



Newsletter 05.01.2024

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year! The children have settled back into school beautifully and have already been earning lots of Witchampton WOWs! Thank you to everyone for arriving at school on time despite the rain and floods. Please could all coats, jumpers, hats and gloves etc be named so that we can identify the owners more easily.

We have another exciting and busy term ahead of us. Please see the attached dates for your diaries. Additional dates will be communicated as they arise.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

With warmest wishes

J Hancock

Mrs Hancock

Worship Focus

This half term in worship we will be exploring bible stories which demonstrate our school values and underpin our school bible verse 'Live a life of love, just as Jesus loved us'. The first story we will be sharing is Jesus calls his disciples. This story can be found in the gospel of Matthew 4:18-22. If you would like to share this story with your children it can be found here: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4%3A18-22&version=ICB> or you could watch this lego version which can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuMYbzCgY9M>

We are looking forward to sharing and exploring more bible stories at school in the coming weeks.

Pupil Voice

Our Autumn Term Pupil Voice Groups have worked extremely hard and we would like to thank them for all of their hard work. It is now time to give some more children a chance to get involved. Pupil Voice applications have been sent home today for School Council,

Worship Team and Eco Team. Our Year 4 Ambassadors will remain the same. This is also open to the Hedgehogs this term too. The deadline for applications to be returned to school is Monday 15th January.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance at school and being on time every day. We know that this is the time of year when children are prone to illness but we really appreciate your commitment to keeping your children at school when they are well enough and **NOT** taking holidays in school time.

Our current attendance percentage is:

This week:

Hedgehogs: 100%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 100%

Whole school: 100%

Thank you and keep on going!

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.

W/C 9th January

Monday 8th January - Outdoor Explorers re-starts for Hedgehogs and Year 1

Tuesday 9th January - Piano, guitar and ukulele lessons with Mr Longcake start

Wednesday 10th January - Football Club

