

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks we have had **five different sporting teams** represent Western Downland at local area competitions. The feedback from all who attend is that no matter how well the children do, they are always supportive and encouraging of each other and **demonstrate excellent sportsmanship**. We are looking at ways to help provide coaching for our teams and if you feel you have the skills and time to help with this in a particular sport, then please contact us. I would also like to give **my thanks** to all those of you who have supported these events; without your help with transport, sorting kit and other practical help, children would not have the same opportunities. **Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher**



Year 5 & 6 Netball at Burgate



On Tuesday the 27th 18 students competed in the hi-fives Netball tournament at The Burgate School. The children were divided into 3 teams and persevered through tough times. The teams played really well and we came 1st, 3rd and 4th ! The children who took part were: **Neve Hooper, Fergus Bouskell, William Anderson, Sam Smith, Will Smith, Niall Hillwood, Liliya Hastings, Charlie Patton, Aaron Wood, Georgina Downing, Romalie Berjaoui, Darcy Thrale, Tilly Phillips, Connie Trewin, Mia Green, Elsie Graham, Maisie Joy and Zoe Hansen**. Thank you to Mrs Sherwood for taking us and to all the parent helpers for their support. By **Zoe Hansen**.

Year 5 & 6 Boys Football- New Forest Sports Partnership



On Wednesday 29th March years 5 and 6 boys went to Poulner School so we could participate in the Y5 and 6 cluster football tournament. We got there at quarter to twelve and our school was split into two teams of seven. Team one was **Alex Kear, Taylor Thorne, Charlie Patton, Will Smith, Sam Smith, Aubrey Berjaoui and Tom Garrett**. Team two was **Toby Savage, Rohan Foster, Aaron Wood, Henry Cracknell, Jack Coyle, Niall Hillwood and Fergus Bouskell**. We were all faced against the greatest challenge we have ever faced. All of the boys were determined in the game to produce the best they could. The second team came second in their category – which was amazing! Over all everyone gave a superb impression of the school. Thank you to Mr Thackray for taking us and to all the parent helpers. By **Sam Smith**



Stars of the Week

Well Done to.....
YR – George Batten & Owen Wood
Y2 – Annie Bailey & Edward Penny
Y4 – Millie Calais & Chloe Henderson
Y5 – Tilly Phillips
Y6 –Lilya Hastings



Sports Awards

Edward Penny, Billy Timmins, Cameron House, Luca Crouter-Collier, Theo Wiggins, Eddie Carmichael, Sebastian Reese, Herbie Cracknell, Conlon Wood-Hill, Leon Stacey, Jacob Lambert



An amazing £238.70 was raised last Friday-thank you



We are delighted to announce the arrival of baby **Seren Lily Evelyn Guymer**. She was born on Monday evening weighing 6lbs 7oz. Both Mum and baby are doing well.



Year 6 held a cake sale for the **Red Cross Disaster Emergency Relief Fund** to support the current famine relief. **They raised £138 !** Well done Year 6 for making a difference and thank you to everyone who either donated cakes or supported by buying them!

Letters/Notices this week...

- Friends Easter Bunny competition
- Easter Service at St Georges Church
- School Council Easter Egg Hunt
- Infants Clubs Letter



Reminders

- School dinner prices go up to £2.15 from Monday. Please pay for meals in advance.
- School residential payments are now overdue – please pay as soon as possible. Thank you
- Please bring your club replies back asap
- Wednesday 5th, YR trip to Farmer Palmers
- Thursday 6th, Easter Service at St Georges Church, 9.45am
- Friday 7th, Easter Egg Hunt

Please ensure children have a water bottle in school, especially now the weather is getting warmer.

News from The Friends of Western Downland



Easter Bunny raffle – sales are going well, don't forget to guess the name if you want to win !

Next meeting dates: Thursday 27th April, 7pm at the Compasses Inn

Western Downland Primary School Diary

Spring Term 2017	
Thurs 6 th April	School Easter Service @ St George's Church, Damerham, 9:45am
Thurs 6 th April	Topic Landing event for Years 1 & 2 (2.30pm)
Mon 10 th – Fri 21 st April	Easter Holiday
Summer Term 2017	
Mon 24 th April	INSET DAY
Tues 25 th April	Y3/4 Tennis @ Lymington
Weds 26 th April	Y3/4 Girls Football @ New Milton
Thurs 27 th April	Friends' Meeting 7pm, Compassess Inn
Mon 8 th - 12 th May	Year 6 SATs
Mon 15 th - 19 th May	Year 6 Residential to Wales
Mon 29 th May - Fri 2 nd June	Half-Term
Mon 5 th – Weds 7 th June	Year 5 Residential to Newbarn, Dorchester
Sun 11 th June	Education Sunday @ Whitsbury
Tues 4 th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Burgate
Fri 7 th – Sat 8 th July	Year 4 Residential to Ancient Technology Centre, Cranborne
Mon 10 th July	Burgate Mini-Olympics
*Tues 18 th & Thurs 20 th July	Summer Term Parent Consultations- Please note change of dates
Tues 18 th July	School Sports Day @ Damerham site (<i>Reserve date Wednesday 19th</i>)
Fri 21 st July	School Disco
Tues 25 th July	Leavers' Service
Wed 26 th July-Fri 1 st September	Summer Holiday
Autumn Term 2017	
Mon 4 th September	INSET DAY
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October	Half-Term
Mon 30 th October	INSET DAY