



**\*\*\* Hot Dog Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January \*\*\***

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

The children have returned to school in good spirits and have settled back to their learning very quickly. It is a busy, but short term, so please keep an eye on the dates at the end of these letters. We will update the section as soon as we have more information for you.

As usual, please check that your children have the correct school uniform. Please make sure that children with long hair tie it back, as it is good for health and safety. Children who choose to wear earrings to school must limit this to one small plain stud in each ear. Earrings must be removed for PE or covered with tape if they have been recently pierced. As a reminder, school bookbags are required in Years R-2. Children in Year 1 and 2 may also have a school rucksack if needed to carry lunchbags, water bottles etc. Children in Years 3 and 4 require a school rucksack. Bookbags and rucksacks can be purchased from the school office. No children in school require pencil cases, as pens and pencils are provided within school.

Many thanks.

Mrs K Steven  
Head Teacher

**Attendance**

The best classes during the last week before Christmas in **KS1** were Dolphins with 97.92% and in **KS2** were Tigers and Lions with 97.40%.



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

**As we have only been back at school for two days there will be no Leading Learners or Roll of Honour this week. Some reminders for the following weeks are as follows:**

**Year 4** - Ufton Court balance payments due by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 5** - Ian Dunne 'The Science Stand-up' – £3 donations due by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Year 6** - CGP SATs revision book orders due into school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

**Young Voices** – final payments for coaches etc due now please

**Forest School Sessions**

Please ensure the children bring their kit into school and if you are able help please let your class teacher know. Thank you. We cannot run Forest School without parent volunteers.

Classes taking part this half term are as follows:

Monday afternoons from 8<sup>th</sup> January – Otters

Tuesday afternoons from 9<sup>th</sup> January – Turtles

Thursday afternoons from 11<sup>th</sup> January – Seahorses and Jaguars

Friday afternoons from 12<sup>th</sup> January – Penguins and Pelicans

Information of kit required can be found in the Parents/Letters section on the school website.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale is on Wednesday 10th January in the School Hall between 8.45am and 9.15am. Payment is by donation and all money collected goes to the school via FOWPS. If you have uniform to donate please ensure it is washed and in very good condition. Thank you.

## Class Worship

Please make a note of the dates of the class worships taking place this term (in the Future School Dates section at the end of this newsletter). All family members are invited.

## FOWPS News



### Potato Days - Sat 27th and Sun 28th January

We are looking for volunteers for the Saturday and Sunday sessions, to supervise the children's craft area. We need two volunteers for each time slot, so if you can spare 2 hours - 9.30-1.30am, 11.30-1.30pm or 1.30-3.30pm we would be extremely grateful. Please e-mail

[victoriarampton@btinternet.com](mailto:victoriarampton@btinternet.com) if you are able to help.

### Charity Shop - Thursday 22nd February to Thursday 1st March

We are looking for volunteers to help in the shop and for any donations, so if you need a clear out after Christmas, please keep your unwanted items. Details of where and when to hand items in will follow.

### Quiz Night & Bake Off Friday 2nd March

It's quiz time again and our hosts Tom and Alex are busy planning some brain bending questions for you. Get together with some friends and come to our annual quiz night. Tickets £5 per person - bring your own food and drink. Sample from the range of puddings on offer at the interval and vote for your favourite. Prize for the best pudding - if you would like to enter a pudding just bring it along on the night to be in with a chance of winning. If you would like tickets please e-mail [victoriarampton@btinternet.com](mailto:victoriarampton@btinternet.com)

Email: [FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk), Facebook: FOWPS, Whitchurch, Hampshire

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

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Hot dog Monday
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Jaguars Class Worship (all family members welcome)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	6pm Year 6 SATs information evening for parents
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Panthers Class Worship (all family members welcome)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Lions Class Worship (all family members welcome)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Tigers Class Worship (all family members welcome)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4/5/6 Abi Elphinstone Author Visit
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Seals Class Worship (all family members welcome)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 trip to Fishbourne Palace
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Dolphins Class Worship (all family members welcome)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Otters Class Worship (all family members welcome)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Turtles Class Worship (all family members welcome)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School All Hallows Church Visit (volunteer walkers will be needed please)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court
<b>** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Inset Day (change of date – no longer Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June **</b>

Details of term dates for 2017/18 can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>