



## Newsletter 09.02.2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has certainly been another busy half term with so many things to celebrate and this week has been no exception. As always, it was lovely to see so many families at our Celebration of Learning on Tuesday. All the children were very proud to show you their work and talk about what they have been learning. If you were unable to attend please do let your class teacher know so that an alternative time can be arranged. There will also be an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher at parent consultations on the 13th and 18th of March.

The Hedgehogs came back brimming with excitement and new facts after visiting the Aviation Museum on Tuesday and were particularly pleased to have been inside some real aeroplanes!

The Foxes created their very own rocks and fossil museum this week and invited the rest of the school for a tour. The children really impressed us with the thought they put into their museum and created some excellent interactive activities for the younger members of the school. We know that Badgers and Hedgehogs really enjoyed their visit and thank you to Ava's Grandad for gifting each Fox with a selection of their very own fossils to keep!

It was great to see so many children at Bedtime story evening. The children really enjoyed snuggling down in their pyjamas to listen to some of their favourite books. Our next book event will take place on World Book Day on the **7th March**. On this day the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (homemade costumes will be great!). We will begin the day with a parade that families are welcome to join (in costume or not) followed by refreshments for adults in the marquee.

This week has also been Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. The children have been exploring ways in which they can express their feelings and the importance of talking about feelings. As part of the week the Foxes wrote some beautiful poems and Miss Murphy has compiled 5 class poems including all of the children's amazing ideas. These are attached and I am sure you will be as impressed as I have been. We also had our safer internet day on Tuesday when the children explored how to keep safe online. Please click [here](#) for advice for parents and carers.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on **Tuesday 20th February**.

With warmest wishes

Mrs Hancock

## Worship Focus

This half term we have been exploring 4 bible stories that show our school values: Love, Courage, Inspiration and Respect and underpin our school bible verse 'Live a life of love, just as Jesus loved us!' (Ephesians 5:2) This week in worship, the children voted for their top 3 stories which they feel represent our values the most and on Friday we are holding a 'Values Afternoon' when the children will explore their favourite story more fully and explain where our values are demonstrated. We would love to hear your thoughts about this too.

The stories are:

Jesus calls his disciples Matthew 4:18-22 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuMYbzCgY9M>

Jesus calms the storm Matthew 14: 13-21 <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE>.

Jesus feeds the 5000 [Matthew 14:13-21](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE>

We would like to invite you to vote which story you think demonstrates our values the most and why and have shared a form with you.

Thank you!

## House Tokens

This half term we counted up how many tokens each House received for Inspiration, Love, Respect and Courage. Here are the results:

Inspiration - **Red House**

Love - **Yellow House**

Respect - **Blue House**

Courage - **Green House**

Well done to everyone in each house for earning lots of tokens. In 1st place overall was **Red House!**

## 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: 92.3 %

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 91.8 %

Year 4: 100%

Whole school: 95.2%

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**

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 19th February**

**Monday 19th February** - Staff Training (No children in school)

**Tuesday 20th February** - Children return

Piano, guitar and ukulele lessons with Mr Longcake

**Wednesday 21st February** - Football Club

**Thursday 22nd February** - Singing Lessons and piano with Mrs Hawker

**Monday 23rd February** -