



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our two friendly school guinea pigs are looking for a home for the Summer holidays please. They are very well behaved and are happy to stay for a week at a time in different accommodation. If you can help out please do let Miss Collins know. Thank you.

Wednesday 19th June

Partners in Learning coffee am in The Den

Thank you for joining us, it was lovely to be able to share ideas. Dates for next term to follow soon.

National Writing Day Wednesday 26th June

We are pleased to be taking part in The National Writing day as a whole school. Upper school and Lower school will be creating poetry from non-fiction texts based on re-cycling.

We will be writing poetry during our usual writing time in the morning.

Years 2, 3 and 4 Parents – we would like to invite you into your child's class to listen to the poetry that they have created.

If you would like to do this, please sign in at the office at 2.45 on Wednesday 26th June, where the pupil host will show you to your child's class. Please then take your child as usual at the end of the day.

Please support us-English text donation week.

We are really excited to be getting ready with our English curriculum for September and would really appreciate your support. We are holding a 'Text donation week' during the week of **Monday 24th June-Friday 28th June.**

Detailed below are English texts that we will be using in KS1 and KS2. We are

hoping to make class sets of each title. If you would like to donate texts, please pass on to Miss Sweet in Lower School reception. For each text handed in, you will receive a raffle ticket.

Texts could be second hand (good condition) or new. Any donations will be very gratefully received.

Many thanks, this is much appreciated.

KS1

Rabbit and Bear - Rabbit's bad habits:

Book 1- Julian Gough

Hotel Flamingo- Alex Milway

Dare to Care: Pet Dragon - Mark

Robertson

Cakes in Space-Phillip Reeve and Sarah

McIntyre

KS2

The Firework Maker's Daughter- Philip Pullman,

Who let the God's out 1- Maz Evans,

The boy who swam with Piranhas-David Almond,

The strange case of Origami Yoda-Tom

Angleberger,

The Iron Man- illustrated copy- Ted

Hughes and Laura Carlin

The BFG- Roald Dahl

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

(The Chronicles of Narnia) - C.S Lewis

Skipping workshop Monday 24th June

Years 1 to 3

We are excited to have Lizzie teaching some amazing skipping skills and tricks to the children.

If you wish to buy a rope she will be selling them at the end of the day.

Plastic Bottle Top Plea for our Plastic

Carnival!

Mrs Priddle is busy organising a mural for us using milk bottle tops. Please do collect as



many as you can and send them in with your children. Many thanks for the growing collection.

Please may we ask for volunteers for our Art Discovery days on Thursday and Friday 18th & 19th July. Please let Mrs Priddle or Mrs Brindle know if you can help on either of these days. Your support is greatly appreciated. More details about the days to follow.

Our PSA - Help us win £5000 for our school libraries! Vote for us, The Westgate School Winchester, and share as widely as you can - the more votes we can get, the greater our chance of being picked! You could also win £100 in book tokens if your nomination is the winning school.

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?fbclid=IwAR1YITz2n_R4uq7u04033Tjc00Od-8qsg6FjF4JUsZ2D2VglwyAQxsQOgNY#.facebook



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We now have a vacancy for a PSA Co-Chair. Please do see myself or Mr Damant for more information.

The Lower School Disco is planned for July 12th.

Oktoberfest – Friday 18th October. More details to follow.

Dates For Your Diary can now be found on our Lower school calendar on our website.

This includes term time and Inset day dates.

Move Up day is on Wednesday 10th July.

There will be an opportunity to learn more about your child's new year group during the afternoon. Timings are as follows for **the year group your child will be moving to in**

September 2019.

Year 5 Room 9 1.15pm

Year 4 Room 7 1.45pm

Year 3 Room 12 2.15pm

Year 2 Room 3 2.45pm

Year 1 Room 6 3.30pm (crèche in YR)

Sports Day 2019

Tuesday 9th July on Chilbolton Field

Year R 9.45am – 10.45am

Key Stage 1 (Y1 & 2) 11am – 12.15pm

Key Stage 2 (Y3 & 4) 1.30pm – 3pm

Reserve date Thursday 11th July

Congratulations!

Well done to Theo and Oliver in Year 4 who both secured a spot in the Under 10s category in the Criterium last week. Theo came 9th and Oliver 7th. Both did really well and got a mention on the loud-speaker! They were racing for their club, Venta.



MacKenzie for excellent teamwork

Learners of the Week

Well done to the following children who are our Learners' of the week:

Ash: Imogen W

Oak: Amy S

Rowan: Isaac J

Beech: Rowan Hunter

Willow: Sergio

Birch: Logan

Pine: Nahyan G and Niklas H

Elm: Lucas & Zane

Chestnut: Jacob

Larch: Freddie N

Year Group Information

Year R



YEAR R – Please talk to your child about our visit to Chilbolton Field and practising our Sports Day races.

Maths Games for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our maths games session on the following Fridays;

12.07.19

Celebration Certificates

Citizen of the Week

Imogen H for being kind and showing awareness of the feelings of her friends

Samuel for always being kind and helpful to his friends when designing and building together

Imogen Ed for helping her friends when they are unhappy

Marti M for working hard to develop his behaviour for learning. This week, it allowed him to write an amazing retell of Clumsy Crab!

Caleb for super teamwork

Luca for enthusiasm and having a great sense of humour

Kitty R for being a supportive friend

Olivia for always being kind and helpful to others

Anais for leading her team so effectively in putting up a tent

The children continue to demonstrate their problem-solving skills in the water area by exploring different ways of transporting and collecting water. Dens were also created outside at the beginning of the week so that they could shelter from the rain.

We now have some warmer, sunny weather. Please could you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school.

Year 1

Please talk to your child about creatures that live under the sea.



