

# Witchampton CofE First School News

September 2020 Newsletter

***Live a Life of Love just as Jesus loved us,' Ephesians 5:2***

We wish you a warm welcome to the new school year, especially those who are new to our school. It has been wonderful to finally have the whole school back after such a long time away and it is wonderful to see the children's smiling faces and hear the sound of their laughter once again! All of the children have arrived back with great enthusiasm and are quickly getting into the swing of our new routines. Our new Hedgehogs have settled in brilliantly.

You may have noticed that over the summer holidays the builders and decorators have been in school. We have had the staff toilets converted into an additional room which we will be asking the children to help us name, and the staff toilet has been relocated. Most of the school has had a much needed coat of paint and new flooring has been put in all the classrooms and the corridors. We have also had new computers installed in all of the classrooms and 32 new chrome books are on the way.

The playground has also had a makeover thanks to our fantastic 'Friends of Witchampton' team. The quiet area of the playground has been completely transformed with the installation of a new pergola, bark chippings and a general tidy up. This is now a very popular area of the playground and perfect for those children seeking a more peaceful playtime. The bikes and trikes shed has been painted and a new scooter and balance cart have been added to the collection. There is even an enormous blackboard for the children to get creative. I would like to thank all of our families and their friends and relatives who have given up their valuable time this summer to help make this happen; all of the children and staff really appreciate it.

Please see the attached dates for information about forthcoming events. Some of these dates remain provisional as we do not know what the next few months will bring. Unfortunately, we are not currently able to invite families into school, however, we really value our partnership with home and consequently we have signed up to Class Dojo for Badgers and Foxes and Tapestry for Hedgehogs so that we can at least give you some insight into everyday school life. More information about Class Dojo can be found below and information for Tapestry will follow.

Please see the additional information and feel free to contact myself or any of the staff at Witchampton if you have any questions. My door is always open.

Best Wishes

Mrs Jo Hancock  
Headteacher

## **Communication for Badgers and Foxes classes**

This year, we will be using a simple communication app called Class Dojo to share with parents and carers what is being learned in the classroom through photos, videos and messages.

Parents and carers will receive a letter next week with details of how to create a parent account and a personalised code to connect with your child/ren's class teachers.

Class Dojo will be explained a little more at the parent meetings next week. We hope that you find Class Dojo to be a convenient and exciting way of being made aware of how your child is getting on in school.



# ClassDojo

## **Important Reminders**

Please ensure all school uniform, particularly jumpers, are clearly named. This is even more important than usual during the COVID-19 precautions that we have put in place in school.

Please ensure that children only come to school with water in their bottles for use at playtime and in class. Squash (no fizzy drinks) is allowed at lunchtime only.

Children do not need to bring backpacks to school.

Please ensure the children have a full p.e kit at school every day of the week.

Please remember that children should not bring toys to school.

## **Snacks**

The government fruit and vegetable scheme is now up and running again. Hedgehogs and Badgers are provided with a fresh fruit or vegetable every day. They are also very welcome to bring their own if they would prefer. Foxes need to bring their own snack. This can be a fruit or vegetable only (no crisps or chocolate). We also encourage children to use named snack pots that can be reused. Oranges can now be brought to school again!