



Weekly News

8th September 2023



'Live a Life of Love Just as Jesus Loved Us' Ephesians 5

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our children and families returning after the summer break and a big welcome to our new Hedgehogs. We are delighted to welcome our new families into the Witchampton family and look forward to working in partnership to ensure our children flourish and thrive. It has been a hot start to the school year but the children have all settled back into school beautifully and we have already given out lots of stickers for love, courage, inspiration and respect.

Thank you for remembering to apply suncream to your children before school and ensuring they bring a sunhat and a water bottle into school. It looks like these will still be needed for the next few weeks! Please could we also ask you to check that all jumpers and cardigans have been named as the children will be taking them off while in school and we already have several unnamed jumpers that have not been claimed.

We have had very positive feedback from the children regarding our new school lunches and lots of clean plates! Thank you for ensuring that you have signed up for school lunches before the deadline.

We are sending our pupil voice applications for School Council, Eco Champions and Worship Team out today in book bags for the Badgers and the Foxes and we are looking forward to reading all of the applications next week. We have also attached the topic leaflets for Badgers and Foxes.

We have our Meet the Teacher meetings on Wednesday 13th at 2.45 p.m in the classrooms for Badger and Foxes parents and look forward to seeing you there. If you are not able to attend please do let us know so that we can share the presentations with you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes

J Hancock

Mrs Hancock

Half Term Value



Acts 20:35: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

In worship time, We are starting the school year exploring the value of generosity, particularly thinking about what we can share with others, not in respect of material things but perhaps our talents, our kindness and our love.

We are also thinking about generosity in relation to Harvest, giving grateful thanks to God for his abundant and generous harvest that He provides for us and also reflect on how we can be generous with our food, perhaps by donating what we can to a foodbank or sharing a meal with someone we love.

This Sunday is also Education Sunday, a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education. You can find more information here: <https://cte.org.uk/educationsunday2023/> There is a church service at Wimborne Minster on Sunday morning at 9.30. During mass a prayer written by Foxes class will be shared.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day . Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this. Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to pass these on to the receiving school when pupils transfer.

When will absences not be authorised? The school will not authorise absence for any of the following reasons: holidays, shopping, looking after other members of the family, minding the house, birthdays or similar events. Children will be marked in as late after 8.55 am and children arriving after 9.15 am are recorded as an unauthorised absence. We carefully monitor pupils who arrive late for school and work with parents and carers to improve.

A copy of our attendance policy is attached for reference.

This week's attendance figures look like this - well done everyone!!

Year 1 100%

Year 2 98%

Year 3 100%

Year 4 100%

Dates W/C 11/09/23

Monday 11th September - Hedgehogs first full day

Wednesday 13th September - Badgers and Foxes Meet the Teacher meeting
Football Club (subject to numbers)

Thursday 14th September - AFC Bournemouth for Badgers and Foxes.

Friday 15th September - Child of Hope visiting
Pupil Voice Groups announced

Safeguarding and Online Safety

Mrs Hancock is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Miss Hancock is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead in School.

If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you have a concern about a child outside of school hours please contact the following Local Authority out of hours services: Dorset ChAD - 01305 228866 Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) - 01202 738256 We are an Operation Encompass school. To find out more, please follow the link [here](#)

The NSPCC provides online safety advice for parents and for children. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Data Protection

We are committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. Our Privacy Notice for parents and pupils can be found in the [Policies and Documents](#) area of our website. This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989.