

# NEWSLETTER

## Westlands Farm Visit

On Tuesday, Eve class had an exciting trip to Westlands Farm. The farmer showed us the different spaces where the ewes and lambs stay. Lots of children showed our core Christian value of courage by stroking, and even holding a lamb. We almost got to see a lamb being born, but were five minutes too late! The children all behaved beautifully and we were all very careful to wash our hands thoroughly before leaving. Sadly Joseph class's visit later in the week had to be cancelled but we hope to be able to offer them the opportunity to visit next year instead.



## St Thomas Award

We are very pleased to share with you that Mr Cutter has recently been awarded with the St Thomas Award by the Bishop of Portsmouth, which marks notable Christian service. In his letter the Bishop said that this award has been given to Mr Cutter *"In recognition of your service, in particular for your exceptional contribution to the community and to the church."* He was due to receive the award in a ceremony at Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday but sadly this has now been cancelled. We are very proud of Mr Cutter's achievement and would like to congratulate him on receiving this award.

## Wow Board



Some of you may have seen our new WOW board which can be found in the main reception of school. We will be using this board to celebrate the children's achievements made outside of school. The board will display a photo of the children and their certificate/trophy/medal along with a description of their achievement so that it can be shared with the whole school and visitors. This replaces the achievements being celebrated in worship on a Friday afternoon.

## Staff News

This week we welcomed two new members of staff to our team. Miss Amber Ward has joined us as a learning support Assistant, working predominantly in Key Stage 2 and Miss Maria Blanco, also a learning support assistant, has joined us to work in Year 1.

We bid farewell (for now!) to Mrs Briggs last Friday. Mrs Briggs, one of our higher level teaching assistants, has now started her maternity leave and we look forward to hearing exciting news from her in the next few weeks. Mrs Winfield, one of our admin assistants, will be leaving us this week to join another school in Hampshire and we'll also be saying farewell in the next couple of weeks to Mrs Hardisty, one of our learning support assistants. We wish them both all the very best for the future and thank them for their hard work and commitment to the school.

## School Refurbishment

We are continuing to redecorate the school and are very pleased with the results so far. The library has now been repainted and we will be announcing shortly our exciting plans to completely redesign the space. The Friends of Wickham Primary School have also kindly donated us some funds to enable us to purchase picnic tables for our Year R outdoor space and for the courtyard. As always, we are hugely grateful for this donation.

Our bid for funding from the National Lottery Awards for All was submitted this week. If successful then we hope to secure £10,000 to completely refurbish the Year R outdoor space and extend its use to groups within the local community.

We are hopeful that external redecoration of the building will take place over the next few weeks – we think you'll love our 'new look' when we return back to school!

## Positivity Friday



The children who were in today had made a great effort with their bright clothing (and hair!). Thank you! We were overwhelmed by the number of donations received for the food bank, particularly at a time when the supermarket shelves are stripped bare and people are conscious of ensuring they have sufficient food in their own cupboards. Your kindness and generosity will be very much appreciated by some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you also to you all for the support you have given us as a school over the last week or so. We are proud to be at the heart of this very special community and look forward to being back together again, hopefully in the not too distant future. As Mr

Cutter said in one his letters recently, even if your child is not in school over the coming weeks and months, we will still be here for all of our families. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you need us. Stay safe and see you soon.

## Key Information & Reminders:

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There will no church services at St Nicholas Church until further notice

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## Dates for your Diary:

6 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photos (new date)
TBC	Wickham's Got Talent