



Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone is a Star this week! Thank you for your **generosity** and **kindness** in donating your Harvest Gifts. These will be shared between elderly members of our **local community**, to show our continued care and thought for them, and to our local food bank to help others in need. You have made a difference...

Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher



Rotary Club Shoebox Collections

Shoeboxes have already started to arrive in school- thank you. A reminder that the collection date from both sites is **Monday 16th October**. Leaflets with details about the scheme are still available at each school office. The shoeboxes are then transported to Rotary Clubs in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania where they are distributed to children at Christmas time by local Rotarians. Last year, Rotary International distributed over **25,000 shoeboxes**. With your help to increase the number of shoeboxes, we would like to be able to bring joy to even more disadvantaged children this year.

An appeal for helpers

As a school we are extremely lucky with the offers of parental help we get on a regular basis. This helps makes our small school budget go even further. We have some need of help with the following.....

- **Year 6 Wales Residential June 4th -8th** - we need someone who will take on the **cooking** for the week , someone to **drive one of the minibuses** (we can provide the training) and someone who can take a **van to transport the luggage**.
- The **Withy House at Rockbourne** needs another haircut- can anyone volunteer time to prune the willow?
- The **beautiful wooden seats in the Ludus at Rockbourne** need sanding down and a coat of varnish- can anyone offer time to do this ? (We can supply the materials)
- We are looking to update our **school website**- does anyone have any expertise in school **web design**?

If you think you can offer help with any of the above, please contact one of the school offices. Thank you.

News from the Friends of Western Downland

- 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!
- **SCHOOL DISCO**: We have changed the date to **Friday 3rd November** . The theme will be a **Spooky Disco** (come dressed as something spooky!)
- Our next meeting is on **Thursday 19th October at the Churchill Arms, Alderholt**. Please come and join us.



Reminders

Year 1&2 trip to Beaulieu on Tuesday 3rd October

British Food Day – Thursday 5th October

Parents Consultations Tuesday 3rd & Thursday 5th October



Community News

Futurefarms Open Day
Saturday 30th September 1:30 – 4:30pm

Farm tours – meet the pigs & piglets, feed the chickens and see the veg growing. Win a pumpkin!

Pick your own raspberries. Produce for sale. Free entry

Martin Drove End SP6 3JT

CREAM TEAS
 village hall 1:30-4:30pm

Regal Cinema, Fordingbridge

Please see the attached flyer from the Regal Cinema in Fordingbridge about their Saturday morning family-friendly screenings. The cinema is run as a not-for-profit community cinema by the Fordingbridge Regal Cinema Club.

Letters this week.....

- Parent Consultations
- Y5/6 Football

Messy Church

Thank you to all who came to support Messy Church by the river. Particular thanks to Reverend Player, Rosemary and Jenny for leading such a successful event. We decorated paper boats to float down the river and sat around a paper camp fire eating Fish and Chips. Please keep your eyes open for future Sunday Church club events.



Western Downland Primary School Diary

| Autumn Term 2017 | |
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| Tues 3 rd October | Year 1 & 2 Visit to Motor Museum @ Beaulieu |
| Tues 3 rd & Thurs 5 th October | Parent Consultations |
| *Thurs 5 th October | Y5/6 Football @ Ringwood |
| Tues 10 th October | School Photographer |
| *Weds 11 th October | Open Morning |
| *Thur 12 th October | Y5/6 Cross-Country @ Gang Warily |
| *Tues 17 th October | Y4-6 Quicksticks Hockey workshop @ Burgate |
| Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October | Half-Term |
| Mon 30th October | INSET DAY |
| *Mon 1 st November | Y3/4 Quicksticks Hockey @ New Milton |
| *Fri 3 rd November | School Disco |
| *Mon 6 th November | Y4-6 Girls Football Workshop @ Burgate |
| *Fri 10 th November | Y5/6 Boys Football @ Dibden Purlieu |
| *Thurs 16 th November | Y5/6 Girls Football @ Dibden Purlieu |
| *Weds 22 nd November | Y4-6 Boys Football @ Burgate |
| *Fri 24 th November | Y3-6 Sportshall Athletics @ Ringwood |
| Mon 4 th December | Flu Immunizations – Infant site and Years 3 & 4 |
| *Tues 5 th December | Y3/4 Gymnastics @ Dibden Purlieu |
| *Thurs 7 th December | Y1/2 Gymnastics @ New Milton |
| *Tues 12 th December | Y5/6 Handball @ Totton |
| Wed 13 th December | School Christmas Services (afternoon & evening) |
| Fri 22nd Dec – Weds 3rd Jan | Christmas Holiday |
| Spring Term 2018 | |
| Thurs 4 th January | Return to school |
| Mon 12th - Fri 16th February | Half-Term |
| Mon 19th February | INSET DAY |
| Fri 30th March-Fri 13th 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 25th May | INSET DAY |
| Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June | Half Term |
| Mon 4 th - Fri 8 th June | Year 6 Wales Residential |
| *Mon 23rd July | INSET DAY |

*new or amended date