



Dear Parents,

We all enjoyed Turtles Class worship all about happiness. The children always enjoy performing to an audience, so thank you families for supporting them.

The children have been so looking forward to the disco this afternoon. Thank you to FOWPS for their hard work in organising it.

A few children have been asking why we didn't raise money for Red Nose Day today. We are planning to fund raise for Mityana in a couple of weeks' time when we have our special Mityana Day. We are conscious of not asking for money too often. Miss Houghton will be writing in the next School Matters with further details of Mityana Day.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and particularly Mothering Sunday.

Next week in

Year R we will be reading the story 'All Change' and beginning to look at doubling in maths.

Year 1 we will be learning about Brazil and doing fractions in maths. Starfish will be having their class worship for family on Thursday at 9.10am – all welcome. Please check the blog for Starfish.

Starfish and Seahorses definitely need wellies (and waterproofs if you have them) for Forest School. They are due to have a fire on Thursday, but at present this cannot happen as they don't have enough adult helpers. If you can help please let the office know. Thank you.

Year 2 we will be making our moon buggy – please remember to send in any boxes (tea bag sized) and also some junk modelling items eg. lids, pots. (There is a new date for the diary for Year 2 – please see dates section below).

Year 3 we will be learning about rocks and soils in Science. We will be rehearsing busily for our Aladdin performance.

(Year 3/4 Letters will be sent home on Monday for Aladdin performances).

Year 4 we are leading up to our dress rehearsal of 'Aladdin Trouble' on Thursday afternoon. In maths we will be applying our knowledge of money to calculate and solve problems. We will be thinking about Easter and the meaning of the symbol of the cross.

Year 5 we will be looking at the future of space travel.

Year 6 we will be considering the impact that plastic bags have on our environment. Many of the year group will be representing the school at different sporting events.

Years 3/4 and 5/6 – Please check for left behind lunch boxes on the trolleys. Lots are being left behind and they will become rather smelly! Thank you.

Tidy Classroom Award: Jaguars

Best Lunchtime Award: Kestrels

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Amber
Penguins	Tillie
Turtles	Lucas
Seahorses	Oscar
Starfish	Aaron
Seals	Olivia
Dolphins	Anna
Jaguars	Finley

Panthers	Lillie-Rose
Tigers	William
Lions	Charley
Doves	Ben
Kingfishers	Grace
Eagles	Eden
Kestrels	Zac

Roll of Honour

- Sam for being really kind and helping others to do their coats up.
- Turtles class for a super class worship.
- Alice for being kind and helpful to others.
- Oliver for always helping in class.
- Evie for being so helpful to another pupil.
- George for always being ready on time and his fantastic enthusiasm to learning.
- Elizabeth and Emma for their superb attitude towards learning.

Achievements

- HMS Merit Certificate – Adam Milne for achieving 20 music merits at keyboard lessons.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Starfish with 100% and in **KS2** were Eagles with 99.17%.



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

All Hallows Mothering Sunday

Don't forget it's Mothering Sunday this weekend, and the clocks go forward! All Hallows' service is at 10am and this is a particularly special service as several children from Whitchurch C of E Primary School are being welcomed for the first time as communicants, the first time they will be taking bread and wine. Do come along to support them and don't forget to bring your mothers! All welcome.

Change to Menu – Tuesday 28th March

The red lunch choice on Tuesday will be chicken with Yorkshire etc, due to non-delivery of the beef.

Whole School Visit to All Hallows

All of the children will be visiting All Hallows church on Tuesday 25th April. 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 complete the form below if you are able to help. We will need sufficient volunteers for the walk to be able to take place. Thank you.

Hand Sanitizer Foam

We have started to use alcohol and triclosan free hand sanitizer foam on hands before lunchtime to help with hygiene, as not everyone can gain quick access to the sinks for soap and water. We understand that some children have sensitive skin and if your child has a reaction due to eczema, for example, please email let the office or class teacher know.

French Club

Madame Belinda is extremely impressed and delighted with the behaviour and attitude to learning shown by all of the children that have joined the after school French Club (lingowings@gmail.com).

New SportsXtra After School Clubs for KS1 and KS2

The SportsXtra after school clubs for the first half of the Summer Term are now set up on the new booking system at www.sports-xtra.com : Tuesday - International Athletics Challenge for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Thursday - Multi-Skills/Sports for Years R, 1 and 2. Please book quickly to ensure your child's place. SportsXtra have a fantastic new website and booking system. This will mean re-registering on the new system so it will take a little longer this time, but once you are set up it should be much easier. When searching for the new courses, please select location as Basingstoke, then scroll right to the end of all of the courses, page 3 for KS2 Athletics or page 4 for KS1 Multiskills. If you need any further information on any of the courses, please contact Mark Rowland at mark.rowland@sports-xtra.com or on 07968 956549.

FOWPS News



Easter Trail Tuesday 4th April

The annual Easter Trail will take place after school. Entry is £1.50 per child payable on the day. Follow the clues and answer the questions to win a chocolate treat. All correct entries will be placed in the draw to be in with a chance of winning the chocolate hamper. All children must be accompanied by an adult, pre-school siblings welcome.

Primary Pedal Sunday 7th May

The Primary Pedal is a joint fundraiser for FOWPS and Testbourne Mityana Group. If you enjoy cycling you can enter for either the 20, 40 or 60 mile rides, which take you through some stunning local scenery. There is free cake for all entrants and there will be BBQ and drinks for sale on your return to the primary school.

The new website is up and running at www.primarypedal.org.uk - see website for entry details.

Entry is open to all, so please encourage friends/family or work colleagues to take part. The feedback for the previous two events has been excellent.

Special thanks go to Steve Berry (www.wysiwyggraphic.com) who volunteered a great deal of time and effort into creating the new primary pedal website.

Co-op Fundraiser

There are only 3 weeks to go before the close of the Co-op community fundraiser. If you haven't already done so please register online to choose FOWPS as your chosen charity. There is still approximately £1500 in donations that could come our way if people register - don't leave it too late! www.coop.co.uk/membership

Email: FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Facebook: FOWPS, Whitchurch, Hampshire

Letters this week

Reading Challenge Update

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

Monday 27th March	Drop-in session – Proposed expansion to the school (between 3pm and 6pm)
Thursday 30 th March	Starfish Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Friday 24 th March	Whole School Spring Disco
Monday 3rd April	Year 2 singing concert for parents in the hall 10.00-10.30am
Tuesday 4 th April	Year 1 ukulele concert for parents 10.00-10.30am
Tuesday 4 th April	FOWPS After school Easter egg hunt
Wednesday 5th April	Mityana Day
Wednesday 5 th April	Second hand uniform sale
Wednesday 5 th April	Year 3/4 performance 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 6 th April	Year 3/4 performance 6.00-7.00pm
Thursday 6 th April	Seahorses Class Worship to family members (9.10-9.30am)
Friday 7 th April	Last day of Spring Term
10 th -21 st April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 25 th April	Whole school visit to church – parent helpers needed (timings to follow)
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 10 th May	Second hand uniform sale
15 th -19 th May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 18th May	Year 4,5,6 Author Visit – Robin Stevens
Thursday 25 th May	Spring Concert for children who play instruments (note change of date)
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day
Friday 16 th June	Year R,1,2,3 author visit - Sean Taylor
Saturday 17 th June	FOWPS Summer Fair
Friday 21 st July	Whole School Summer Disco
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year

Walk to All Hallows Church – Tuesday 25th April

(Please return to the office or email to replies@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)

Child: Class:

I am able to help *KS1 from 9.30am / *KS2 from 10.30am (*please delete) with Class

Signed: (parent/carer)