



**\*\*\* Book Fair today in the hall from 3.00-4.00pm \*\*\***

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is always great to hear good things about our children and I have had a few really proud moments this week. Firstly, I enjoyed reading a wonderful and moving piece of writing by Mille G in Year 4, then yesterday I heard about the mature and sensible attitude from the boys who played in the football match. Finally, I am delighted to say that we have a Year 6 boy who has completed the Times Table Challenge. The challenge was introduced by Mrs Dunwell last year and has kept all the Key Stage 2 children busy learning those crucial facts. If you are interested in knowing more about the challenge, there are example sheets on the website in the curriculum section. The children have 3 minutes to answer the questions and do not move up a level unless all questions are answered correctly. If you want to know who our times table champion is, read on!

Have a good weekend

Mrs K Steven  
Head Teacher

**Tidy Classroom Award:** Kingfishers  
**Best Lunchtime Award:** Otters

**Next week in:**

**Year R** we will begin writing a story in the style of the Halibut Jackson story.

**Year 1** we will be starting some English work based on Toy Story. We will be continuing our maths work on measure. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are having a toy vehicle-building day. Please start saving small boxes. If you want to come and help, any time between 10.30-11.45am or 1.00-2.00pm please let the class teacher know. You will need a Whitchurch CofE Primary DBS check.

**Year 2** the Whitchurch Silk Mill would like to invite any parents/carers from Year 2 to come down to the Gill Nethercott Centre on Thursday 15th March from 3:30pm to see the display of Year 2 artwork being revealed, which will go on display outside of the Mill. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Dolphins are looking forward to leading their class worship thinking about Mother's Day.

**Year 3** we will be practising our songs furiously for our "Wind in the Willows" production and starting to design our Roman catapult.

**Year 4** we will be continuing book talk; discovering what Elen gets up to when visiting her grandma.

**\*\* Please ensure costumes are in school by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, as our first dress rehearsal will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> \*\***

**Year 5** we will be visiting the Town Hall to find out about the role the Town Council has.

**Year 6** we will be examining the effects of bacteria on every day items.

**Leading Learners**

Pelicans	Phoebe	Panthers	Kara
Penguins	Florence	Lions	Ollie
Seahorses	Oscar	Tigers	Miriam
Turtles	Sofia-Mae	Doves	Danny
Otters	Harvey	Kingfishers	Keira
Seals	George	Eagles	Lucy
Dolphins	Sofia	Kestrels	Doug
Jaguars	Jessica		

## Roll of Honour

- Jacob of Seals for being a very supportive friend when someone was feeling lonely on the playground.
- Seals Class for a lovely class worship with the theme “don’t judge a book by its cover”.
- Lucas of Otters for his fantastic contribution to all areas of class life.
- Rosa of Otters for taking excellent care of our stick insects.
- Holly of Eagles for always being helpful and using her initiative in day-to-day school life.
- Amber of Kestrels for putting a huge amount of effort into everything!
- The School Councillors (along with Mrs Dunwell) for doing a great job organising the sale of the sunflower seeds this week. Also those Year 6 children who helped with the Year R sales.

## Achievements

- Huge congratulations to Alexander of Kestrels who has completed all 32 levels on the Times Table Challenge.
- Molly of Lions for achieving Beginner Stage Violin.
- Isabelle of Tigers for achieving Beginner Stage Violin.

## Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Seahorses with 100% and in **KS2** were Kingfishers with 98.28%.



House Points winners both last week and this week were Discovery. Well done children!

## Library News

The library is open on Mondays after school until 4pm for parents and children.

## Saturday Club – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Easter egg hunt and lots of other Easter fun. St Luke’s Hall, Overton – 10-11.30am.

The Saturday Club is a club for families organised and run by The Community Church.

## Big Bandana Bake Cake Sale – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – School Hall

Organised and baked by Pauline from our school kitchen. All cakes 50p. All proceeds to The Brain Tumour Charity. Please enter via the rear door to the hall after school.

## Bingo Brian is Back!! Fundraising for Whitchurch Scouts attending the Worldwide Jamboree.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, doors open at 7:30pm, eyes down at 8pm. £10 per ticket, licensed bar available and raffle. For tickets you can book via email: [Whitchurchwsj@gmail.com](mailto:Whitchurchwsj@gmail.com)

## TOTP Disco - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm - 11.00pm - Testbourne Community School

Coming to Testbourne Theatre Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March a chance to step back in time to your favourite TOTP era. Tickets are strictly limited, bring your own food and we will have a licensed cash bar. We would love to see you dressed to impress and there will be prizes for best TOTP attire and best dressed table. We will be raising funds for much needed equipment for Testbourne School. To reserve tickets please email [ptfa@testbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@testbourne.hants.sch.uk)

## FOWPS News



### School Disco - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

KS1 disco - 3:45-4:45pm (children will change in class and go straight to the disco)

KS2 disco – 5.00-6.00pm.

Tickets - Please either send £2 (exact money please) via the class teacher in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class or you can purchase them on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March outside school at 3.30pm. Please try to avoid handing in envelopes at the office.

If you have any donations of sweets or small toys they would be gratefully received. If you are able to help, please email the FOWPS email address below.

#### Eggstravaganza - Thursday 29th March

Come down to the school from 3:30pm to sign up for the Easter treasure hunt, fun for the whole family, entrance is £1.50 per child which includes a prize. There will be free crafts, 50p stalls, refreshments, cakes, tombola and a raffle. Plus, a special guest appearance of the Easter Bunny at 4pm!

#### Quiz Night and Bake-Off – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Postponed earlier due to the snow. If you had a ticket please contact FOWPS if you are still able to make the new date, so that we can release any spare tickets for sale. The quiz is a great night to come and test your brain or cooking, with prizes for the best pudding and to the winner of the quiz. Tickets are £5, which includes as many puddings as you can manage!

#### 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](http://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. We only have 100 tickets so grab them while you can. <https://billetto.co.uk/users/whitchurch-folk-club>

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

<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Dolphins Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (family welcome – enter via rear door to hall)</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Tracey Corderoy & Steven Lenton Author/Illustrator visit Years R, 1, 2 and 3
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Otters Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (family welcome – enter via rear door to hall)</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3/4 performance 2pm (more details to follow)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3/4 performance 6pm (more details to follow)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Turtles Class Worship 9.10-9.30am (family welcome – enter via rear door to hall)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	End of term school disco
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School All Hallows Church Visit (volunteer walkers will be needed please)
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 restaurant afternoon (times to be confirmed)</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWPS Easter treasure hunt
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Primary Pedal
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Ceilidh featuring Belshazzar's Feast (details to follow)</b>
** Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset Day (change of date – no longer Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June) **
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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>