



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sorry to let you know that Atticus, our little boy in Puffins Class died yesterday. He had been very poorly over the last seven months. As a school staff, we feel honoured that his parents chose our school for him to spend his precious moments. He was always a joy. Our thoughts are with his family.

Mrs Lamb has spoken directly to Puffin Class today and I will speak to the rest of the school on Monday. On a later date, we will organise a way to celebrate Atticus's life.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Puffins
Lunchtime Award: Lions

Next week in:

Year R we will be writing part of a story to make a class book. Apologies there will be no forest school due to parents' evening. On Thursday, we will be having PE with the R&R Sports coaches. Please can children have joggers/leggings, trainers and a warm top (we will also wear coats if it is cold).

Year 1 we will be thinking about friendship in RE.

On Tuesday 12th, parents are invited to see their child's castle. Please enter the back classroom door at 3.20pm.

Year 2 we will be dressing up on Tuesday as we go back in time to experience a Victorian classroom. We are also excited to watch the Snow White production on Thursday.

Year 3 we will be preparing our Roman mosaics using clay.

Year 4 we will be starting to investigate fractions.

Year 5 we are having a debate and our final forest school session.

Year 6 we will be continuing our persuasive writing.

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Olivia	Jaguars	Christopher
Penguins	Sienna	Panthers	Harvey
Puffins	Charlotte	Lions	Chelsi
Seahorses	Lilly	Tigers	Thomas
Turtles	Riley	Doves	Matthew
Seals	Erin	Kingfishers	Nancy
Dolphins	Freya	Eagles	Danny
Leopards	Jade	Kestrels	Jimmy

Roll of Honour

- Ashley of Turtles for being a very good friend.
- Jacob of Seals for keeping our class rule of working hard and being resilient.
- Emily of Leopards for encouraging a friend when they were upset.
- Leopards class for their worship about David and Goliath - facing challenges.
- Tildy for bringing other people's belongings back to class after PE without being asked. Lions were very grateful.
- Reuben and Ethan of Tigers for being so helpful in Breakfast Club this week.
- Millie of Kingfishers for always being ready to learn and being so positive towards her work.
- The hockey team for their teamwork and perseverance in the pouring rain!

Achievements

- Thomas of Panthers – HMS Merit Certificate for achieving 30 music merits for superb keyboard practise.
- Alice of Leopards – HMS Merit Certificate for superb practise on keyboard.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Seahorses with 98.75% and in **KS2** were Doves, Jaguars and Lions with 100%.

House Points



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

St Valentine's Day Lunch

The menu on Thursday 14th will be The Perfect Pair (chipolata sausages in a roll) or Cupid's Favourite (pizza) with seasonal veg and salad, followed by Love Cake (and custard), or Chocolate Krispie Whip or heart shaped cookies.

Wildcats are coming to Whitchurch!

Whitchurch United will be running introductory football training for girls during the Spring and Summer terms at Testbourne School. As part the FA SSE Wildcats programme, the sessions will available to girls in Years R to 6. Please follow the link for more information:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/whitchurchutdfc/news/wildcats-are-coming-to-whitchurch-2392267.html>

Whitchurch United Under 10 Black Team

Whitchurch United are seeking new players for next season. If your child is currently in Year 5 and would like to play football for a local club, they would love to hear from you. To register your interest, please contact mark.freeborough@btinternet.com 07468707472.

Half Term at the Silk Mill

Tuesday 19th February, 10.30am-12.30pm – drop in to make tide-dye butterflies. FREE with Mill admission.

Thursday 21st, 10am-12pm – workshop to make your own teacup garden. £5 per child (under 8's must be supervised).

Saturday 23rd, 11am and 2pm – Silk Mill Story Walk – award winning storyteller Michele O'Brien will bring the mill's history to life. Michele is a character actor who creates visual performance that takes the listener on a journey into their own imagination. Fun for all the family. Mill admission applies plus £2.50 per child.

Letters this Week

Year 1 Milestones trip

Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip

FOWPS News



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

Thursday 28th February to 7th March - Charity shop

FOWPS have secured a week in the charity shop again this year. If you are able to donate any items, please contact us. **Please do not bring any donations into school – there is no room to store anything. Thank you.**

We will be running the sunflower competition again from the shop this year, so please pop in and buy your sunflower cup to be in with a chance of winning £25 Amazon vouchers.

Friday 29th March - pudding quiz

The annual pudding quiz is back. If you love a quiz or you're a great baker then grab a ticket or bake up a treat! Tickets are £5, maximum of 8 per team. Bring your own food and drink. Prizes for the best pudding and the winning quiz team.

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 11 th February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 2 Victorian Dress Up Day
Wednesday 13 th February	Parent Consultations (update to day)
Thursday 14 th February	Lions Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Lions family welcome)
Thursday 28 th February	Jaguars Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Jaguars family welcome)
28 th February-7 th March	FOWPS taking over the charity shop – time to buy your sunflower pots
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 1 Milestones visit
Wednesday 6 th March	**Tigers Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all family welcome) - date change**
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - (children to dress up as a book character)
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day Book Fair
Thursday 14 th March	Pelicans Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Pelicans family welcome)
Thursday 14th March	Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip
Thursday 21 st March	Puffins Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Puffins family welcome)
Tuesday 26 th March	Andy Griffiths Author Visit – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 28 th March	Penguins Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (all Penguins family welcome)
Friday 29 th March	Wear a Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research - £1 donation to class teacher at registration
Tuesday 2 nd April	Whole School All Hallows Church Visit
Wednesday 8 th May	Bags2school drop off (more details to follow)
Sunday 12 th May	Primary Pedal (more details to follow)
13th-16th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 24 th May 2019	Inset Day
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 2 Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Trip
Mon 8 th July – Wed 10 th July	Year 4 Ufton Court Residential Trip
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Last day at school

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