

FOWPS Bunny Run letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Saturday 24th March, Friends of Whiteley Primary School are holding the annual Easter 'Bunny Run'. This is great event – not only to help raise vital funds for the school, but also as a fun community event for families.

Below are ways in which you can help make the Bunny Run another great success this year:

The Great Bunny Bake Off!

We will once again be launching our Great Bunny Bake Off competition, and are looking forward to receiving entries from children and adults who would like to share their culinary talents! The judging will take place at 3.30pm on Friday 23rd March, and we are delighted to welcome back Ben Gregory, head chef from Lilly's Restaurant in Wickham, as our head judge.

There will be prizes for the best cake in 5 sections – Reception children, KS1 children, Y3/4 and Y5/6 children, and an adult/11+ section. Entries may be a large cake, a tray bake or a number of cup cakes.

Entries in the younger categories (YR/KS1) will be mainly judged on presentation – we wouldn't expect our little ones to be baking alone! – but we would encourage them to be as involved as possible, and particularly take responsibility for any decorating (if you're not into baking, why not let them decorate some ready made cakes?!)

Entries in the KS2 and 11+/adult categories will be judged on a combination of taste and presentation. This year, we have a fabulous prize for the adult/11+ section of a 3 course Sunday Lunch for 2, donated by the Solent Hotel, so hopefully that will encourage lots of parent bakers to take part!

Anyone wishing to enter should make sure that cakes are dropped off at the school office on Friday 24th March, before 3.30pm. Tins/boxes should be marked 'Bunny Bake Off' and clearly labeled with the name of the baker and their class (if a child). Adult/11+ bakers should give their name and a contact phone number. Where possible, please could you also include a label with a list of ingredients used for the cake in the tin. Prize winners will be announced on the day of the Bunny Run, and all entries will be available for purchase at the Bunny Run.

Cup Competition

Another way to get involved in the Bunny Run is to encourage your child to take part in the 'cup' competition. By Friday 9th March, your child will bring home a plastic cup for them to decorate, and then fill with sweets, chocolate or other goodies. Filled cups can then be brought into school anytime before the Bunny Run. There will be prizes for the best decorated cups from YR, Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6. Filled cups are sold at the Bunny Run – this is always a popular stall!

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 23rd March, we are holding a non-uniform day for pupils, in return for bringing a chocolate 'treat' – this could be a small Easter Egg (crème egg, caramel egg etc.) or a small chocolate bunny/lolly, for example. These are used as our prizes at the Bunny Run for the token hunt and Egg trail.

Volunteers on the Day

FOWPS would love to hear from you if you are able to offer a bit of time on the day – even if for just half an hour. We will need people to help on the gate, on stalls and refreshments, and would also love to hear from anyone willing to do some face-painting. We would also love to hear from any dads/granddads etc. who would be willing to help with the set up and/or clear up. Please give your name to the school office or contact FOWPS directly via their Facebook page or by email.

We hope that you will encourage your child to support us with as many of these activities as possible. All the money raised from the Bunny Run goes towards projects at the school. FOWPS have an exciting new fundraising project this year to support the purchase of iPads which we hope to be able to purchase for the new school year in September 2018.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Pennington – Headteacher – on behalf of FOWPS