

Dear Parents and Carers,

Without the **Friends**, our children would not have the many brilliant opportunities or enhancements that make that special difference to their time at Western Downland. Last night the Friends met to continue planning even more exciting events for the coming year, such as the Curry & Quiz Night in March and a Film Night for the children in April.

However, at the end of the year, the Friends will **be losing many of the current committee members** and they are keen to know that there will be new hands to take over the reins and to keep the momentum going. They really need people to **step forward now** so that they can help people in the new roles, to enable their fantastic work to continue. If this could be you, or you would just like to find a bit more about what this would involve, please contact **Vanessa Sherwood** via either school office. We would really love your involvement. *Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher*



Stars of the Week

Well Done to.....

- YR –Hermione Bast
- Y1 – Charlie Burchell
- Y2 – Jamie Legg & Freyja Owen
- Y3 – Neve Brophy & Jonny Tappenden
- Y4 – Charlotte Routley & Alyshia Handley
- Y5 – Katie Hartley-Nadhar
- Y6 – Everyone !

Headteachers Award/Golden Leaf

Jemima Boxall

Year 5 and 6 Visit to the Royal Research Ship

The children had an amazing time touring the Royal Research ship the **James Cook** and seeing the submarine research vessel **Boaty McBoatface**. The children were praised by the staff at the National Oceanographic Centre for their behaviour, interest shown and the quality of the questions they asked.



Year 1 and 2 Visit to Salisbury Cathedral

Year 1 & 2 had a very enjoyable and informative visit to Salisbury Cathedral on Wednesday. They were able to compare and contrast the difference between our local church and a large cathedral as part of their topic work. They also had fun making stained glass windows and dressing up ! Thank you very much to the Friends who subsidised this trip.





Winter Warmers Reading Event

Thank you to everybody who came along to our Winter Warmers Reading event which raised awareness of how reading with your child (no matter how old they are) makes a positive difference to their achievement in school.



School Uniform & Dinners Price Increases

We have been informed by our supplier, Wovina, that their prices will be going up from 1st March 2017. Please see the attached document for details.

There will be a small increase in the cost of school dinners from 1st April to **£2.15**.

Reminders



- Y3-6 Cross Country at Burgate Monday 6th
- Parent Consultations Tues 7th and Thurs 9th Feb
- Y5&6 Cross Country at Gang Warily on Fri 10th Feb
- Please can children remain with parents /carers when dropped off and collected by parents at both sites (school opens at 8:40am at the Rockbourne site and 8:45 at the Damerham site). For their **safety**, children should **not be running around** at the front of the school buildings.



News from The Friends of Western Downland

The Friends will be holding **2nd hand uniform sales** at both sites on **March 10th** at 3pm at the same time as the next **Bake Sale**. (Y1's turn) We have lots of lovely clothing in great condition – especially summer dresses and shorts, so come and have a look before going to the shops. We are only accepting donations of school logo uniform (jumpers/cardigans etc) for the time being as we have quite a lot of other stock. Please see the up to date stock list with this newsletter. If you need anything urgently please contact Natasha Garrett via the Friends Facebook page or leave a message at the Rockbourne school office.

We are having a coffee and chat morning on **Friday 3rd March**, straight after morning drop-off at the Compasses Inn. Please come along and say hello – we will provide the coffee !

Next meeting is Thursday 9th March, 7pm at The Churchill Arms – all welcome

Western Downland Primary School Diary

Spring Term 2017	
Tues 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tues 7 th & Thurs 9 th February	Spring Term Parent Consultations
Thurs 16 th February	Spring Music Concert
Mon 20th - Fri 24th February	Half-Term
Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day
*Friday 10 th March	Friends Bake Sale & 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th March	British Science Week
Tues 14 th March	Giant Sing (Years 3 & 6)
Fri 17th March	Friends' Quiz Night
Thurs 6 th April	School Easter Service @ St George's Church, Damerham, 9:45am
Mon 10th - Fri 24th April	Easter Holiday
Summer Term 2017	
Mon 24th April	INSET DAY
Mon 8 th - 12 th May	Year 6 SATs
Mon 15 th - 19 th May	Year 6 Residential to Wales
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd 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 11 th & Thurs 13 th July	Summer Term Parent Consultations
Tues 18 th July	School Sports Day @ Damerham site (<i>Reserve date Wednesday 19th</i>)
Fri 21st July	School Disco
Tues 25 th July	Leavers' Service
Wed 26th July-Fri 1st September	Summer Holiday
Autumn Term 2017	
Mon 4th September*	INSET DAY
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October	Half-Term
Mon 30th October*	INSET DAY