



**\*\*\*Please note the changes to KS1 class worships in the dates section\*\*\***

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding when we needed to close the school due to the snowy weather. It is sometimes a difficult decision to make, but not when taking into consideration the safety of staff, children and family members travelling to and from school.

Looking ahead to some better weather, I know the teachers are hoping to grow some vegetables with the children as part of their summer topics. We would be extremely grateful with some help digging over the allotment. When we thought the new building work was going to happen, this area was the first to go so I am afraid we have neglected the garden. Now of course, things have changed! If you or a family member is able to help that would be great. Please contact the School Office and we can co-ordinate some gardening time.

I continue to be amazed and delighted by way some of our children have consistently practiced their Doodle Maths. A special mention to the following children with a streak of 80+:  
Noah L, Charlie A, Charlie C, Mollie W, Reilly R, Sam M, Tilly P, Erin M, Dylan P, Gethin R, Teagan R, Bella B, Belle A, Isaac G, Sofia J, Etienne C, Jacob L, Charlie B, Maisie C, Heidi W and Amber B.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs K Steven  
Head Teacher

**Tidy Classroom Award:** Seals

**Best Lunchtime Award:** Tigers

#### Next week in:

**Year R** Next week in Year R we will be starting our new book 'Halibut Jackson', and opening our own Drapery with clothes and suits for every occasion.

**Year 1** we will be doing some planting in science and comparing old and new toys - if you haven't already please talk at home about the toys parents and grandparents played with as children.

**Year 2** the children will continue to learn about space and will start to make a moon buggy, so any small pieces of junk that you have please send in. We are sorry Seals missed doing their class worship this week, but as they have rehearsed and Dolphins have missed rehearsal days, Seals will now take place on Thursday 8th, with Dolphins on Thursday 15th, Otters on Tuesday 20th and Turtles on Thursday 22nd March all from 9.10am to 9.30am.

**Year 3** we will be looking forward to visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace.

**Year 4** We are continuing our work on fractions, looking at equivalence and fractions of amounts. \*Please support your child to learn their words for their parts in Wind in the Willows.

**Year 5** we will be multiplying fractions and cooking pizza! We would appreciate any used milk bottle tops.

**Year 6** we will be learning about William Shakespeare and looking at 'The Tempest'.

#### Leading Learners

Pelicans	Leah	Panthers	Alice
Penguins	Indy	Lions	Liam
Seahorses	Logan	Tigers	George
Turtles	Dominic	Doves	Alanna
Otters	Bella	Kingfishers	Austin
Seals	Leo	Eagles	Alex
Dolphins	Jorgie	Kestrels	Ben
Jaguars	Teddy		

## Roll of Honour

- Ozzy of Tigers for already being a popular and valued member of the class.
- Evie of Lions for supporting another child so respectfully in book talk.
- Now that the school and parents have been given the final results, the Cross Country team for their hard work and great spirit when representing the school in their first event.

## Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Dolphins with 100% and in **KS2** were Panthers, Doves, Kingfishers and Kestrels all with 100%.



House Points will be announced next week once counted

## Cross Country News

We finally have the results from the recent Cross Country event that some Whitchurch children attended. I am extremely proud of all the children for giving it their all on what was a very cold day. The children represented the school superbly and hopefully it is an event we can look to do again in the future.

As it was the first time for many of the children running a race of this distance I feel that we did very well in the overall school standings, so a huge well done to the following:

Doug B, Edward P, Ben M, Harry B, Holly B, Amelie O, Esme T, Lucy W, Noah H, Ted T, Hannah C, Mia H, Miriam F, Aimee D, Jasmine B, White R, Charlie B, Lewis H and Dylan D.

## Library News

The library is open on Mondays after school until 4pm for parents and children.

World Book Day Book Fair - Friday 9th March 3.00pm -4.00pm

On Friday 9th March, PG Wells will be visiting the school with a World Book Day Book Fair including the £1 World Book Day titles. KS2 children will have the opportunity to browse or buy in the afternoon, so if you wish your child to purchase a book during this session please send in cash in a named envelope on the morning of the visit to your class teacher. The majority of books will cost between £1 and £8 approximately. All children will receive their £1 World Book Day voucher on the day, which they can use to buy a copy of the World Book Day book or towards another book. Parents can visit the book fair from 3pm - 4pm, please enter through the back door of the hall.

## Bingo Brian is Back!! Fundraising for Whitchurch Scouts attending the Worldwide Jamboree.

Friday 16th March, doors open at 7:30pm, eyes down at 8pm. £10 per ticket, licensed bar available and raffle. For tickets you can book via email: [Whitchurchwsj@gmail.com](mailto:Whitchurchwsj@gmail.com)

## TOTP Disco - Saturday 24th March 7.30pm - 11.00pm - Testbourne Community School

Coming to Testbourne Theatre Hall on Saturday 24th March a chance to step back in time to your favourite TOTP era. Tickets are strictly limited, bring your own food and we will have a licensed cash bar. We would love to see you dressed to impress and there will be prizes for best TOTP attire and best dressed table. We will be raising funds for much needed equipment for Testbourne School. To reserve tickets please email [ptfa@testbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@testbourne.hants.sch.uk)

## FOWPS News



Quiz Night & Bake Off - Friday 2nd March – POSTPONED due to the school being closed.

School Disco - Friday 23rd March

KS1 disco - 3:45-4:45pm (children will change in class and go straight to the disco)

KS2 disco – 5.00-6.00pm.

Tickets - Please either send £2 (exact money please) via the class teacher in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class or you can purchase them on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of March outside school at 3.30pm. Please try to avoid handing in envelopes at the office. If you have any donations of sweets or small toys they would be gratefully received.

### 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!

### Primary Pedal - Sunday 20th May

### 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.

FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk, Facebook: FOWPS, Whitchurch, Hampshire

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

**\*\*\* Year 6 after school SATs club Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, not Thursday this week due to a staff course \*\*\***

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 trip to Fishbourne Palace
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Seals Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (family welcome – enter via rear door to hall)</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	PG Wells World Book Day Book Fair
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Dolphins Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (family welcome – enter via rear door to hall)</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Tracey Corderoy & Steven Lenton Author/Illustrator visit Years R, 1, 2 and 3
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Otters Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (family welcome – enter via rear door to hall)</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3/4 performance 2pm (more details to follow)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3/4 performance 6pm (more details to follow)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Turtles Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (family welcome – enter via rear door to hall)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	End of term school disco
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School All Hallows Church Visit (volunteer walkers will be needed please)
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 restaurant afternoon (times to be confirmed)</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWPS Easter treasure hunt
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Primary Pedal
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Ceilidh featuring Belshazzar's Feast (details to follow)</b>
** Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset Day (change of date – no longer Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June) **
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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>