



Weekly News

24th November 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been our anti-bullying week this week and we began the week with our odd socks day and the message was 'Make a Noise' about bullying. We talked about the meaning of bullying being 'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power'. and what to do if someone is being bullied.

Foxes were very lucky to spend the afternoon with Paul Nolan the author on Wednesday. He was extremely impressed by their knowledge of the Stone Age and Bronze age and was also equally impressed with how they demonstrated our values of love, courage, inspiration and respect. Badgers also met an author this week but this time online. Sarah Roberts read her book 'Somebody Woke Wilson' to the class which had a powerful message about carbon and our carbon footprints. The children loved the quiz and had thought carefully about the meaning behind the story.

Foxes are looking forward to finally visiting Stonehenge on Wednesday next week (fingers crossed for the weather) and Hedgehogs will be choosing our Christmas trees on Thursday all ready for our decoration afternoon on Friday. We are also looking forward to the Christmas Crafts in the village hall after school on Friday 1st December.

Thank you to everyone who has provided their child's nativity outfit ready for next week. If you are having difficulty providing an outfit please do come and let us know. The children had their first practice on the stage this week and are raring to go!

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



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! 😊

Friends of Witchampton First School

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & CAKE

FUNDRAISER

Friday 1 December - 2.30pm - 5pm
Witchampton Village Hall

Join us for
Christmas craft activities
Homemade cakes - Refreshments
(take away available)

plus
WIN a Lego advent calendar!
Everyone welcome

£1 per craft

Registered Charity Number: 1089358

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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: 98.4%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 93.6%

Year 4: 95.7%

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>

Dates W/C 27/11/23

Monday 27th November - Outdoor Explorers for Reception, Year One and Year 2
Cooking at Dragonflies

Tuesday 28th November - Piano/Guitar and Ukulele
Art at Dragonflies

Wednesday 29th November - Foxes visit to Stonehenge
Badgers' Great Fire of London workshop
Football Club
Christmas Craft at Dragonflies

Thursday 30th November - Hedgehogs Christmas Tree Collection
Singing Lessons
Christmas Craft at Dragonflies

Friday 1st December - Christmas Decoration Afternoon
Christmas Crafts in the Village Hall

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.