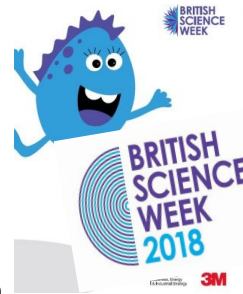


Dear Parents and Carers,



Having a personal passion and interest for science, I always look forward to **British Science & Engineering week (March 12th to 16th)**. What makes this such a fantastic week for the children, is the **array of volunteers** who come in and give a talk or demonstration about their jobs, hobbies or interests, that have a connection with Science,



Stars of the Week

- Y3— Noah Wilkinson & Jamie Legg
- Y6— Elsie Graham, Fergus Bouskell & Rohan Foster

Letters this week

- Y3/4 Saxon Day

Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (**STEM** subjects). Last year we learnt about the Bloodhound Project, amphibious vehicles, nursing & keeping healthy, acids & alkalis, theory of flight, veterinary science, anatomy and care of whippets, a

Polar Expedition, dissection of flowers, tractors, the anatomy of a pig’s heart & lungs, and the world of engineering. **We now need your help again to make this year’s week just as exciting!** Please contact us if you can volunteer time to give a short talk or presentation about something which has a connection to one of these STEM subjects. Not only does it help to captivate children’s interests but it also helps to show children how the subjects they learn in school relate to the real world, opening up ideas of possibilities for their

future. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kim Wilcox, Headteacher

Inspiring our young authors— Angela McAllister visits Western Downland

What a real privilege to have Angela McAllister share her books with us on Thursday,

including “Wild World” which has not even reached the bookshops yet! Thank you Angela for giving your time so generously.



Western Downland is now on Twitter!

So that we can share with you the fabulous things that happen in school, we are now on Twitter. Why not follow **Western Downland Primary @WesternDownland!**



“Little Foresters” Nursery Class News

We want to give a **huge thank you to Alix Downing and Kathryn Peaty** who have both committed themselves to personal projects to help raise funding to support our Nursery.

“In four weeks time, I am lining up for a new London Half Marathon – the London Landmarks Half – and although my time is likely to be slow, I’m determined to finish!

By running, I’d like to raise some money for two very good causes. One is our very newly opened nursery, Little Foresters, which would benefit hugely from some additional start up funding, and the other is CAFOD – an international development charity which does a tremendous amount helping to tackle poverty and injustice in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

As I wish to support two causes, it is not possible to have a Just Giving page, but if you do want to sponsor me, there are forms at both the Rockbourne and

Damerham sites.

Any amount, no matter how small, will make a difference and will encourage me to keep running – thank you!” **Alix Downing**

Kathryn ran a coffee morning in Martin, which raised a record amount of **£100** for the nursery! **Thank you** to Kathryn for this superb contribution and to everyone who supported it.



Reminders

Y5 & 6 residential deposits are now overdue. Please pay by the end of next week so we know how many places we need to book on the trips. Thank you.

Please ensure that children have warm coats and water bottles in school every day.



News from the Friends of Western Downland

Next meeting dates: **1st March @ The Compasses** and **10th May @ The Churchill**. All meetings start at 7pm. All Welcome !



Spring Term 2018	
Tues 27th February	Y5/6 Hockey @ Lymington 1.30pm
Thurs 1st March	World Book Day
Fri 2nd March	Y4-6 Netball @ Burgate 2pm
Weds 7th March	Y3/4 Netball @ Lymington 1.30pm
*Thurs 8th March	Y1/2 Trip to Breamore School
Fri 9th March	Y3/4 Tag Rugby @ Brockenhurst 1pm
*Mon 12th – Fri 16th March	BRITISH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING WEEK
Tues 13th March	Y4-6 Tag Rugby @ New Milton 1pm
Weds 14th March	Y5/6 Girls Football @ Ringwood 1.30pm
*Weds 14th March	Y2 SATS information evening 6.30pm
Thurs 22nd March	Spring Music Concert
Fri 23rd March	FRIENDS' QUIZ NIGHT
Tues 27th March	Easter Service
Fri 30th March – Fri 13th April	Easter Holiday
Summer Term 2018	
Mon 16 th April	Return to School
Mon 16th - Weds 18th April	Year 5 Tile Barn Residential
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs
Fri 25th May	INSET DAY
Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June	Half Term
Mon 4 th - Fri 8 th June	Year 6 Wales Residential
Thurs 5th & Fri 6th July	School Production
Monday 9th July	Burgate Mini Olympics
Weds 11th July	Whole School Sports Day
Mon 23rd July	INSET DAY