



Weekly News

6th October 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Service today. I am sure you will agree that the children performed their parts beautifully! Thank you for your food donations for The Wimborne Foodbank - your generosity really does show that we are 'The Small School with a Big Heart - making a difference'.

It was a real privilege to attend the Glow Badbury last weekend and to see so many families there. The children all really enjoyed working with the artists before the event and it was wonderful that so many of them could see their hard work incorporated into such a special outcome.

Thank you to everyone who helped at our open days this week, baked cakes or took part in the Autumn outdoor spruce up of the grounds. We are extremely lucky to have extensive, beautiful grounds but they do take a lot of upkeep and any help in looking after them is gratefully received! A particularly big thank you to Mr and Mrs Coda for the hours of work with the jet washer!

Congratulations to Foxes! Earlier this term the Foxes took part in a poetry competition and, once again, made it to the finals and all of their poems are being published. Well done Foxes!

It is the Hedgehogs Stay and Play sessions on Tuesday 10th and Friday 13th next week. If you have not signed up and would like to attend please let Mrs Taylor in the office know. If you would like to attend but are unable to make the dates please speak to Mrs Green.

The weather is very mixed at the moment so please send your child to school ready for all weather conditions, including unexpected showers. Please also provide a spare pair of socks in your child's bookbag just in case.

The weather is looking beautiful for the weekend so I hope you will all be able to enjoy the sunshine and have a lovely weekend!

With warmest wishes

J Hancock

Mrs Hancock

Half Term Value



'If you can't feed a hundred people then just feed one' - Mother Teresa

School Places

Our Open Days took place this week but it is not too late to visit. If you know of anybody who is looking for a school place please let them know about us!

The closing date for applications for children starting school for the first time is in January 2024

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who bought a cake at our cake sale on Thursday after school. We raised an amazing £45.00 which will go towards enrichment items for the children.

Give and Learn Day for Child of Hope - Thursday 19th October



Following on from a recent assembly, the School Council are excited to inform you that our school will take part in a unique learning experience on Thursday 19th October. The children will spend the day finding out about how Ugandan children learn without the use of technology. They will develop new skills such as Ugandan crafts, dance and language.

We would be very grateful for monetary donations via ParentMail on the day of Give and Learn on Thursday 19th October (please see the letter that was sent to you on ParentMail). All money raised will be used by Child of Hope for much needed teaching resources. This will make a huge difference to the children's education at Child of Hope: living our motto of a Small School with a Big Heart!

Thank you for your support.

E-Safety

The children watched the *Speak out. Stay safe.* Assembly online and delivered by the NSPCC yesterday. More information can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

The children in Badgers and Foxes are also learning about keeping safe online as part of their computing curriculum this term. Information for parents in all year groups to learn more about keeping safe online can be found at: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

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 punctuality.

Please refer to the Initio Learning Trust [link](#) which provides useful information regarding attendance. Additional information can also be found in our attendance policy.

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

Reception: 96.1

Year 1: 97.8

Year 2: 98.4

Year 3: 98.2

Year 4: 98.7

Dates W/C 09/09/23

Monday 9th October - Outdoor Explorers for Reception and Year One
Cooking at Dragonflies

Tuesday 10th October - Hedgehogs Stay and Play
Piano/Guitar and Ukulele
Art at Dragonflies

Wednesday 11th October - Open morning 9.30 a.m
Craft at Dragonflies

Thursday 12th October - AFC Bournemouth for Badgers and Foxes.
Singing Lessons
Hockey at Dragonflies

Friday 13th October - Hedgehogs Stay and Play

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.