



Weekly News

20TH October 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I can't believe we are already at half term. The children (staff and parents) really do deserve a well earned rest next week!

It was lovely to see so many families at our Celebration of Learning afternoon on Wednesday. I know they are very proud of their learning and achievements and I am sure you are too.

We all enjoyed our Give and Learn afternoon yesterday where the children found out all about how Ugandan children learn without the use of technology. Activities included singing, dancing, bottle top art and bead making. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthwhile cause. 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- making a difference.

This morning, the Foxes had an amazing morning with Mr Fazey (Lyla's dad) as they immersed themselves in life in the Stone Age. Thank you to Mr Fazey for this wonderful experience and thank you Lyla for modelling a very authentic stone age costume!

Today we celebrated the reconstruction of the school and its reopening with a bigger and better building in the Autumn Term 1963. We re-enacted the dedication ceremony with a modern twist and invited previous pupils and staff to our celebration. The children asked our visitors some very thoughtful questions and we have learnt so much more about the history of our school.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful half term. We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 31st October.**

With warmest wishes

J Hancock

Mrs Hancock



Christmas Boxes

Once again we are taking part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas. Unfortunately, for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty. By supporting our Christmas box appeal you can help to spread joy to thousands of people, fight poverty and prevent modern slavery.

How you can help:

STEP 1 - Find an old shoebox. Ideally a regular sized one (max size 39cm long x 24cm wide x 12cm deep). Wrap the bottom of the box and the lid separately in festive paper.

Decide who you'd like the box to go to. Print out page two of the download in the link below and tick the appropriate box for age/sex on the Category & Contents label (Section 2), and attach it to the lid of the box.

Fill your box with goodies, leaving them unwrapped. See the 'Filling your box' section in the link below for instructions.

Fill out the "Contents" section of the Category & Contents label and tell us what's inside your box. Secure box lid with elastic band.

STEP 2 - Make a shipping donation Getting your box to Southeast Europe is expensive so we also ask for a £4 donation per box to help cover the cost. If you are making more than one box you can make a combined donation.

Boxes will be collected on **Monday 20th November**.

More information can be found [here](#).

Thank you!

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>



Friends have organised an exciting Christmas Design Project for half term!

Unfortunately, the Cauliflower Cards packs did not arrive in time today. However, if your child would like to design their card over the half term they can. Please complete on a piece of A4 paper and we will send the rest after half term.

Their lovely designs can be professionally printed on a range of products including cards, wrapping paper and mugs, and purchased online with Cauliflower Cards to share with friends and family.

There is absolutely no pressure to take part at all and the simpler the design the better. The idea is for it to be a bit of fun!

Anything you do purchase will benefit the Friends of Witchampton School (PTA), providing funds to enrich your child's school experience with trips, resources, and the fun treats and opportunities which make our school so special.

Attendance

Inition Learning Trust now has a new attendance page which provides useful information regarding attendance. The link can be found [here](#). Additional information can also be found in our attendance policy.

Our whole school attendance so far this term is: **98.6%!** Keep up the good work and thank you.

Dates W/C 30/10/23

Monday 30th October - Staff Training Day - no children in school

Tuesday 31st October - Children return to school

Piano/Guitar and Ukulele

Art at Dragonflies

Wednesday 1st November - Stonehenge visit for Foxes

Football Club Taster session 3.15 p.m (please sign up)

Craft at Dragonflies

Thursday 2nd November - Singing Lessons

Friday 3rd November-

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.