



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a good Easter break! What an exciting week this has been with the full time opening of our **Little Foresters Nursery!** It has been quite special having the younger children on site with us. We will have an **official opening** combined with a Farm

Day event on **Wednesday 23rd May.**

Please contact us if you would like to find out more or visit our Nursery.

Kim Wilcox,
Headteacher



Warm Weather



While the weather is warm and sunny can you please ensure your child has suncream applied before they come to school. There is no need to send any bottles in to school unless the weather is particularly hot, when we will do our best to keep the children in the shade. They should bring a named hat in to keep at school and a water bottle. Thank you

Year 5 Residential to Tile Barn

We are very proud of Year 5. They showed courage, determination, resilience and wonderful support of each other during their various challenges at the centre. We also had many compliments from the centre staff to say how well behaved the children were. The crate challenge (ending with dangling in the air) seemed to be a firm favourite! A huge thank you to all the adults who gave their time and helped to make this so special for the children.



Western Downland Choir to perform

at the Royal Albert Hall

"Only 3 days to go until our Year 5 & 6 Choir members get the incredible opportunity to sing on the stage at the Royal Albert Hall, along with other children from across Hampshire! They have been practising hard, with a final rehearsal at the Anvil in Basingstoke on Sunday* and then performing on Monday evening. We wish them a very memorable day.



**Please note we have just been sent an additional message for parents that the collection point at 13:30 on Sunday is in The Anvil Stalls Foyer by the Forge (in the main entrance to the right).*

News from the Friends of Western Downland



Next meeting dates: **10th May** @ The Churchill Arms, **14th June** @ the Compasses and **12th July** @ The Churchill Arms. All meetings start at 7pm. All Welcome !

We are looking for someone to take over running the second hand uniform shop. If you are interested please let us know.

ALIX DOWNING - LONDON LANDMARKS HALF MARATHON

“Well, I did it.....but the starting was the hard bit!

Due to overrunning engineering works, I was half an hour late to the start line, and was only able to begin running after pleading my case. As a result, I was the very last person out of the 10,000+ runners for the first two miles, my only company being the sweeper on his motor-bike, but, thankfully, by mile 3, I'd caught up with a few of the stragglers and overtaken them, and when I caught the back pace maker and went past her, I finally began to relax.

The race was amazing – the route started at Pall Mall, past Trafalgar Square, down the Strand, round Aldwych, over Waterloo Bridge and back again, along the Embankment, through the City of London, passing Bow Bells, and the Museum of London, then up to the Tower of London and back along the Embankment to Downing Street, where the medals were dispensed by Pearly Kings and Queens. The crowds were great, and the official charity cheering stations along the route made a huge difference to morale!

I had a goal of 3 hours in mind, and was utterly chuffed to see my Garmin registered 2:53:22 as I went through the finish line, later discovering that my final mile was my fourth fastest!

I would like to thank those of you who sponsored me on this – it's because of my sponsorship that I was determined not to give up at the start, and to keep going – thank you!”

We are all proud of you Alix. Well Done and thank you for all your efforts for our new Nursery.



Letters this week

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Spring Term 2018

Sunday 22nd April	Hampshire @the Hall rehearsal, The Anvil, Basingstoke 10:45– 13:30
Monday 23rd April	Hampshire @ the Hall, Royal Albert Hall, 08.30-late
Weds 9th May	Rainbow Class trip to Farmer Palmers
Thurs 10th May	Friends Meeting @ Churchill Arms 7pm
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs
Tues 22nd May	Whole School Sponsored Walk & Art from Nature Day
Weds 23rd May	Official Opening of Little Foresters Nursery
Thurs 24th May	Class Photos
Fri 25 th May	INSET DAY
Mon 28 th May - Fri 1 st June	Half Term
Mon 4 th - Fri 8 th June	Year 6 Wales Residential
Saturday 30th June	Friends Summer Fair
Thurs 28th & Fri 29th June	School Production
Monday 9th July	Burgate Mini Olympics
Weds 11th July	Whole School Sports Day
Tues 17th July	Disco
Friday 20th July	Last day of term
Mon 23 rd July	INSET DAY