



Dear Parents and Carers,

The **power of reading** can never be underestimated. Enabling children to become fluent, comprehending readers and nurturing a love for reading is a core aim. That is why reading is a key part of the homelearning we set for all children. Children are never too old to be read to. Thank you to those who came to our **phonics workshop** on Wednesday. If you were unable to be there but would still like to have the information, then please contact the school office for a copy of the slides or download them from our website on the curriculum, phonics page.

I would also like to congratulate all those children who took part in the **Summer Reading Challenge**. We will continue to announce the names of children who successfully completed the challenge in our Newsletter, so please let us know if your child has done this.



Don't forget that children can also access the online **Lexia** reading programme that the school subscribes to from home. Please contact us if you have any problems accessing this.

Finally, next Thursday is **National Poetry Day** with the theme "Freedom". Why not share your favourite poem with your child or come into school to share it with your child's class or maybe even write your own poem to share in our Newsletter? **Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher**

Our new pupil leaders for 2017-18



The children always amaze with their preparation and presentation of their applications for school roles and responsibilities.

Well done to all the **year 2 children** who put themselves forward for **Infant School Councillors** and a special well done to **Flyn Wills and Oliver Walker** who were elected by the infant children.

At the junior site, Year 6 pupils had to apply for the positions that interested them and give an interview with the Headteacher and Class Teacher. We were extremely impressed with the thought and effort that went into this and they can each be very proud of their efforts.

Our Year 6 School Leaders are:

- Librarians:** Lucy Grose, Romalie Berjaoui, Maisie Joy & Harriet Henderson
- House Captains:** Georgie Underhill & Aaron Wood for Peregrines (Blue house); Rohan Foster & Connie Trewin for Kestrels (Red house), Tom Garrett & Darcy Thrale for Buzzards (White house)
- Learning Ambassadors:** Lily Miller, Max Brownsey, Keira Tappenden, Katie Hartley-Nadhar
- Health & Safety Officers:** Elsie Graham & Fergus Bouskell
- Tech Crew:** Jack Coyle & Dan Vaughan
- Sports Ambassadors:** Zoe Hansen, Charlie Patton, Alexander Kear & Georgina Downing
- Peer Mentors:** Connie Trewin, Nathan Richardson, Ben Wilson, Georgina Downing & Elsie Graham
- Head Girl/Boy:** Lydia Calais & Toby Savage

Stars of the Week

Well Done to.....

All of Year R for their fantastic start to school

- Year 1: **Zachary Ford & Milly Fox**
- Year 2: **Wystan Edgley**
- Year 3: **Oran Livingstone**
- Year 4: **Phoebe Courtney**
- Year 5: **Ana Brook & Mollie Joy**
- Year 6: **Katie Hartley-Nadhar & Aaron Wood**

Well Done to the following children who completed the

Summer Reading Challenge

- Charlie Burchell**
- Charlie Ricketts**
- Oliver Macildowie**
- Edward Macildowie**
- Beatrice Anderson**



Golden Leaves

- For Maypole Dancing:** Isabella Watt, Sienna Adams, Romalie Berjaoui, Lydia Calais, Connie Trewin, Lily Miller, Maisie Joy, Millie Calais, Zoe Hansen, Maddie White, Georgina Downing, Amelia Jacobs & Anna Garrett

- **Good Quality Second Hand Uniform:** This will be available to view and buy at pick up time at the **Rockbourne site on Wednesday 27th September & at Damerham on Thursday 28th September.** *We always welcome donations of good quality logo school uniform such as the sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts. Please bring any donations to the school office.*
- Please continue to support us this month in **Waitrose**, Ringwood. If you buy something there remember to collect your token and vote for us. The more tokens we get, the bigger share of the **£1000** we get!
- Our next meeting is on **Thursday 19th October at the Churchill Arms, Alderholt. Please come and join us.**



Reminders

- **Harvest Festival Service** at St George's Church, Damerham – 9.45am, **Friday 29th September** – All welcome. Gifts of food the children bring in will help local residents in our villages and will also support our local food bank.

Letters this week.....

- Year 1&2 Trip to Beaulieu
- Harvest Service



Join the band!

HYDE TRAINING BAND has vacancies for new players – if you want to learn to play a new instrument, or brush up your music skills, come and join us on Monday evenings, 6.30-7.30pm at the Glasshouse Studios, Fryern Court Road, Fordingbridge. Expert group tuition, free instrument loan, or bring your own. Beginners, improvers, and all ages welcome. Opportunities to play at local events, and with Hyde Band. Call 01425 654020 or email soobee@btinternet.com for further details.

Western Downland Primary School Diary

Autumn Term 2017

Fri 29 th September	Harvest Festival @St George's Church, 9.45am
Tues 3 rd October	Year 1 & 2 Visit to Motor Museum @ Beaulieu
Tues 3 rd & Thurs 5 th October	Parent Consultations
Tues 10 th October	School Photographer
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October	Half-Term
Mon 30 th October	INSET DAY
Mon 4 th December	Flu Immunizations – Infant site and Years 3 & 4
Wed 13 th December	School Christmas Services (afternoon & evening)
Wed 20 th December	School Disco
Fri 22 nd Dec – Weds 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term 2018	
Thurs 4 th January	Return to school
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th February	Half-Term
Mon 19 th February	INSET DAY
Fri 30 th March-Fri 13 th April	Easter Holiday
Summer Term 2018	
Mon 16 th April	Return to School
Mon 14 th -Fri 18 th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs
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

*new or amended date