



# Newsletter 36

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**NON UNIFORM DAY – TOMORROW** – Children may come to school in non uniform when they bring in items for the school fayre including cuddly toys, bottles, sweet jars etc.

**END OF YEAR PICNIC** - We will be enjoying our annual 'last day picnic' on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12:30pm. Please arrive at 12:30pm with your picnic and join your children on the field. Please leave at 1:15pm, as the children will return to school until the normal time of 3:15pm. Please still provide your children with packed lunches on this day, as if the weather is poor we will have to cancel, and the children will still need a lunch. The school kitchen will be closed, therefore school dinners will not be available. This includes KS1 who normally receive a free school meal. Please do not bring alcohol, and take all your rubbish home with you, as last year the refuse collection service did not empty the bin over the school holidays. Thank you.

**ROCKSTEADY CONCERT** – Parents of children who take part in Rocksteady are invited to a concert on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45pm. Two members per family are invited to attend.

**2019/20 CLASSES** – Classes have now be set for the next academic year. Please see the break down below:

Teachers:		Children also enjoy sessions of art, music, singing and gardening plus sports sessions from our popular outside coaches.  Swimming and gymnastics will take place every Thursday at local facilities for all year groups on rotation.
RECEPTION	Miss Knight	
YEAR 1	Miss Fudge	
YEAR 2	Mrs James	
YEAR 3	Mrs Kierk	
YEAR 4	Miss Money	
YEAR 5	Mrs Newman and Mrs Hay	
YEAR 6	Mrs Oldfield	

**LIFESKILLS** – Children in Year 6 attended Lifeskills Safety Education Centre this week and were taught how to spot hazards and stay safe. During their visit, the children practised making emergency 999 calls, discovered and reacted to a house fire, learnt basic first aid and experienced the consequences of trespassing on a railway line – all made realistic with the use of light, sound and wind effects.



**MRS RICH** - It is with heavy heart we bid farewell to Mrs Rich at the end of this term. Mrs Rich has proven to be an invaluable member of staff, having worked mainly in upper key stage 2 at our school. Her lessons have been seen to be inspiring, unusual, exciting and a representation of sensational teaching! During a recent visit by neighbouring schools' headteachers, they praised her intricate use of language and the methods in which she brought the very best from the children with her accurately pinpointed questioning. Her class books have been used to showcase what our pupils are capable of achieving, whilst her classroom itself is testament to how Mrs Rich is willing to go 'the extra mile.' It is particularly impressive to note that Mrs Rich joined our school as a trainee LSA, has risen to the position of class teacher, and is now looking to go beyond that! Mrs Rich is indeed the embodiment of 'Achieving Our Best Together', we wish her well in her new school!



**MISS FUDGE** - You may have noticed a new name on our staff list for next year: Miss Fudge! Miss Fudge will be joining us as our new Year 1 teacher next year. Having had over 30 applicants for the post, Miss Fudge proved to be the winning candidate during a day of strenuous lesson observations and interviews, and developed a wonderful link with the class she worked with very quickly! She also exhibited some superb pieces of work she'd created with her current class, so for these reasons and more we look forward to Miss Fudge joining



**MRS LAWSON** - We have a new Deputy Head Teacher! Mrs Lawson will be joining us in the next academic year as our Deputy Head, as well as taking on the SENDCo role (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and a number of other positions crucial to the running and constant development of our school. Hailing from a school in Hampshire, where Mrs Lawson is currently a Deputy Head, she will bring a wealth of skills and knowledge to make Whitchurch Primary School an even better place to learn! Brimming with ideas and methods to strengthen our teaching and learning even more, Miss Lawson has already visited the school to work alongside Mr Hornsby in developing next year's action plans, and is scheduled to return to carry on this work before the end of this term. Do feel free to welcome her to the school if you see her on the gate!



**ATTENDANCE** - Attendance is once again becoming an issue at Whitchurch Primary School. Please note we do not track and insist on attendance every day merely to appease OFSTED, as it really does have a significant impact on the children's day-to-day learning. This is not only for the children who are taken out of school during term time, as obviously they're missing their education, but also every child in the class. When a child returns from a period of absence a Learning Support Assistant, or teacher, is needed to bring them 'up to speed' and fill in any gaps. This LSA or teacher could be better placed helping all children, or groups of children who need support for other reasons. Please have all children in school, on time, every day, so that **all** children can 'achieve their best together.'

**BIKEABILITY** – Children in Year 6 that are taking part in Bikeability have now been allocated dates. The first group will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July and the second group will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Children should bring their bike and helmet into school at the start of the day on these dates. A text has been sent home to inform you which group your child is in.

**YEAR 6** – Leavers performance – Due to unforeseen circumstances the performance has been moved to Wednesday 17th July in school at 6pm.

**PTA ICE CREAMS** – Friends of Whitchurch Primary will be selling ice creams after school every Friday for 20p-£1.

**SUMMER FAYRE** – Friends of Whitchurch Primary Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 12 – 3pm. Please contact a member of the PTA or the school office if you would like to have a stall.

**SILENT AUCTION** – The PTA will be once again running a silent auction. A list of items is attached. Please complete the form and return to the school office in a sealed envelope by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Paper copies are available from the office.

**SPORTS DAY** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – reminder – please do not park in the community centre car park next door. Parking is available at the Toby Maes Knoll.

**SRE** – Parents/Carers are welcome to come in to school to view the sex education video on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July as below:

**Year 4 – 1pm**

**Year 5 – 2.30pm**

Please do not bring pre school children.

**WE LOVE LIBRARIES** – Library Opening hours - during school: Tuesday 1.45-2.15pm KS2, Wednesday 1.45-2.15pm KS1 and KS2, Friday 1.45-2.15pm KS1. After school: Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm. All children and their carers welcome to enjoy our library and borrow books.

### **THIS WEEKS' ATTENDANCE RESULTS!**

Reception: **86%**

Year 1: 92.8%

Year 2: 93.5%

Year 3: 90.8%

Year 4: 92.9%

Year 5: 92.8%

Year 6: 94.2%

**THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE YEAR 6!**

**Year 6 will receive 10 minutes extra play time!**

### **PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!**

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work, which will go into a 'showcase' book for visitors to view in the school office. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

Last week's children are:

**RECEPTION:** Max has been praised – Tyrone has received the showcase award

**YEAR 1:** Tyler has been praised – Cobi has received the showcase award

**YEAR 2:** Tallulah has been praised – Brayden has received the showcase award

**YEAR 3:** Isaac has been praised – Edward has received the showcase award

**YEAR 5:** Ashleigh has been praised – Katie has received the showcase award

**YEAR 6:** Beth has been praised – Dylan has received the showcase award