



***** Deadline for Year R applications for September 2019 – Tuesday 15th January *****

If you have a child in this year group, or you know of a neighbour or relative, please remind them of this very important deadline.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I have enjoyed three nativity play dress rehearsals! Penguins, Puffins and Pelicans classes have performed their first run though, ready for next week. If you have a ticket for 'The Wiggly Nativity' next week, you will not be disappointed!

It is always sad to say good-bye to staff and we have two people leaving at the end of term. Miss Frost, one of our Year 5 teachers is spreading her wings to go and teach in a secondary special needs school. Although she has only been with us a short time, we will miss her 'can do' attitude and energy. Mr Blake, our site manager is also leaving. He has been here for nearly three years and I know we will miss his care and dedication to our school.

This means we will have new staff. Miss Barrett will be joining us to teach Kingfisher Class. She will be visiting school later this term to meet the children and staff in order to prepare for the new year.

I have advertised for a new site manager, but I may need your help here. If you know of anyone who you think would be a suitable candidate for this post, please refer them to the advert on Hantsweb and on our school website www.whitchurch.hants.sch.uk or pop into school to speak to Mrs Scotland or me. The site manager post is a split shift – working first thing in the morning and then in the evening. It is possible that we could employ two people for this post as a job share.

Drop Off/Collection from the Back Gate

If you are collecting or dropping off children via the back gate to the KS2 playground, please do not drive your car up Town Mill Lane. This is a private road and it is extremely dangerous for parents and children who will be walking to and from school.

Medical Appointments

We seem to have an increasing number of medical appointments being taken during lesson time. Although you cannot choose when some of these appointments are made for you, please can you try to keep them to outside of school hours or school holidays if non-urgent. We will now require a copy of the medical appointment letter or doctor/dentist appointment card for all absences. If the appointment has been made by telephone, please ask the receptionist for a card that you can bring to school after your appointment. Thank you.

School Christmas Cards

Well done to Olivia and Grace of Year 5, whose wonderful designs have been chosen to be the school Christmas cards this year.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Pelicans
Lunchtime Award: Seahorses

Next week in:

Year R we are really excited to be performing to our families!

Please, please label everything your child brings into school – all uniform, shoes, gloves, hats, scarves etc.

Lip balm – we understand why lip balm is being sent in this cold weather, but please can it be handed to a teacher to avoid the children sharing. Thank you.

Year 1 we are continuing to read the book 'I Want My Hat Back'.

Turtles – Miss Fox believes she has solved the DoodleMaths problems. If you are still having an issue, please let her know.

Year 2 we will be recreating the Fire of London and learning about Fire Safety.

Year 3 we will be planning and carrying out a Science investigation about shadows and learning to write information texts all about Spain.

Year 4 we will be writing a newspaper report about Shackleton's journey across the Antarctic.

Year 5 we will be starting a new unit in English and learning about area in Maths.

Year 6 we will be writing our own poems in a similar style to the 'Night Mail' by W.H. Auden.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Jonny	Jaguars	Benji
Penguins	Bailey	Panthers	Kirsty
Puffins	Dylan	Lions	Olly
Seahorses	Rory	Tigers	Edward
Turtles	Florence	Doves	Megan
Seals	Eden	Kingfishers	Liam
Dolphins	Sofia-Mae	Eagles	Hannah
Leopards	Alice	Kestrels	Ashleigh

Roll of Honour

- Lily of Dolphins for her fantastic presentation and effort in all her work.
- Keeley of Leopards for encouraging a friend when they were upset.
- Aimee of Lions for showing such courage and enthusiasm in everything she does.
- Emma of Tigers for always being ready to learn.
- Mia of Kestrels for showing kindness towards her peers.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Penguins with 99.23% and in **KS2** were Leopards with 100%.

House Points



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

Library News

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

Sibling Photo Orders

Today is the last day for ordering prints from Sarah Dutton – please email the order form directly to Sarah, as we will no longer be accepting them at school. The order form can be found on the school website under Parents/Letters. The photos will still be available for download after today for a limited period.

School Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 20th December. Children will choose as usual at registration, but to give Pauline in the kitchen an idea of numbers to cater for please can you return the reply slip at the end of this newsletter, or email your child's choice to replies@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Please don't worry if your child changes their mind on the day.

The choices are turkey and pork sausage, or Quorn fillet and vegetarian sausage. All served with stuffing ball, roast potatoes, garden peas, baton carrots, gravy and New Forest chocolate swirl ice cream or satsuma.

SportsXtra Christmas Activities and New Year R/1/2 After School MultiSkills Club

Christmas activities at Testbourne Community and Everest Community are now available to book.

