



## Weekly News

17th November 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Witchampton. We are now in full swing learning the words to the Nativity and I can't believe it is only a couple of weeks until we perform. The children can't wait!

Hedgehogs and Badgers enjoyed a visit from the Fire service this week. They learned all about keeping safe in the event of a fire and how to prevent a fire starting. They learned to stop, drop and roll and also found out about a fire person's uniform and how they get dressed so quickly. The children have all assured me that they can get dressed in under a minute too!

Today has been Children In Need Day. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause and came to school with some spots today. Your donations really do make a difference.

Not only did the Foxes manage to join in with the Children in Need activities in school they also thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Allenbourn for the sports festival today and once again impressed us (and the coaches and other teams) with their wonderful Witchampton ways. They all showed love, respect, inspiration and courage and made us very proud. The Year 4 children had a wonderful afternoon of science while the Year 3 children returned to school to take part in more Children in Need challenges including the Burpee challenge.

Next week we have our (slightly belated) anti-bullying week and more details can be found below. Monday is also the deadline for our Christmas Shoe Boxes - thank you to everyone who has already brought one into school. We have the author Paul Nolan visiting Foxes on Tuesday and Sarah Roberts visiting Badgers online to read her book *Somebody Woke Wilson* (a story about carbon) on Thursday. Please remember the individual school photos on Friday.

Please see below for other important dates coming up. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. Our door is always open.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes

*J Hancock*

Mrs Hancock

## Half Term Value



Next week is our school anti-bullying. On Monday, we would like everyone to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique. This is in addition to their usual school uniform. No donations are necessary. We look forward to seeing all your odd and unique socks, the brighter and crazier, the better!

## 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! 😊

## 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: 100%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 100%

## 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>

## Dates W/C 20/11/23

**Monday 20th November** - Odd Socks Anti- Bullying day  
**Christmas Shoebox collection**  
Outdoor Explorers for Reception and Year One  
Cooking at Dragonflies

**Tuesday 21st November** - Piano/Guitar and Ukulele  
Foxes Paul Nolan - author visit  
Art at Dragonflies

**Wednesday 22nd November** - Football Club  
Christmas Craft at Dragonflies

**Thursday 23rd November** - Singing Lessons  
Christmas Craft at Dragonflies

**Friday 24th November** - Fraser Portraits - Individual Photographs

## 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.