



Dear Parents/Carers,

I spent Thursday evening at the Viking banquet with Year 4 at Ufton Court. The children and staff were dressed for the occasion and were tucking into roast chicken, roast potatoes and beans. They were quick to explain that Vikings didn't have forks so they were eating their dinner with their fingers! Being immersed in a topic like this is such a fun way to learn and I am sure the children will always remember their time as a Viking at Ufton Court.

Last Saturday I was joined by a happy band of gardeners; adults and children, who dug over the allotment and tidied up other areas of the school grounds. As many parents and visitors recognise we are so fortunate to have such wonderful grounds and it is thanks to the gardeners that they remain in a good condition. The allotment digging proved more of a project than was first imagined with such a tangle of bindweed underneath the membrane, so another date has been set for a second Ground Force Day on Friday 11th May. If you were unable to help last time, there is still a chance (please see the FOWPS section of this newsletter). Thank you again to everyone who helped on Saturday.

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Turtles
Best Lunchtime Award: Penguins

Next week in:

Year R we will be writing a leaflet advising the seeds on how to survive. We are also looking forward to Fit Camp on Thursday – don't forget children can wear sports clothes and trainers. There will be no Forest School next week (4th May). Please can we request some shoeboxes or slightly larger boxes for our next topic? Thank you.

Year 1 we are continuing our learning on 'The Magic Bed' and learning about other countries.

Year 2 we will be observing what is happening to our beans that we planted recently, prior to planting them in the allotment when it is ready, after our next Ground Force Day.

Please remember to keep reading and doing Doodle Maths.

Year 3 we will be starting to plan a stop-motion animation and learning about geographical features of Whitchurch, mapping landmarks and landscape.

Year 4 we will be using our knowledge from Ufton Court to support our learning about Viking raids and why their long ships were so successful.

Year 5 we will be writing poetry based on The Highwayman.

Year 6 we will begin filming the clips for our Imovie project in ICT. Also, we will begin our new English topic based on 'Fantastic beasts and where to find them'.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Emmy	Panthers	Alfie
Penguins	Lewis	Lions	Isabelle
Seahorses	Albie	Tigers	Jack
Turtles	Freya	Doves	Jake
Otters	Jade	Kingfishers	Jimmy
Seals	Leo	Eagles	Abi
Dolphins	William	Kestrels	Freddie
Jaguars	Ella		

Roll of Honour

- Benji of Seals for always being Ready, Respectful and Safe.
- Emily of Otters for being a kind and supportive friend to another Otter.
- Olivia, Oliver and Kara for their enthusiasm and achievements when researching their topic in their own time at home.
- Doves class for their excellent worship with the theme of 'The Lord's Prayer'.
- Jaydene of Eagles for supporting another child on the playground when they were upset and playing a game with them to cheer them up.
- The boys football team for their excellent performance against top of the league, earning a 1-1 draw.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Dolphins with 99.20% and in **KS2** were Kingfishers with 98.62%.



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

Library News

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

FOWPS News



FOWPS second hand uniform sale - the first Wednesday of every month – 8.45-9.15am

Second Ground Force Day

Thank you to all who helped at our first Ground Force Day. We have now organised a second date of Friday 11th May, so that the garden area is ready for the children to start planting. The

session times are 9.00am-12.00pm, 1.15-3.15pm and 3.30-5.30pm – please bring your own tools and work gloves.

If you are able to offer any time, please email FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Bag2School – Tuesday 15th May – bags will be distributed next week.

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. We only have 100 tickets, so grab them while you can!

Bingo Brian - 15th June, more details to follow

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

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Letters This Week

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club

Year 6 SATs Week Information

Year 6 Final Term Dates/Trips

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

Thursday 3 rd May	Kingfishers Class Worship – 9.10-9.30am – all family members welcome
Thursday 3 rd May	Year R Fit Camp
Thursday 10 th May	Seahorses Class Worship – 9.10-9.30am – all family members welcome
Friday 11th May	Second Ground Force Day (please see FOWPS section above)
Tuesday 15 th May	Bag2School
Sunday 20 th May	Primary Pedal
Tuesday 22nd May	Year 5/6 Christopher Edge author visit
Thursday 24 th May	Turtles Class Worship – 9.10-9.30am – all family members welcome
Saturday 26 th May	Ceilidh featuring Belshazzar's Feast
Wednesday 13th June	Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum
Thursday 14 th June	Penguins Class Worship – 9.10-9.30am – all family members welcome
Friday 15th June	Mufi Day (please bring tombola prize donations for the FOWPS summer fair)
Friday 15 th June	FOWPS Bingo Brian
Tuesday 19 th June	Year 1 Visit from Jungle Jonathan
Wednesday 20 th June	Sports Day all day (details to follow)
Thursday 21 st June	Pelicans Class Worship – 9.10-9.30am – all family members welcome
Thursday 21st June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral (children only)
Friday 22nd June	Year 6 Think Safe event
Saturday 23 rd June	FOWPS Summer Fair
Wednesday 27 th June	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 28th June	Year 3/4/5 Jennifer Killick author visit
Thursday 28th June	Year 6 Forest School day at Penwood Forest
Friday 29th June	Year 6 Forest School day at Penwood Forest
Thursday 5 th July	Year 6 Testbourne Induction Day
Thursday 5th July	Year R/1/2 Steven Antony author visit
Wednesday 11th July	Year 5/6 Production
Thursday 12th July	Year 5/6 Production
Wednesday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Thursday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents – 9.10-10.00am
** Monday 23 rd July	Inset Day (change of date – no longer Monday 4 th June) **
Monday 1 st 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>