Our Year R/1/2 Thursday After School MultiSkills Club starting Thursday 10th January is also now open to book at www.sports-xtra.com

Rising Fives Christmas Morning

Everyone is very warmly invited to Rising Fives Christmas Morning being held on Saturday 1st December 2018 from 10am to 12.00pm. There will be lots of Christmas activities including a snowman hunt, guess the sweets in the gingerbread house, tombola, face painting and refreshments. All very welcome, go along for some festive fun!

Would you like to join the All Hallows Choir?

Affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music, come and learn to read music and sing. Children from Year 4 onwards, are invited to sing a Carol with the choir at our Christingle Service on Sunday 9 December, there will be a practice at 6:30pm on Thursday 6 December at All Hallows.

Christmas at All Hallows

Sunday 9th December 10am Special Christingle Service

An interactive fun service, we will make a Christingle together and listen to the Christmas story. An offering will be taken for The Children's Society.

Sunday 16th December 6pm Carols by Candle Light Service

Followed by mulled wine and festive treats.

Monday 24th December 4pm Crib Service

As we tell the nativity story, come dressed up for shepherd, angel, wise men, or sheep or any character you fancy!

Tuesday 25th December 10am

Christmas Day Celebration Service

FREE Lantern Making

On Saturday 1st December, The Silk Mill is hosting Lantern Making Workshops between 10am and 2pm. All materials will be provided and this Family Activity is FREE! Helpers will be on hand.

This annual event is getting bigger each year and will culminate in the Lantern Parade, which starts at 5.30pm at The Silk Mill, then parades to the Town Hall for the Grand turning on of the Town Christmas Lights. All welcome.

Lights and Lanterns

On Saturday 1st December, there will be a day of Christmas community activities held across Whitchurch:

- Rising Fives are holding a Christmas morning from 10am to 12pm.
- The Parish Hall are holding a Wreath Making workshop from 10am to 1pm, all materials provided. Childrens activities include wocks, Santas Letters, competitions, refreshments, homemade cakes and a FOWPS stall of Chrismassy goodies.
- Christmas ponies will be outside the Town Hall to welcome you.
- Testbourne Craft Fair and Santa from 11am to 3pm.
- The Fire Station is open for tours from 1-4pm – face painting, tin can alley, guess the weight of the Christmas cake, make your own Christmas cards, tombola, lucky dip, All That Glitters cakes and much, much more! Raising money for The Fire Fighters Charity.
- Family Christmas film The Polar Express at The Parish Hall is showing at 2pm.

- Silk Mill Craft Fair 4pm to 7pm.
- Lantern Parade starts at 5.30pm at the Silk Mill.
- Town Christmas Lights Switch on at 6pm with Carole singing.
- Kings Arms live band from 8.30pm.

This day is packed! Please come along and enjoy a festive time with your family and friends.

FOWPS News



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

Please can we ask for donations of any unwanted gifts/prizes for our Christmas fair, also if you work for a company that would be able to donate an item for the raffle or auction, can you please get in touch, either email FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk or michellebb72@gmail.com
[Bags2School](#)

Thank you for all of your bags – the amount raised for school was £269.20.

Christmas lights switch on - 1st December

FOWPS have a stall at the Parish hall, selling water bottle holders and lots of Christmas crafts.

GNC Late night shopping - 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

If you have bought your bauble, it's time to 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. There are a small amount of baubles for sale at the office – 50p each. **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

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 18th December.

Match Funding

Many companies that some of you work for will match our fundraising – please see the flyer attached with this newsletter or on the FOWPS page of the school website for more information, or email FOWPS.

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)

Monday 3rd December

Tuesday 4th December

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Wednesday 5th December

Wednesday 5th December

Thursday 6th December

Friday 7th December

Monday 10th December

Wednesday 12th December

Wednesday 12th December

Thursday 13th December

Friday 14th December

Saturday 15th December

KS2 Hot Dog Monday

Pelicans Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm

Flu nasal sprays for Years R-5

Puffins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm

Year 4 Ufton Court Information Evening

Penguins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm

Fill the Picture Competition – bring in items for the tombola

Year 1/2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Pre-Schools 2.15pm

Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm

Years 3 and 5 Carol Concerts 4pm and 5.30pm

Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 9.30am

Year 6 Greek Museum 2.45pm

FOWPS Christmas Fair

Monday 17th December Year 1/2 Christmas Party 2pm
Tuesday 18th December Year 3/4 Christmas Party 2pm
Wednesday 19th December Year R Christmas Party 1.30pm
Wednesday 19th December Christmas Discos
Thursday 20th December School Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st December Year 5/6 Christmas Party 1.30pm
Friday 11th January INSET Day
Friday 29th March Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class
teacher at registration

Friday 24th May 2019 Inset Day
Details of term dates for 2018/19 can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

Christmas Lunch (please return by Monday 3rd December)

Child's Name: Class:

Would like:

Turkey

Quorn

Packed lunch from home

Signed: (parent/carer)