



Dear Parents/Carers,

The memorial bench on Alliston Way looks beautiful with the poppies attached. I was so pleased to send some of our children with Miss Colyer to represent our school. If you haven't seen the bench, do walk over and have a look. We are celebrating the 100 years since the end of World War One in school over the next two Fridays. The children are designing and making their own clay poppy, which eventually they will take home. We will have our two minutes silence on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.



*Photo courtesy of Sarah Dutton*

The teachers are enjoying celebrating your children's achievements via Marvellous Me app and I have been joining in when I notice children doing amazing things. Please make sure you sign up to this app so you don't miss out on anything wonderful. We are not using the app with Reception children as they have their own Tapestry for good news! Well done to Seahorse class who have the most parents who have already joined in. Please contact your child's teacher if you need another log-in.

Our final INSET training date has been confirmed. We will take 11<sup>th</sup> January for the staff to complete their safeguarding training. The other dates are included in the diary at the end of this newsletter.

Have a good weekend

Mrs K Steven  
Head Teacher

### After half term in:

**Year R** we will be beginning our new story 'Halibut Jackson'.

Forest School will start on Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has waterproofs and wellies in school.

Thank you.

**Year 1** in Seahorses we will learn about Guy Fawkes and finish our poppy pots, and in Turtles we will be creating our own superheroes.

**Year 2** we will be investigating materials in Science and finding out about the artist Mike Bernard in Art. Please remember MyMaths will be set each Thursday.

**Year 3** we will be investigating light in Science and launching our new topic and researching its location in Europe!

**Year 4** we will be developing our balancing skills in PE after we really enjoyed using the large apparatus this week.

**Year 5** we have an author visit from Emma Carroll and in Maths, we will be starting to measure angles using protractors.

**Year 6** we will be starting our Greek Myth unit of work in English.

**Tidy Classroom Award:** Eagles

**Lunchtime Award:** Dolphins

### Leading Learners

Pelicans	David	Jaguars	Tiger Lilli
Penguins	William	Panthers	Emily
Puffins	Joshua	Lions	Harry
Seahorses	Nancy	Tigers	Jaimi Lea
Turtles	Jacob	Doves	Miriam
Seals	Jake	Kingfishers	Thomas
Dolphins	Sophie	Eagles	Erin
Leopards	Aaron	Kestrels	Jasmine

### Roll of Honour

- Serafina of Turtles for being kind to other children in her class.
- Sam of Seahorses for helping in the class with other groups.
- Emily of Seals for always looking for ways to be helpful.
- Ellie of Leopards for always being such a kind and supportive friend.
- The whole of Year 5 for their exemplary behaviour at Hampton Court.
- Ruby, Jaidon, Beatrice, Isla, Honey, Lucas, Georgina, Jessica, Susanna, Grace, Charlie, Lucy and Charlie for representing the school so well and reading their words so beautifully at the unveiling of the 100<sup>th</sup> Memorial Bench at the recreation ground.

### Achievements

- HMS Merit Certificate – Asha of Lions for making an excellent start on the violin.
- HMS Merit Certificate – Alice of Leopards for making an excellent start on the violin.

### Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Turtles with 99.33% and in **KS2** were Leopards with 99.17%. School attendance is better than this time last year!

### House Points



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

### Football News

The Year 6 boys football team fought a very close home game against Knights Enham on Thursday afternoon, which resulted in a 2-2 draw. Very well played boys! Thank you to all of the parents who came to cheer the boys on.

## Library News

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

### Emma Carroll - Author Visit Year 4, 5 and 6

Reminder that Emma Carroll will be visiting year 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesday 6th November. If your child wishes to purchase a book on the day please can you return the form to school by Monday at the latest in order to avoid disappointment and to make the day run smoothly. Books will still be able to be purchased on the day but we can't guarantee that your child will receive their first choice of book. Thank you for your continued support.

## Armistice 100

An evening of choral and instrumental music to mark 100 years since the end of WWI, including Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man, performed by local musicians. All proceeds in aid of Combat Stress and Mityana Projects Trust.

Fri 9th Nov 7.30pm St Nicholas, Longparish

Sat 10th Nov 7.30pm All Hallows, Whitchurch

Tickets £8 available from Paynes Printers, Whitchurch

## Testbourne PTFA Christmas Fair – Part of Whitchurch Lanterns and Lights Experience

Saturday 1st December 11am-3pm at Testbourne Community School. Many local business stalls selling some great gifts for Christmas. Listen to the Testbourne school choir Bella Voce sing whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a slice of cake. Santa's Grotto and a Christmas Crafts workshop. For stall enquires please email [ptfa@testbourne.school](mailto:ptfa@testbourne.school)

## FOWPS News



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

A night at the races- Friday 9th Nov doors and bar open at 7.30pm.

Come and join us for a night full of fun as we go to races. Tickets £5 per person, which includes table snacks and your first race bet! All others races during the night just £1 per bet. Ticket sales via [apirby@gmail.com](mailto:apirby@gmail.com) or [cljashton@gmail.com](mailto:cljashton@gmail.com)

Bag2school - 25th November

The bags have now been sent home. Please do not bring full bags to school before the 25<sup>th</sup>, as we have nowhere to store them. Collection is usually at 9.00am prompt, so please drop them off into the school car park disabled bay on drop off. Thank you.

Christmas lights switch on - 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

This fun competition is open to all the children of the school. Simply purchase a bauble from FOWPS for 50p and 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. Bauble sales - Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd November at 3.30pm on the top KS1 playground. 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)

## Letters this week

Year 1/2 Adam and Charlotte Guillain Author Visit

Year R and Year 6 Weighing and Measuring Programme

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

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Emma Carroll author visit Years 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day for new parents of children starting school in September 2019 (10.00-11.00am, 1.45-2.45pm or 6.00-7.00pm – no need to book)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS Race Night
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Pelicans Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Puffins Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Penguins Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Adam and Charlotte Guillain author visit Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Pelicans Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Puffins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Penguins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Ufton Court Information Evening
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Pre-Schools 2.15pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 9.30am
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWPS Christmas Fair
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2 Christmas Party 2pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 Christmas Party 2pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R Christmas Party 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Discos
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 5/6 Christmas Party 1.30pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class teacher at registration
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Inset Day

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