



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



Please remember to buy raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair – FOWPS have organised some wonderful prizes, including three hampers – one with Christmas items, one with sweets and one with children’s toys. There are lots of bottles of festive cheer and gift vouchers – all ideal for Christmas!
If you need more tickets, please ask at the office.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Everywhere, school is a hive of activity! Year 6 are making Cam toys for their museum next week; Year 4 are making photo frames and Year 2 have been making decorations. It is so good to see the children learning collaboratively with their friends, which so often happens when they are working on Design and Technology Projects. The staff have changed displays around school, which show off our broad curriculum and I hope you will see them as you visit school during the Christmas Fair or other Christmas events.

This week, the Year R children entertained their parents with their version of “The Wiggly Nativity”. The children sang and acted beautifully – great from children who are only in their first term at school.

Thank you all for the tombola items that have been donated so far. We are happy to take more next week. Either leave in the box in the foyer or hand in at the office.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Parking during the Christmas Performances

The following weeks are going to be extremely busy at the school, with nativities and concerts. If at all possible, please can we ask that you walk rather than drive to the school. As you are aware, we have very little parking space. If you really have no option other than to drive, please park with respect for our neighbours and for each other, with the safety of children leaving school in mind. Please no double parking and no parking on paths, grassed areas or dropped curbs. Thank you.

Testbourne Children Meeting Siblings

For safeguarding reasons, if your older children collect their younger siblings from school, please can you ask them to leave their friends at the gate whilst they collect from the playgrounds, to avoid too many unaccompanied older children being on the school grounds. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas card posting boxes are out around school. Please can you clearly write the name and class of the recipient on the front of the envelopes. Each year we have many cards that are undeliverable, as we cannot read the name or there is no class added. It would be helpful if the senders name is on the reverse of the envelope, so we can return if needed. We have had a few requests for class lists. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to send out these lists. The children should know their friends’ classes. If not, the year group should suffice.

Tidy Classroom Award: Doves
Lunchtime Award: Turtles

Next week in:

Year R we will be investigating why Christians have nativity places and using our shape knowledge in crafts.

Year 1 we are really excited to be performing and we will be learning how Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Year 2 we are looking forward to performing our Christmas nativity 'Prickly Hay' and making Christmas cards.

Year 3 we will be tasting and evaluating Spanish food.

Year 4 we will be completing our photo frames.

Year 5 we will be learning about newspaper reports and learning about converting measure.

Year 6 we will be preparing things to display in our Greek Museum, which is on Friday 14th December at 2.45pm.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Alex	Jaguars	Jack
Penguins	Victoria	Panthers	George
Puffins	Charlie	Lions	Ethan
Seahorses	Izzy	Tigers	Jake
Turtles	Luca	Doves	Isabelle
Seals	Evan	Kingfishers	Joshua
Dolphins	Kitty	Eagles	Tom
Leopards	Megan	Kestrels	Lucy

Roll of Honour

- Abigail of Pelicans for showing such a mature and sensible attitude.
- All of Year R for their magical performances of 'The Wiggly Nativity'.
- Grace of Turtles for being kind to her friends.
- Charlotte of Seahorses for showing great enthusiasm in learning.
- Isla of Seals for always keeping our class rules, especially 'We will work hard and be resilient'.
- Eleanor of Jaguars for her lovely manners.
- The boys football team for a hard fought 2-1 defeat to a good Portway side.

Achievements

- HMS Merit Certificate – Thomas for achieving 20 music merits for excellent keyboard practise.
- HMS Merit Certificate – Alice for achieving 20 music merits for excellent piano/keyboard practise.
- HMS Merit Certificate – Charley for continuing to practise consistently well and always to a high standard on the violin.
- HMS Merit Certificate – Molly for continuing to practise really hard on the violin.
- HMS Merit Certificate – Asha for continuing to practise her violin really well and for making excellent progress with 'Jingle Bells'.
- HMS Merit Certificate – Alice for continuing to practise her violin really well and for making excellent progress with 'Jingle Bells'.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Seals with 99.66% and in **KS2** were Panthers with 99.17%.

House Points



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



Library News

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

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

Christmas activities 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

R&R After School Sports Clubs

The new year clubs for Years 1-5 are now open to book. Please complete and return the emailed form with the correct payment in an envelope to the office, or pick up a form from the flyer stand just inside the main door.

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

FOWPS News



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

Thank you all for the donations so far! If you have anything else suitable for the tombola, eg. bottles, unwanted gifts/prizes for our Christmas fair please leave them in the office foyer (any alcohol or glass bottles – please hand in at the office). 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

Nativities and Carol Concerts

FOWPS will be selling refreshments and mince pies at all the nativity and carol services, so please do enjoy a drink while watching your children perform.

Christmas Fair - 15th December

Please can we ask for cake donations for the refreshment stall - if you are able to donate can we ask that you bring them into the school on Friday.

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.

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 10 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Pre-Schools 2.15pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Years 3 and 5 Carol Concerts 4pm and 5.30pm
Thursday 13 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 9.30am
Friday 14 th December	Year 6 Greek Museum 2.45pm
Saturday 15 th December	FOWPS Christmas Fair
Monday 17 th December	Year 1/2 Christmas Party 2pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas Party 2pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Year R Christmas Party 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Discos
Thursday 20 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 st December	Year 5/6 Christmas Party 1.30pm
Friday 11 th January	INSET Day
Friday 29 th March	Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class teacher at registration
Friday 24 th May 2019	Inset Day

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