



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I have been showing round prospective children and their parents for Year R places for September 2019. I was so delighted to have the help of the Year 5 children who did a brilliant job as tour guides. It seems very early to start to think about school places for next year, but it takes several months for the local authority to process the applications. If you are aware of anyone with a child who will turn five next academic year please remind them to apply on time; applications close on Tuesday 15th January.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Karen Thorogood who has been our Lead Lunchtime Supervisor for several years. We wish her all the best in her new job.

We will be taking two minutes silence at 11am on Monday morning for Remembrance. Cadets, scouts, guides, brownies, rainbows are welcome to wear their uniforms on this day.

Back by popular demand, is Doodle Maths! As we have subscribed to MyMaths too, we will be using the both apps for the rest of the school year. The class teachers will make sure that the children know what they are expected to do in terms of their homework. Whilst thinking about homework, can I make a plug for hearing your child read? I know this probably doesn't feel like homework, but it is the very best way you can improve your child's chances of success in school and beyond. Mrs Dunwell and I have been reviewing children's reading diaries and we have been disappointed in the amount of reading which has been happening. I am sure we can do better!

Parking

If you need to park near the school for pickup or drop off please park with due consideration for the safety of the children and other pedestrians and also to ensure that you keep the neighbours' drive ways clear. Many thanks.

Mrs K Steven
Head Teacher

Next week in:

Year R we will receive a special delivery!

Year 1 we will be retelling the story of 'Send for a Super Hero'.

Year 1 and Year 2 please remember to send your book orders in for the author visit on Tuesday.

Year 2 we will be making our Fire of London collages. Please bring in a cardboard box – teabag sized.

Year 3 we will be learning about the landscape of Spain and investigating reflective materials in Science.

Year 4 we will be learning about one of the most famous polar expeditions.

Year 5 we will be learning about superlatives and comparatives in English and in Maths we will be learning about multiples and factors. We will also be having our inter-house tournament in hockey.

Year 6 we will start designing and working on our moving cam toy project in Design and Technology.

Tidy Classroom Award: Jaguars

Lunchtime Award: Turtles

Leading Learners

Pelicans	Jessica	Jaguars	Violet
Penguins	Logan	Panthers	Jasmine
Puffins	Jacob	Lions	William
Seahorses	Jake	Tigers	Matilda
Turtles	Finnella	Doves	Owen
Seals	Alana	Kingfishers	Issac
Dolphins	Tillie	Eagles	Elsie
Leopards	Damien	Kestrels	Connie

Roll of Honour

- Freya of Dolphins for her great attitude encouraging her classmates in PE.
- John of Dolphins for being helpful and sharing with others.
- Abigail of Panthers for being a kind friend.
- Jessica of Lions for showing love, courage and respect in everything she does.
- The girls football team for a super start to their league. They played six games, won four and lost two.
- The Year 6 rugby team for representing the school and competing well in some very tough fixtures.

Achievements

- HMS Merit Certificate – Charley of Kestrels for maintaining her consistency and high standard in her violin practice and lessons.
- HMS Level 2 Gold Standard – Charley of Kestrels for violin.

Attendance

The best classes last week in **KS1** were Seahorses with 100% and in **KS2** were Tigers with 99.29%.

House Points



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

Library News

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

Adam and Charlotte Guillain - Author Visit Years 1 and 2

Reminder that Adam and Charlotte Guillain will be visiting Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday 13th November. If your child wishes to purchase a book on the day please can you return the form to school by Monday at the latest in order to avoid disappointment and to make the day run smoothly. Books will still be able to be purchased on the day but we can't guarantee that your child will receive their first choice of book. Thank you for your continued support.

BBC Children in Need

On Friday 16th November we will be raising money for BBC Children in Need by having a mufti day. The children will need to bring in a minimum donation of £1 in exchange for wearing their own appropriate clothes. This charity enables young people to be happy, safe and to reach their full potential so we aim to raise as much money as we can. If you also wish to wear any Children in Need memorabilia, please do so. We will celebrate the purpose of this amazing charity in our whole school worship on Friday morning.

Years R-5 Flu Forms

Please ensure signed forms are back at school by Friday 16th November whether your child is taking part or not.

Recruitment

Two Counties Cleaning Services Ltd are recruiting for cleaners in school (and other areas). Excellent rates of pay. Please contact tania@twocountiescleaning.co.uk 01425 613 860.

Christmas Trees for Sale – Free Delivery by Team Uganda 2019

A limited stock of Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, either 5-6ft (£25) or 6-7ft (£30) are available for FREE DELIVERY to your home in Whitchurch (and surrounding areas) on 8th December 2018 (if you're out we will leave in a designated safe place). These are from the same supplier used last year for Scouts fundraising, which received great feedback. Please book early (by November 16th) to avoid disappointment. For more information, or to order your tree, please email: whitchurchchristmastrees@yahoo.com Tel: 07957 944677. All profits will be used to fund Team Uganda. Team Uganda are 14 local teenagers who will be travelling to Mityana in Uganda in February 2019. The schools of Whitchurch and the surrounding villages have a long established link with Mityana with many children benefiting from seeing the challenges facing communities in Africa first hand. The trip will continue this connection allowing the children to visit local schools and orphanages, form friendships and ultimately bring their experiences back to their schools to inspire others.



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

Please can we ask for donations of any unwanted gifts/prizes for our Christmas fair, also 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

Christmas Card Orders – these must be returned by Friday 16th November in an envelope with a cheque made payable to FOWPS or the correct money. Any changes to your child’s name can be made clearly in the amendments box.

Bag2school – 23rd November (please note date change from previous newsletters)

The bags have now been sent home. Please do not bring full bags to school before the 23rd, as we have nowhere to store them. Collection is usually at 9.00am prompt, so please drop them off into the school car park disabled bay on drop off. Thank you.

Christmas lights switch on - 1st December

FOWPS have a stall at the Parish hall, selling water bottle holders and lots of Christmas crafts

GNC Late night shopping - 6th December

FOWPS have a stall at the GNC, selling water bottle holders and lots of lovely treats and crafts.

Decorate a bauble - 7th December

This fun competition is open to all the children of the school. Simply purchase a bauble from FOWPS for 50p and get decorating! All of the baubles will be displayed on the Christmas wreaths that will be hung in the school hall. Prizes for the best decorated bauble per year group. Bauble sales - Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd November at 3.30pm on the top KS1 playground. All baubles must be returned to class by Friday 7th December. Please label them with child’s name and class.

Christmas Fair - 15th December

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

Letters this week

Flu spray paperwork – please return by Friday 16th November even if you wish your child not to take part

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

Tuesday 13 th November	Adam and Charlotte Guillain author visit Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 27 th November	Pelicans Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Wednesday 28 th November	Puffins Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Thursday 29 th November	Penguins Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School Siblings 2.15pm
Tuesday 4 th December	Pelicans Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Tuesday 4th December	Flu nasal sprays for Years R-5
Wednesday 5 th December	Puffins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Thursday 6 th December	Penguins Nativity Performance to Parents 2.15pm
Wednesday 5 th December	Year 4 Ufton Court Information Evening
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
Thursday 13 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Performance to Parents 9.30am
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>