



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had a fabulous time during Art Week this week. Sculpture and 3D work has been quite a challenge and the variety of work has been very interesting. We decided not to have a whole school exhibition this year as it was just too crowded last year. Please come and see the children's work on the dates below (after signing in at the office), or visit the school website to read the blogs:

<http://www.whitchurchprimary.com/school-blogs/>

Monday – 9.00-9.30am – Year 1 and 2

Monday – 3.00-3.30pm – Year 3 and 4

Tuesday – 9.00-9.30am – Year 5 and 6

Tuesday – 3.00-3.30pm – Year R

We are conscious now, more than ever about site security. Parents and other adults must come into school via the reception desk and sign in there. Please don't assume that everyone knows who you are and that just popping in to collect something your child has forgotten is ok.

A couple of girls from Year 5 asked why we had not had the minutes silence following the tragedy in London last week. I explained to the girls that we had opted for teachers discussing the situation in class as they can make sure that the discussion is an age- appropriate one.

We have now set the Inset Days for the 2017/18 School Year, as follows:

Monday 4th September

Friday 6th October

Thursday 21st December

Friday 9th February

Monday 4th June

Mrs K Steven

Headteacher

Tidy Classroom Award: Jaguars

Best Lunchtime Award: Kingfishers

Next week in:

Year R we are reading the story 'It's a Groovy World Alfredo' and looking forward to meeting the author, Sean Taylor.

Year 1 we will be starting our new topic 'Into the Woods' and having an author visit.

Year 2 we will be starting our 'Let's Go Exploring' and will be visiting the Polar Regions.

Year 3 we will be learning about our new topic. We are very excited about our visit from the author Sean Taylor.

Year 4 we will be starting our new topic called Coastal Watch.

Year 5 we will be starting our new topic all about the rainforest.

Year 6 we are looking forward to our Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service and Think Safe!

Leading Learners

Pelicans Beatrice & Jorja
Penguins Imogen & Logan
Seahorses Dexter
Turtles Oscar
Starfish Damian
Seals Asha
Dolphins Lois
Jaguars Jack, Hana, Grace

Panthers Millie
Lions Charley
Tigers Harrison & Connie
Doves Joshua
Kingfishers Dani
Eagles Ella
Kestrels Harriet

Roll of Honour

- Zachary, Georgie and Isabelle for settling into our school so well.
- Tom C for helping to tidy up without being asked.
- Mrs Lamb was very proud of the resilience shown by Alanna and Isla when their artwork didn't go to plan.
- Alannah for being such a helpful friend.
- Emma and Theo for being incredibly helpful during art week.
- Luke for an amazing political debate with Mrs Boxall, despite their differing views!

Thank You

To Mr Blake, Mrs Fuller, Mr Lewenden, Mrs Hadley, Bo and Lena for their hard work over the half term break clearing the bushes outside the Year 1 classrooms and replacing them with bark and tables.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Starfish with 98.00% and in **KS2** were Tigers with 99.63%.



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

Swimming Lessons

This year swimming lessons will take place for Year 5 as they were unable to swim last year due to maintenance work on the pool at Testbourne. Following this year, swimming lessons will continue to take place in Year 5. Swimming lessons this year will be at Testbourne pool and will begin on Friday 23rd June. Further information will be provided to parents of children in Year 5.

Rising Five's Pre-School Open Morning – Saturday 10th June 10am-11.30am

Rising Fives take children from 2 years to school age and are open Monday to Friday during school term time. They received Outstanding at their recent Ofsted inspection and would warmly welcome you to visit. Places can be booked by calling 01256 893708 or by email at rising.fives@btinternet.com

Whitchurch Parish Fete – Saturday 8th July, 12.30-4.30pm

The fete has been a traditional activity for the Whitchurch community and it's a great day out for families young and old. There are traditional games, food, drinks, cakes, and entertainment. It is held at the glorious grounds of The Lawn on Church Street beside the River Test. Its £1 per adult to enter whilst all children up to 12 years are free.

FOWPS News



School Summer Fair Saturday 17th June (12-4pm)

We have a great day planned and are hoping for some sunshine this year! We have inflatable slides, archery, football speed shot, judo demonstrations along with the usual favourites of coconut shy, angry birds, teddy tombola and many more. Try your hand at some traditional games like splat the rat, while enjoying some BBQ, cake and Pimms.

With so much planned we need lots of volunteers to help man the stalls on the day. You don't need to do anything apart from turn up and help run the stall on the day - all the set up will have been done already. If you think you can help on the day between 12-2pm or 2-4pm then please do let us know. If we don't get enough volunteers then stalls will have to be cancelled.

Please e-mail louisewalsh@doctors.org.uk or contact the FOWPS e-mail below.

Calling all cake bakers

If you love baking we would be very grateful for any donations to the refreshments stall at the summer fair - cakes can be brought in after school pick up on Friday 16th June or on the morning of the fair.

Plants request

There will be a plant stall at the fair and if you have any donations of plants or have any friends/family who have any donations they can be left in the box in the reception lobby at school. Thank you.

Email: FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Facebook: FOWPS, Whitchurch, Hampshire

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

Monday 12th June	9.00-9.30am – Art Week viewing for parents of Year 1 and 2
Monday 12th June	3.00-3.30pm – Art Week viewing for parents of Year 3 and 4
Tuesday 13th June	9.00-9.30am – Art Week viewing for parents of Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 13th June	3.00-3.30pm – Art Week viewing for parents of Year R
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
Friday 16 th June	Year R,1,2,3 author visit - Sean Taylor
Friday 16 th June	Year 6 Think Safe Trip
Saturday 17 th June	FOWPS Summer Fair
Monday 19 th June	Class photos
Thursday 22 nd June	Penguins Class Worship 9.10am – family members welcome
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 6 Natural History Museum Trip
Friday 23 rd June	Year 3 Folly Farm & Bassetts Farm Trip
Monday 26 th June	Year 4 Cathedral Vocal Project (30 spaces)
Thursday 29 th June	Pelicans Class Worship 9.10am – family members welcome
Friday 30th June	Year 6 to Testbourne
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 1/2 trip to Hilliers
Tuesday 4 th July	Primary Proms trip to The Anvil
Wednesday 5 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 6 th July	Year R trip to Blue Reef Aquarium (details to follow)
Thursday 6 th July	Lions Class Worship 9.10am – family members welcome
Friday 7 th July	Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne
Saturday 8 th July	KS2 Choir Performance at the Parish Fete, The Lawns
Tuesday 11 th July	Whole school church picnic
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 3/4 author visit - Tamsin Cooke
Thursday 13 th July	Reserve date for Sports Day
Friday 21 st July	Whole School Summer Disco and Year 6 BBQ
Monday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents – 9.10am (1 hour max)
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year
Monday 4th September	Inset Day
Friday 6th October	Inset Day
Thursday 21st December	Inset Day
Friday 9th February	Inset Day
Monday 4th June	Inset Day

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