and it's a little unpleasant to wear them for the rest of the day.

School Council Project – Milk Bottle Tops for Naomi House

Your School Council have another little project they would like to promote - Collecting (clean) milk bottle tops for Naomi House. They can be any colour but have to have the number 2 on the inside of the lid, which is displayed in a (very!) small triangle. The number 2 means they are of the correct 'composition'. We would really appreciate your help to do this. There will be box/bag in each classroom to collect the bottle tops.

Would you like to join the All Hallows Choir?

Affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music, come and learn to read music and sing. Children from Year 4 onwards, are invited to sing a Carol with the choir at our Christingle Service on Sunday 9 December, there will be a practice at 6:30pm on Thursday 6 December at All Hallows.

Christmas at All Hallows

Sunday 9th December 10am Special Christingle Service

An interactive fun service, we will make a Christingle together and listen to the Christmas story. An offering will be taken for The Children's Society.

Sunday 16th December 6pm Carols by Candle Light Service

Followed by mulled wine and festive treats.

Monday 24th 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 25th December 10am

Christmas Day Celebration Service

FREE Lantern Making

On Saturday 24th November and Saturday 1st December, The Silk Mill is hosting Lantern Making Workshops between 10am and 2pm. All materials will be provided and this Family Activity is FREE! Helpers will be on hand. This annual event is getting bigger each year and will culminate in the Lantern Parade, which starts at 5.30pm at The Silk Mill, then parades to the Town Hall for the Grand turning on of the Town Christmas Lights. All welcome.

Lights and Lanterns

On Saturday 1st December, there will be a day of Christmas community activities held across Whitchurch:

- Rising Fives are holding a Christmas morning from 10am to 12pm.
- The Parish Hall are holding a Wreath Making workshop from 10am to 1pm, all materials provided. Childrens activities include wocks, Santas Letters, competitions, refreshments, home-made cakes and a FOWPS stall of Christsmassy goodies.
- Christmas ponies will be outside the Town Hall to welcome you.
- Testbourne Craft Fair and Santa from 11am to 3pm.
- The Fire Station is open for tours from 1pm.
- Family Christmas film The Polar Express at The Parish Hall is showing at 2pm.
- Silk Mill Craft Fair 4pm to 7pm.
- Lantern Parade starts at 5.30pm at the Silk Mill.
- Town Christmas Lights Switch on at 6pm with Carole singing.
- Kings Arms live band from 8.30pm.

This day is packed! Please come along and enjoy a festive time with your family and friends.

FOWPS News



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

Please can we ask for donations of any unwanted gifts/prizes for our Christmas fair, also if you work for a company that would be able to donate an item for the raffle or auction, can you please get in touch, either email FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk or michellebb72@gmail.com

Christmas lights switch on - 1st December

FOWPS have a stall at the Parish hall, selling water bottle holders and lots of Christmas crafts.

GNC Late night shopping - 6th December

FOWPS have a stall at the GNC, selling water bottle holders and lots of lovely treats and crafts.

Decorate a bauble - 7th December

If you have bought your bauble, it's time to get decorating! All of the baubles will be displayed on the Christmas wreaths that will be hung in the school hall. Prizes for the best decorated bauble per year group. **All baubles must be returned to class by Friday 7th December. Please label them with child's name and class.**

Christmas Fair - 15th December

Christmas fun for all the family - games, Christmas crafts, refreshments, external stalls and even a visit from Santa Claus! Plus, Silent Auction – look out for more info on what will be up for grabs via the FOWPS facebook page.

Volunteers to help with this event are needed – if you are able to help please email

FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Christmas disco - 19th December

The Year R Disco will take place with their Christmas party during school hours.

KS1 3.30-4.45pm and KS2 5-6pm. Tickets £2 - please send this in a named envelope marked school disco by Monday 17th December. KS2 will be issued with a ticket, KS1 children will be going straight from class after school. We require volunteers to help on the day - if you are available to help with any of the following please e-mail FOWPS: Set up - 3-3.30pm, KS1 disco - 3.30-4.45pm, KS2 disco 4.45-6pm, Clear up - 6pm.

Tickets will be sold at the top KS1 playground on Friday 14th, Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December.

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

Letters this week

Year 6 Greek Museum

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

Tuesday 27 th November	Pelicans Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Wednesday 28 th November	Puffins Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Thursday 29 th November	Penguins Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Friday 30 th November	Deadline for order forms for Sarah Dutton sibling photos
Tuesday 4 th December	Pelicans Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Tuesday 4 th December	Flu nasal sprays for Years R-5
Wednesday 5 th December	Puffins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Wednesday 5 th December	Year 4 Ufton Court Information Evening
Thursday 6 th December	Penguins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Friday 7th December	Fill the Picture Competition – bring in items for the tombola
Monday 10 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Pre-Schools 2.15pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Years 3 and 5 Carol Concerts 4pm and 5.30pm
Thursday 13 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 9.30am
Friday 14th December	Year 6 Greek Museum 2.45pm
Saturday 15 th December	FOWPS Christmas Fair
Monday 17 th December	Year 1/2 Christmas Party 2pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas Party 2pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Year R Christmas Party 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Discos
Thursday 20 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 st December	Year 5/6 Christmas Party 1.30pm
Friday 11 th January	INSET Day
Friday 29 th March	Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class teacher at registration
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	