



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Summer Fair** last Saturday. Everyone had a great time. I would like to take this opportunity to particularly mention the **Friends**. Having worked with many different PTA's in the past, the group's **passion, energy** and **hard work** are outstanding and make a real difference to our children and school. **THANK YOU!**

*Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher*



**Our Church School Inspection**

We are delighted to be able to share outcomes from our recent **Church School Inspection** which assesses our Christian Distinctiveness, quality of Collective Worship and RE. The inspector commented, *“Western Downland is a happy, caring Christian community where all members are valued and welcomed. The school is highly inclusive, committed to meeting the needs of the whole child and providing extra support where needed in order to meet its vision of ensuring that all are enabled to develop ‘the roots to grow and the wings to fly.’”*

A particular thank you goes to the children, who were amazing, especially those pupils who showed the Inspector around each site. *“Children are rightly proud of the distinctive character of their school and talk in impressive depth about the way in which it influences their decisions.”* Also thank you to the **parents** and **governors** who gave their time to talk with the Inspector. The full report can be read on our website.



**Year 6 Mars Buggies**

In the past few weeks, Year 6 have been making buggies that would be able to travel on Mars. They are powered by **Crumble**, an electrical board controlled by a computer. The buggies are made of lots of materials: cardboard chassis, dowelling, wooden wheels, plastic gears and washers. To get them working, we used a battery pack. Some people even added trailers to hold the mechanisms. Although many things went wrong, we all ended up with working buggies – well almost all of us! (Only 2 didn't but they were still very good.)

To do this Yr6 required many values: **team work**, because we had to work in threes; **resilience**, when things weren't working; **critical and creative**

**thinking**, because we needed ideas on how we would build our buggies and **co-operation** because we had to work with the people we wouldn't normally work with. *By Hannah Sellwood & Ella Forshaw*

Thank you very much to the **Friends** for their recent support in purchasing computing equipment for the school, including the Crumble and recent Bee Bots for the Infant site.

**Year 2 Dips & Dippers**

Dear Parents, It's been an amazing day. We were chopping, grating, peeling, mixing and much more, making our dips. Other people's dips were fabulous. Everybody was sensible and safe using the cutlery. We were peeling, grating and cutting away from us so we didn't hurt ourselves. We are very thankful to the parent helpers who were **Mrs Smith, Mrs Wills, Mrs Reese, Sebastian's Grandma, Dr Wild, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Lack and Mrs Davis' son Scott,** and not forgetting our teachers **Mrs Worsfold and Mrs Davis.**

*By Rosie Smith & Jalena Gould- Barnes*



**Stars of the Week**

**Well Done to.....**

**YR – George Batten & Ciara Browne**  
**Y1 – Ethan Spencer, Freddie Angel & Beatrice Anderson**  
**Y2 – Nathaniel Ford & Emma Curry**  
**Y3 – Chloe Henderson, River Legge-Elliott & Jonny Tappenden**  
**Y5 – Toby Savage & Connie Trewin**

**Lunchtime Award**  
 Aoife Atkins, Verity Easterbrook & Rosie Smith

**Thank you** very much to **Scarlett and Hermione Bast** who played their violins to a packed worship at the Infant Site this morning.



### Reminders

**Whole School Transition days next week.** Year 2s please remember to go to Rockbourne on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Year 6 to Damerham on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

- **Y6 Induction Day @ Burgate** on Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July
- **Y4&5 Primary Proms** on Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July
- **Y4 Residential** trip to Cranborne ATC Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Please try to keep your dinner accounts in credit



## ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find new books to read, take part in competitions and play games. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

### News from the Friends of Western Downland

Thank you to everyone for coming to our Summer Fair last weekend – we had a great time, hope you did too ! We raised £695 profit.

We are counting up the Sponored Walk money and will soon be able to announce which class has raised the most money !

Next Meeting:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July @ Churchill Arms, Alderholt, 7pm

### Letters/Notices this week...

- Change for Life Leaflets
- Library Summer Reading Challenge Information



## Western Downland Primary School Diary

### Summer Term 2017

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Induction Day at Burgate
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4/5 Primary Proms @ Basingstoke
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends' meeting @ Churchill Arms, Alderholt, 7pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Residential to Ancient Technology Centre, Cranborne
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Burgate Mini-Olympics
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Variety Show
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Term Parent Consultations
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School Sports Day @ Damerham site ( <i>Reserve date Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></i> )
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y1/2 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Disco
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Pre-School Teddy Bear's Picnic
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> July-Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Summer Holiday

### Autumn Term 2017

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-Term
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY

\*new or changed date