



Newsletter 02.02.2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see some small signs that spring is on the way with lighter evenings and mornings and many of the bulbs the children planted last year are beginning to emerge.

The Foxes enjoyed their Bikeability Level One course on Monday with Rob and they really impressed us with their courage and perseverance. The Year Four children are looking forward to venturing out onto the road for Level 2 next term.

Badgers were fascinated to meet so many larger than life minibeasts today. Many of the children showed their courage and held one of the creatures and all of them had some great questions.

The whole school met the police for an assembly yesterday to learn more about their important job and the Hedgehogs were lucky enough to explore their police car!

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. We also have our safer internet day on Tuesday when the children will be exploring how to keep safe online. To end our week the children will gather together to take part in a range of activities to decide which Bible story we will choose to best represent our school values of love, courage, inspiration and respect. We will also be asking families to share their thoughts by completing an online form. We will finish our week with our love and friendship cake sale at the end of the day. Thank you friends for organising this.

We also have our bedtime story evening on Tuesday at 5.15 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to come back to school in their pyjamas to listen to some of their favourite stories with the grown ups in school. If your child would like to attend it is not too late; just let Mrs Taylor know.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school on Tuesday at **2.30 p.m** to look at the children's work with them. They are very proud of themselves and so are we!

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

With warmest wishes

J Hancock

Mrs Hancock

Worship Focus

This half term in worship we have been exploring Bible stories which demonstrate our school values and underpin our school bible verse 'Live a life of love, just as Jesus loved us'.

This week we focussed on ' Jesus feeding the 5000'

Next week the children will be discussing which story best represents our school values and the children will have an opportunity to share their views and vote. We will also be sending a form home so that parents/carers can also share their ideas and contribute to the decision making process.



Bedtime Story Evening

Please see the attached invitation to our annual bedtime story evening on 6th February. Please let Mrs Taylor know or email the school office:

office@witchamptonfirstschool.org if you can come. We would love to see you!

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: 98.5 %

Year 3: 100 %

Year 4: 100%

Whole school: 99.6 %

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 5th January

Monday 5th February -Mental Health Week starts

Outdoor Explorers for Hedgehogs and Year 1

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Hedgehogs Trip to Bournemouth Aviation Museum

Piano, guitar and ukulele lessons with Mr Longcake

Celebration of Learning **2.30 p.m** (come to the white gate)

Bedtime Stories at **5.15 p.m**

Wednesday 7th February - Football Club

Thursday 8th February - Singing Lessons and piano with Mrs Hawker

Monday 12th February - Half term begins