



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the children and families who came to **Education Sunday** at St Leonard's church Whitsbury. A very special thank you goes to **Jenny Trewin** for organising the activities for the children and to **Erica Williamson** for adapting and reading a specially chosen prayer. **Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher**



Sports News

Y3/4 Cross-country

On Monday we went to cross country at New Milton. We were put into four teams of three to run in a relay around a field and woodland area. Our teams did well coming 16th, 26th 27th and 55th out of 55 teams. Well done to **Sienna Adams, Mollie Joy, Lola Nicholls, Lucia Broadbridge, Anna Garrett, Jemima Boxall, Jonny Tappenden, William Anderson, Daniel Hillman, Finlay Newman, Harry Lockyer & Ilya Ihnatenko**, and thank you to **Mrs Sherwood, Mrs Adams, Mrs Tappenden, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Hillman** for taking us.

Report written by Mollie Joy and Harry Lockyer



Y5/6 Tennis

First we need to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the people that took part in the tournament: **Niall Hillwood, Lilya Hastings, Sam Smith, Will Smith, Tom Garrett, Darcy Thrale, Connie Trewin, Charlie Patton, Fern Sherwood, Aaron Wood, Elsie Graham and Zoe Hanson.**

We all worked really hard on our tennis and showed great sportsmanship to all the other schools. We all supported each other even when we lost. Also we need to say a big thank you to Ms Nicholls and the bus drivers for actually making the tournament happen. We are so proud...

WE WON THE WHOLE TOURNAMENT!

Written by Niall Hillwood and Lily Hastings.



Stars of the Week

Well Done to.....

YR – Michael Ford, Leo White-Moore
Y1 – Oliver Macildowie, Bruno Coogan
Y2 – Seb Miller, Freyja Owen

Ambassador's Award
 Cameron House, Georgia Trewin, Ted Coyle, Rosie Smith

Lunchtime Award
 Herbie Cracknell, Daisy Castell & Lexi Mongey



Help us to get £5000 to spend on books – **National Book Tokens** are running a competition for schools to win books – please click on the link and help us win !

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



Reminders

- All children should be wearing proper **black school shoes** NOT open toed sandals or trainers.
- **Dinner money** – please remember to pay in advance so we don't have to send bills out.
- **Sun hats and water bottles!**
- **Class photo orders** need to be returned by Monday 19th June.
- **Y4 residential** money and forms need to be returned by Friday 23rd June.

News from the Friends of Western Downland

Please bring in Tombola donations on Monday 19th June - and have a **Non-uniform day on Friday 23rd June.** **Summer Fair on Saturday June 24th.**
Next meeting date:
Thursday 6th July @ Churchill Arms, Alderholt, 7pm



Community News
Messy Church - 25th June at All Saints, Martin

Letters/Notices this week...

- Y4&5 Primary Prom letter
- Curriculum Newsletters



School Governor – Alix Downing
TOP TIPS FOR ENGAGEMENT!
(DID YOU KNOW OCTOPUSES CAN WALK ON LAND?!)

For those of you who don't know me, I am one of our team of governors, who are committed to make our school as good as it possibly can be, and I have under my remit Standards and Curriculum and Pupil Premium monitoring. Whilst the majority of our work is carried out in school, conferences can be invaluable, and Kim and I attended one this week, entitled "Gaining an Advantage", where the keynote speaker, Janet Goodall, from Bath University, was inspirational.

The main point Janet wanted to get across was the importance of engagement of parents and carers with their children to help with their learning. As a parent as well as a governor, I found several points she made really interesting, and worth sharing;

- 80% of the difference in how well children perform is as a result of what happens outside school, not in school
- How parents engage with their children is more important than who they are in terms of any socio-economic group
- Children want their parents to know what they are learning, even if it appears they don't, and even if the parents don't really understand some of it
- As a school, we should be asking you, as parents, to tell us things about your child(ren) that will help the teachers to help him/her/them learn.

Finally, after sharing with us the fact that octopuses really can walk on land, Janet suggested that we ask our children to share three facts with us that they think we don't know, and that we, in turn share three facts with them that we think they don't know. Maybe some of these facts could then be shared in the class on a Monday morning?

Western Downland Primary School Diary

Summer Term 2017	
Mon 19 th June	Y5/6 Summer Sports @ Burgate
Tues 20 th June	Y5/6 Girls Kwik Cricket @ Totton
*Weds 21 st June	YR Trip to Hengistbury Head
Saturday 24 th June	Friends' Summer Fair
Sunday 25 th June	Messy Church at All Saints, Martin 3pm
Mon 26 th June	Y5 Taster Day @ Burgate
Thurs 29 th June	School Open Morning
*Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th July	Transition Week
Weds 5 th July	Y6 Induction Day at Burgate
Weds 5 th July	Y4/5 Primary Prom @ Basingstoke
Thurs 6 th July	Friends' meeting @ Churchill Arms, Alderholt, 7pm
Fri 7 th – Sat 8 th July	Y4 Residential to Ancient Technology Centre, Cranborne
Mon 10 th July	Burgate Mini-Olympics
Fri 14 th July	Variety Show
Tues 18 th & Thurs 20 th July	Summer Term Parent Consultations
Tues 18 th July	School Sports Day @ Damerham site (<i>Reserve date Wednesday 19th</i>)
Fri 21 st July	Y1/2 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium
Fri 21 st July	School Disco
Tues 25 th July	Leavers' Service
Wed 26 th July – Fri 1 st September	Summer Holiday
Autumn Term 2017	
Mon 4 th September	INSET DAY
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October	Half-Term
Mon 30 th October	INSET DAY

*new or changed date