



## Weekly News

3rd November 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The children have settled back into school refreshed and brimming with enthusiasm. We are now gearing up to Christmas and I can't believe that we only have another four weeks until our Christmas performance.

The teacher training day on Monday was all about science and we have some exciting activities planned ahead. Also, congratulations to several of our support staff for passing their paediatric first aid training!

Miss Hancock and the Eco Team delivered an inspiring assembly on Thursday to launch our 'Cut Your Carbon' November. Today, the children have been sent home with a checklist of 9 simple actions that they can complete at home throughout November. It would be wonderful if everyone can get involved. We are a small school but we can make a difference!

The School Council met with Mrs Green this week and have been planning a SPOTACULAR Children in Need day and more information can be found below.

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated towards the Escape to the Med evening on the 13th October and an especially big thank you to Mrs Stone for organising this. The grand total of £800 has been donated to the school and will make a huge difference to the children.

The Cauliflower Cards will be collected on Wednesday so the children still have one more weekend to get creative. Please collect your pack from the chair outside the school office.

We look forward to seeing you all at parent consultations next week. If you have not booked an appointment there is still time and if you are unable to attend please see your child's class teacher to book an alternative date.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes

*J Hancock*

Mrs Hancock

## Half Term Value



***'Learning should be a joy and full of excitement. It is life's greatest adventure; it is an illustrated excursion into the minds of the noble and the learned'.***

## Children in Need - Friday 17th November 2023

### **BE SPOTACULAR!**

School council would like us to continue to support Children in Need again this year to help improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.

School council are busy planning Pudsey-themed activities for the day which includes a Joe Wicks BEARpee challenge!

**Therefore, on Friday 17th November, children are invited to come to school in School PE Kits but swap an item of clothing for something spotty or colourful** such as spotty socks, spotty jumper, colourful T shirt. Please bring in a donation in cash on the day if you are able to.

## Foxes BBC Young Writers Competition

The Foxes class 'This is me' poems are soon being published by Young Writers, but they are still awaiting parental permission for some children's entries to be published. Could you please click the link below and enter the code to make sure your child's amazing work will be published alongside the rest of the class? When you click on the link, it will allow you to give permission and alter any changes you or your child want to make to their work.

Additionally, the closing date for the BBC 500 words challenge is the 10th of November. I have entered 13 fantastic stories so far from Foxes class. It is optional and if your child still wants to complete their story, I need their story emailed to me by the 10th of November.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office.

Miss Murphy

LINK: [www.youngwriters.co.uk/celebrate/class](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/celebrate/class)

CODE: 129846-DA33

## 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](http://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>



## 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.**

## Remembrance Family Afternoon



On Saturday 11th November from 2.30pm to 4.00pm you are all invited for a Remembrance Family afternoon at Witchampton Village Hall. All are welcome to this informal afternoon with various activities to help us think together and mark Remembrance.

The Rev. Suzie Allen

## Attendance

Initio 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.

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

Reception: 99.0%

Year 1: 97.5%

Year 2: 93.7%

Year 3: 93.1%

Year 4: 98.2%

## Dates W/C 06/11/23

**Monday 6th November** - Outdoor Explorers for Reception and Year One  
Cooking at Dragonflies  
Parent consultations for Foxes and Badgers

**Tuesday 7th November** - Piano/Guitar and Ukulele  
Parent consultations for all classes  
Art at Dragonflies

**Wednesday 8th November** - Cauliflower card collections  
Christmas Craft at Dragonflies

**Thursday 9th November** - Singing Lessons  
Christmas Craft at Dragonflies

**Friday 10th 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.