



## Weekly News

10th November 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to parent evenings this week. It was lovely for the teachers to have the opportunity to catch up face to face with you and to celebrate all your children's achievements. We are very proud of them! If you were unable to attend it is not too late. Please speak to your class teacher or the school office to book an appointment.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Royal Legion Poppy Appeal. In worship on Monday we talked about why we wear poppies. Today we observed the minute's silence for Remembrance Day to remember those who fought and lost their lives during war and honour their memory. The school council have made their own poppy wreath which will be placed with the others on Sunday at the church service. Please remember there is a Remembrance family afternoon in the Witchampton Village Hall starting at 2.30 p.m on Saturday 11th with various activities to think together and mark remembrance day. Everyone is welcome!

On Friday 17th we are looking forward to once again taking part in Children in Need and raising money for this worthwhile cause. The children are invited to come to school in p.e kits but swap one item of clothing with a spotty item. Buckets for donations will be out at the beginning of the day.

Also next week, we have the fire service coming to visit our Hedgehogs and Badgers class and teach them more about fire safety. The Foxes class are visiting Allenbourn Middle School on Friday to take part in a Sports Festival with other local first schools. The year 4 children will then stay at Allenbourn for an exciting afternoon workshop. They can still wear something spotty and will take part in the Children in Need activities at the beginning of the school day.

We are now gearing up towards Christmas and rehearsing our Christmas performance. The dates for these are Tuesday 5th December in the morning and Wednesday 6th December in the afternoon. Our Christingle Service is in the church and is on Thursday 14th December in the afternoon. More information will be coming out soon.

Please see below for other important dates coming up including our Christmas Performances.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes

J Hancock

Mrs Hancock

## Half Term Value



## Friends Grand Christmas Raffle

Our Grand Christmas Raffle tickets are on sale now with many fantastic prizes to be won! Tickets available from the school office and Witchampton Club. £1 per ticket or £5 for a book of 5. The draw will take place at the school on **Friday 8 December**.

All funds raised will be put towards extra resources such as “reading for pleasure” books for our library as well as allowing the children to visit local landmarks.

Thank you for your support! 😊

## 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.

## 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: 99.2

Year 1: 90.0

Year 2: 94.2

Year 3: 96.3

Year 4: 97.1

### **Dates W/C 06/11/23**

**Monday 13th November** - Outdoor Explorers for Reception and Year One  
Cooking at Dragonflies

**Tuesday 14th November** - Piano/Guitar and Ukulele  
Art at Dragonflies

**Wednesday 15th November** - Football Club  
Christmas Craft at Dragonflies

**Thursday 16th November** - Singing Lessons  
Visit from the Fire Service for Badgers and Hedgehogs  
Christmas Craft at Dragonflies

**Friday 17th November** - Children in Need  
Foxes visit to Allenbourn

### **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.