



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday, the Year 2 children had a very enjoyable visit to The Silk Mill as part of their topic on Victorians. The children participated in activities to help them understand what it was like to be a worker in Victorian times. They were able to compare life now with then.

Yesterday we had a visit from Boris, the robot and his friend Pete from 'Heartsmart'. The children were reminded that everyone is valuable and we are all "treasure". We are looking forward to further activities along this theme as part of the PSHE curriculum.

Collective Worships

This week I started off our thoughts about how courage is the overcoming of fear. I told a true story about a boy I knew who overcame his fears of abseiling down the climbing wall because his friends were so encouraging and supportive. Revd David Roche told the story of Gideon who overcame his fears by trusting in God.

Healthy Eating

A Reminder - KS2 Snacks and Tuck Shop

We have seen an increasing amount of packet items being brought into school for KS2 morning snacks, which is causing a bit of a litter problem. As a Healthy School, for break time KS2 children are allowed to bring in a piece of fruit, or chopped vegetable sticks (**no fruit winders or packet fruit flake type items or fruit bars**), or there is a healthy tuck shop at the kitchen where KS2 children can buy bread rolls or raisins for 25p, a whole apple for 30p or a pot of fruit slices for 10p. There is no access to lunchboxes at break time. On the first Monday of the month, it is Hot Dog Monday and the children can buy a mini hot dog for 50p - this is very popular!

KS1 children receive the government funded free piece of fruit daily.

Healthy Lunches

If you are packing lunches for your children, please keep sweet things to a minimum. One biscuit or small piece of cake is sufficient. Please do not give your child chocolate bars. Further advice on packed lunches can be found on the NHS website Change for Life at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Marvellous Me!

Thank you for subscribing to Marvellous Me! We now have 81% of our parents with children in Years 1-6, which is a great improvement. The teachers are looking to increase their communications with you via Marvellous Me. If you have not signed up yet, there is still time, please ask Mrs Boxall if you have lost the log-in details.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who have responded to Mrs Dunwell's letter about the Parent Forum. If you have not replied yet and you would like to be involved please make contact as soon as you can. Thursday 31st January was the deadline on the letter.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Panthers

Lunchtime Award: Jaguars

Next week in:

Year R we will be starting our new story 'The Magic Paintbrush'. Please can we ask that you don't share this book at home until the end of the week as we have a little surprise for the children. Thank you.

Year 1 we are looking at a new story book called 'The Odd Egg' by Emily Gravett.

Please can Seahorses and Turtles request junk modelling items from home – cardboard boxes (no larger than cereal packet size) and kitchen roll tubes. Thank you.

Year 2 we will be sewing bookmarks and creating Victorian tiles.

Year 3 we will be planning a mosaic tile inspired by the Romans.

Year 4 we are looking forward to publishing our 'Selfish Giant' stories.

Year 5 we start looking at fractions. In Topic we will be finding out about Apollo 13.

Year 6 we will continue our unit of explanation writing about natural disasters.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Megan	Jaguars	Isabella
Penguins	Grace	Panthers	Dexter
Puffins	Rupert	Lions	Aidan
Seahorses	Harvey	Tigers	Emma
Turtles	Ashley	Doves	Ollie
Seals	Grace	Kingfishers	Dylan
Dolphins	Belle	Eagles	Billy
Leopards	Gethin	Kestrels	Charlie

Roll of Honour

- Oliver of Seals for always being ready to help others.
- Year 2 for their fantastic behaviour at the Silk Mill. They impressed us with all of the things they saw and remembered.
- Alice of Jaguars for her lovely smile and super attitude.
- Reuben of Tigers for settling into his new school so well.
- Tom of Eagles for always working hard and helping the classroom be a great learning environment.
- Ashleigh of Kestrels for always being kind, smiley and polite.

Achievements

- Asha of Lions – HMS Merit Certificate for continuing to make excellent progress on her violin.
- Alice of Leopards - HMS Merit Certificate for continuing to make excellent progress on her violin.
- Abigail of Panthers – HMS Merit Certificate for 20 music merits for keyboard practise.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Pelicans and Dolphins with 99.29% and in **KS2** were Jaguars, Leopards and Kestrels with 100%.

