



## Newsletter 15.03.2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everybody who came to parent consultations this week. We really value our partnership with parents and enjoy being able to celebrate your child's achievements with you. Our second evening of parent consultations takes place on Monday after school. If you are unable to make any of the slots please speak to your child's class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

Our Year 4 ambassadors, Ava, Ayra and Alice represented our school brilliantly at the Wimborne Minster School Council meeting on Tuesday. Items on the agenda included: How to help young people have a voice and take part in decisions that shape the future of Wimborne Minster, Poster ideas encouraging bin use, no littering, and recycling, ideas about activities for young people in Wimborne and a presentation from Planet Wimborne. Our ambassadors spoke with confidence and had some great ideas to contribute to the discussion. More information about this event and links to Planet Wimborne initiatives can be seen below.

The Hedgehogs and Year One really enjoyed listening to a visitor from Wimborne Library read to them this week. Please do take your children to the library and sign up if you are able to! Please see the leaflet attached for more information. We found out about library cards, looked through some books together and also about other activities such as treasure hunts and Lego Club! We are now looking forward to him coming back to read with Year 2 and Foxes after Easter.

It was Red Nose Day today which was a lot of fun but also has a serious side. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to raise money and awareness for this charity who supports incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world. Everyone came to school in PE kits with an item of red. Lots of fun activities took place as we did 'Something Funny for Money' and we loved hearing so many jokes.

I am sure the children are now ready for a well earned rest. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Hancock

## Wimborne Minster School Council

Witchampton was invited to join a newly formed Wimborne Minster School Council with Wimborne Minster Town Council. The first meeting was held this week and Arya (School Council Ambassador), Ava (Eco Champs Ambassador) and Alice (Worship Team Ambassador) represented our school with Mrs Hancock. This is their report:

*"We went to the Town Hall and saw a sign that said Council Chamber. We went upstairs and saw 4 chandeliers in the room that we met! We sat around a big square table like being in court with children and teenagers from other schools. We had some food - grapes, apples and some jaffa cakes which we devoured! Then we did some mini activities when we chatted and shared our ideas. We had a presentation from Planet Wimborne and we were talking about how we can tackle climate change, what needs to be done and ideas we had such as recycling and The Repair Cafe - where you bring your broken things in and they try and repair it for you! We shared our ideas for mini campaigns, volunteers handing out posters to shops and we thought Wimborne should have more rent-a-bikes instead of making more pollution from cars. We also asked everyone to use reusable bottles rather than throwing away plastic bottles. It was great to hear about other local schools' ideas as well. We had a hammer that banged that told us the meeting was closed! We all got a bag from a charity called Boomerang who reuse materials such as pillow cases and turn them into bags and other things."*

School Council and pupil voice groups and ambassadors will now spend time planning next steps for us at school.

- More information about Planet Wimborne here:  
<https://www.planetwimborne.org/>
- The Repair Cafe is next open this Saturday - see here for dates and information:



**Wimborne Repair Cafe**

**Dates for 2023**

Sat 21 Jan	Sat 17 June
Sat 18 Feb	Sat 15 July
Sat 18 March	Sat 16 Sept
Sat 15 April	Sat 21 Oct
Sat 20 May	Sat 18 Nov

  
  
Wimborne War on Waste

We're all about fixing things. Bring along your broken items and our volunteer fixers will be available to make all possible repairs – free of charge (though donations welcome)  
By promoting repairs we want to change the throwaway culture

**Wimborne Methodist Church**  
4A King St, Wimborne BH21 1DY  
12-2

Refreshments and food available

Small electrical, clothing repairs, bicycles and more!  
Follow us for updates

 Help us, help you and let us know you're coming  
contact us: [wimbornerepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:wimbornerepaircafe@gmail.com)

## Worship

In worship this half term, we have been exploring 'Prayer'. This week we have learnt about 'Teaspoon Prayers'. T for thank you, S for sorry and P for please. We also discussed the difference between needs and wants. The children had some lovely ideas for each type of prayer.

## 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: 98.4 %

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 98.5%

Year 3: 94.5%

Year 4: 100%

Whole school: 97.8%

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 18th March

**Monday 18th March** - Hedgehogs visiting the storyteller at Pamphill (morning)  
Outdoor Explorers for Hedgehogs and Year One (afternoon)  
Dragonflies - Activities  
Parent Consultations

**Tuesday 19th March** -  
Piano, guitar and ukulele lessons with Mr Longcake  
Dragonflies - Art

**Wednesday 20th March**- Football Club  
Dragonflies - Craft

**Thursday 21st March** - **NO** Singing Lessons and piano with Mrs Hawker  
Dragonflies - Mixed Art and Craft

**Friday 22nd March** - Mr Steele visiting Foxes for Tag Rugby  
Dragonflies - Drawing and Colouring

**Monday 25th March** - 10.00 a.m - Coffee morning with Mr Wheeler  
3.00 p.m - Coffee afternoon with Mr Wheeler