



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so lovely to meet the new reception children with their parents yesterday at the Stay and Play sessions. It always amazes me how quickly children adapt to new places and just get on with the serious business of play! Of course, it did help that Mrs Wersby and her team had planned carefully before hand. Over the summer, as the new families continue to visit school we will all help them settle in quickly.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the staff at Ufton Court commended our children for their enthusiasm and good manners.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Eagles

Best Lunchtime Award: Otters

Next week in:

Year R we will be starting our new book 'Hairy Maclary' and building an animal shelter.

The SportsXtra coaches were very impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm shown at Fit Camp.

Year 1 we will be continuing to study our place in the world and comparing it to other countries such as Brazil.

Year 2 we will be exploring the grounds and investigating plants and their habitats. Please send PE kits into school.

Year 3 we will plan a fair test to find out what makes plants grow well.

The week beginning 14th May we will need helpers to carry out our geography field trip. Date to be confirmed.

Year 4 we are examining Viking artefacts and continuing our investigations into sound waves.

Year 5 we will be starting our new book 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and finishing our unit on decimals by multiplying and dividing by 10,000 and 1,000.

Year 6 we will be filming and watching our gym sequences to help us evaluate our balances.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Izzy	Panthers	Alfie
Penguins	Rosalea	Lions	Daniel
Seahorses	Alice	Tigers	Iyla
Turtles	John	Doves	Charlie
Otters	Lucas	Kingfishers	Tom
Seals	Keeley	Eagles	Ruby
Dolphins	Mai	Kestrels	Esme
Jaguars	Olly		

Roll of Honour

- Thomas of Seals for always showing kindness when others are upset.
- Ellie of Dolphins for always being Ready, Respectful and Safe.
- Shaun of Otters for showing great resilience dealing with his injury this week.
- Gethin of Otters for always being Ready, Respectful and Safe and putting 100% into everything.
- Will of Jaguars for helping a member of his class finding something difficult in an Art lesson.
- Isaac of Lions for always being helpful in class, especially at the end of the day.
- Year 4 for exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm at Ufton Court.
- Miss Newman is very proud of her group of Year 4 children, who worked really hard writing and then performing their own picture book while their classmates were at Ufton Court.
- Kingfishers class for their brilliant class worship with the theme "Give us this day our daily bread"
- Violet of Kestrels for always having a positive attitude.

Football Champions!

On Thursday, the boys' football team travelled to Portway Junior School for the Andover Town Schools cup semi-final. The boys were drawn against hosts Portway in the semi-final and deservedly won 1-0 after extra time. Whitchurch were worthy winners and faced Bawksbury, who had won the trophy the previous 3 years, in the final. After 40 minutes of normal time and 10 minutes of extra time, the two teams could not be separated and the final went to penalties. Whitchurch held their nerve and were victorious! Look out for their mention in the Andover Advertiser next week.

A huge well done to the following: Evan S, Douglas B, Edward P, Calum L, Jake F, Charlie K, Dominic G and Alexander C!



Achievements

- Molly P – HMS Merit Certificate for making good progress on the violin and for practising regularly at home.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Seals with 99.20% and in **KS2** were Eagles and Panthers with 100%.



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

Quiz Night and Bake Off – Thank You

Another fantastic quiz, which certainly cleared the cobwebs from the grey matter! Thank you to everyone for the wonderful array of puddings, they were all delicious, especially to Ingrid for the winning pudding.

Bag2School – Tuesday 15th May

You should have now received your bag. Please do not bring them to school until 15th May, as we do not have space to store them. Please drop all bags off in the school disabled bay by 9.00am on 15th. Thank you.

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 NIGHT! Change of night: Friday 8th June in the Sports Hall at Testbourne Secondary School. 7.30pm for eyes down at 8pm. This is a joint fundraiser for both our Primary and Secondary schools and we would love to see as many from the community come as possible. It should be a fun night! Tickets are £10 per person, which includes your book of games for the night, a dabber and free bar snacks. There will be a cash bar and a raffle. For more information or tickets please contact Clare Ashton at cljashton@gmail.com or Jo Clarke at ptfa@testbourne.hants.sch.uk

Summer fair - Saturday 23rd June, more details to follow.
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Letters This Week

Year 5/6 Christopher Edge Author Visit
 Year 6 Natural History Museum Trip
 Summer Concert for School Musicians

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 11 th May	Second Ground Force Day (please see FOWPS section above)
Tuesday 15 th May	Bag2School
Sunday 20 th May	Primary Pedal
21st-25th May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 22 nd 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
*** Friday 8th June	FOWPS/Testbourne PTA Bingo Brian ***
Wednesday 13 th 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 15 th June	Mufti Day (please bring tombola prize donations for the FOWPS summer fair)
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 21 st June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral (children only)
Friday 22 nd June	Year 6 Think Safe event
Saturday 23 rd June	FOWPS Summer Fair
Wednesday 27 th June	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3/4/5 Jennifer Killick author visit
Thursday 28 th June	Year 6 Forest School day at Penwood Forest
Friday 29 th June	Year 6 Forest School day at Penwood Forest
Thursday 5 th July	Year 6 Testbourne Induction Day
Thursday 5 th July	Year R/1/2 Steven Antony author visit
Wednesday 11 th July	Year 5/6 Production
Thursday 12 th July	Year 5/6 Production
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Thursday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents – 9.10-10.00am
** Monday 23rd July	Inset Day (change of date – no longer Monday 4th 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	