House Points



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

Library News

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

February Half Term SportsXtra Activities at Testbourne (Tuesday 19-Thursday 21 February, 9am-4pm)

Traditional and non-traditional sports, spy games, adventure games. All coaches have Enhanced DBS, Emergency First Aid, Safeguarding and Sport Coaching Qualifications and they will make sure the children have fun packed days with their friends. More details and to book - www.sports-xtra.com

Wolf Pack Woodland Holiday Club

Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th February - Drop-and-run 10am to 4pm - £30 per child or book both days for £50 per child. Children must be 8 years old or over. Sessions include a hot pasta-based lunch with meat or veggie options.

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st February - Stay-and-play 10.30am to 12.30pm - £8 per child. Open to all ages. Please contact us through our Facebook page or drop us an email at thewolfpackforestschoo@gmail.com for more details or to book.

TerraCycle Recycling

There are some new items that can be recycled to help raise money for school:

- Colgate Oral Care - any brand of toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes packaging, electric and battery toothbrushes heads, any toothbrushes
- Any brand of crisp packets
- Pringles Can Recycling Programme - only Pringles tubes, the seal and plastic lids
- Airwick fragrance twin pack plastic sleeves
- Finish dishwashing tablets doypacks
- Vanish stain Remover powder doypacks
- Any brand of soft, disposable contact lenses, contact lens blister packaging and any brand of foil from the contact lens blister packaging

Please continue to recycle McVities wrappers, plastic trigger heads/pump/caps, plastic air fresheners, Ella's kitchen pouches and lids, pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, tape and fluid pots and Garnier Personal Care and Beauty packaging.

Our recycle box is in the school office foyer. There is also one at Rising Fives, or in the school holidays items can be dropped at 16 Queens Road, Whitchurch, RG28 7JQ. Funds raised go to our school, to Rising Fives and MacMillan Cancer Support. If you would like more information, please email radka.wigmore@yahoo.co.uk

Rising Fives Quiz Night

Friday 15th February 2019 at the Parish Hall in Whitchurch from 8pm. Tickets are £5 per head with a maximum of 8 people per team. Bring your own drinks! For more information or to book a table please call 01256 893708.

Testbourne Community Half Term Activities

Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th, Friday 22nd 10am-1pm. £5 per session, including lunch. More information at www.testbourne.hants.sch.uk under Community or email community@testbourne.school

Letters this Week

Year 6 SATs Booster Club

Parent Forum Volunteer Request

Governor News

The Governing Body met on Tuesday evening this week. They discussed ways to improve their communication with you. They will be using a small slot in School Matters to bring you up to date, so watch this space!

FOWPS News



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

Saturday and Sunday 26th-27th January - Annual Potato Day

FOWPS will be running a craft stall and running the door at the potato day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday 28th February to 7th March - Charity shop

FOWPS have secured a week in the charity shop again this year. If you are able to donate any items, or would like to volunteer for a shift in the shop, please contact us. Don't forget companies do offer volunteer days for free, so sign yourself up as a shopkeeper for a couple of hours or the whole day. **Please do not bring any donations into school – there is no room to store anything. Thank you.**

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

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

Saturday 26 th January	FOWPS Family Quiz 3.30-6.00pm (£5 per adult, £1 per child)
Thursday 31 st January	Panthers Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Panthers family welcome)
Thursday 7 th February	Leopards Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Leopards family welcome)
Monday 11 th February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 2 Victorian Dress Up Day
Wednesday 13 th February	Parent Consultations (update to day)
Thursday 14 th February	Lions Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Lions family welcome)
Thursday 28 th February	Jaguars Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Jaguars family welcome)
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 1 Milestones visit
Wednesday 6th March	**Tigers Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all family welcome)- date change**
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - (children to dress up as a book character)
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day Book Fair
Thursday 14 th March	Pelicans Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Pelicans family welcome)
Thursday 21 st March	Puffins Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Puffins family welcome)
Tuesday 26 th March	Andy Griffiths Author Visit – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 28 th March	Penguins Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Penguins family welcome)
Friday 29 th March	Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class teacher at registration
Tuesday 2 nd April	Whole School All Hallows Church Visit
Friday 24 th May 2019	Inset Day
Mon 8 th July – Wed 10 th July	Year 4 Ufton Court Residential Trip
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Last day at school

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