Diving under the sea this week has been so much fun! Through role play we've been divers, mermaids, stingrays, dolphins, crabs... AND we've written stories in the style of 'Clumsy Crab', which has allowed us to really show off our amazing writing skills. Next Tuesday is our school trip to Portsmouth Dockyards. Please remember that every child needs their own rucksack and water bottle, because we will not have a base to leave things in. All children will have a packed lunch provided by school. We are preparing for very wet but warm weather, so please ensure your child also has a lightweight, waterproof coat and suitable shoes for climbing stairs - such as trainers or walking boots.

Year 2

YEAR 2 - Please talk to your child about whales and dolphins.



The children loved the Whale talk we had on Monday. We learnt so much about whales, dolphins and porpoises - including the length of various dolphins! Please look on orcaweb.org.uk for more information. This has inspired our English this week, we have been looking at the story of 'The Snail and The Whale' using it to think about character's emotions and feelings. Next week will be writing our own story adventure as well as using our topic slots for lots of non-fiction writing and research. In maths we are revisiting subtraction on a

number line and measuring length. Let's hope the sun is shining so we can measure outside!

Year 3

Please talk to your child about our seed/plant Investigation.



This week in maths we have been looking at how to collect data and present it in a pictogram or bar graph. In English we have started a new text called the 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. We started the week by smelling different tea leaves and describing what we thought they smelt like. We then have looked at images within the text to describe the scene, using wow adjectives. Through drama we have become different characters and thought about their emotions and feelings.

Year 4



Please talk to your child about what to expect when camping.

This week has been another exciting and learning filled week. On Monday, both classes became newly recruited Roman soldiers and used their hand made shields to march in a tortoise formation - an essential skill for the soldiers. On Thursday they learnt how to set up a camp using real tents (and how quickly

evacuate camp in the event of an enemy attack!) Both classes have also shared their newspaper reports about the death of Julius Caesar with Year 7. Please can all library books be hunted out by 28th June so the loan list can be updated. Please also check emails for final details for the camping trip.

Early Morning Yoga Tuesdays 8am

Yoga club starts on Tuesday 25th June at 8am for 4 sessions.

Jo Lamaison who teaches in the Upper School is leading the sessions and Year 3 had a successful trial last week.

She is running 4 sessions this term and there are still places available so please let Miss Sweet know if you would like your child to attend these trial sessions.



“Linked to the clean air and walk to school challenges this hopes to get you to make a big effort during the week to be more active on your way to school either by a scooter or bike. It is an inter school challenge so the more we can get involved in the scoot there are school prizes to be won”.

Scooter Challenge 24-28th June

Linked to the clean air day today, we are supporting the Scooter week encouraged by our local council.

We have enjoyed an assembly to launch scooter week and do hope that you can support your children in coming to school either by scooter / walking or cycling.

Please do make sure your child’s scooter is named.

Community Events

Winchester Museums

“<https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/event/keats-winchester-young-peoples-poetry-workshops-0>”

Keats in Winchester: Young People's Poetry Workshops | Hampshire Cultural Trust



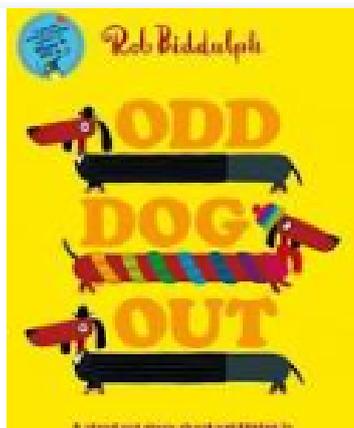
www.hampshireculture.org.uk

Discover what's on. Take a trip to our museums, arts centres and galleries across Hampshire for great family days out, to find out more about our history and heritage, discover world-class art or enjoy some of the very best in music, theatre and comedy that the county has to offer”.

Books to encourage empathy

I was lucky enough to attend a workshop recently based on developing empathy in children. We are keen to further children’s understanding of each other and were recommended books to support empathy development. I have been asked by some parents to recommend these books. I will

share a suggested book from the list each week:



Odd Dog Out by Rob Biddulph – A scarf-wearing dachshund feels uncomfortably different. A fun book for helping children explore the absurdity of 'in and out' groups.

We are looking for resources to make Year 1 even better! We would appreciate donations of; building blocks, construction kits/toys, any loose parts (buttons, keys, corks, screws, seeds, beads etc.), guttering, pipes, decking planks, pallets, milk crates, tyres, tree trunks, natural objects (conkers, pine cones, acorns, feathers etc.), fancy dress ... and pretty much anything else that you think we could use to learn through play with! Please speak to Miss Phillips if you think you could help us with this. It would be much appreciated.

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11th Winchester (Fulfood) Scout Group



BEAVERS

INVITATION TO PARENTS

3pm on Friday 28th June at Westgate Lower School.

(Finished by 3.15pm in time to make school collection)

11th Winchester (Fulfood) Scout Group for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and Lisa Gibbons, the Winchester Scouts Development Officer invite you to a 15 minute meeting to talk about 6 year old girls and boys (and those almost 6) becoming Beaver Scouts.

Following an enthusiastic response from your children, the aim of the meeting is to:

- Tell you about what Beavers do and how things work
- Invite you to help. Without your active parental involvement Scouting doesn't happen. We are all parents with busy lives, but we can share the load.
- Provide many more spaces for 6 year old girls and boys.
- Allow you to ask questions.

All of us from 11th Winchester (Fulfood) Scout Group and Winchester District Scouts look forward to meeting you on Friday 28th June for a 3pm start for 15 minutes.

Wishing you all a very happy and drier weekend.

Kind regards,

Liz Woodall

Head of Primary Phase