



Newsletter 27.03.2023

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I can't believe we are already at the end of the spring term. This term our school values of love, courage, inspiration and respect have really shone through in everything the children have done and we are very proud of all of them.

Mr Wheeler very much enjoyed meeting many of you on Monday at our coffee morning and afternoon and he is looking forward to seeing you all on the gate and at our school events next term.

The Badgers had a fantastic superhero day on Monday and I was so impressed with their imagination and creativity during the day. They had so many thoughtful superpower ideas, especially powers to help other people. Thank you to all the Badgers who donated to the Wimborne Food Bank - we really are a Small School, Big Heart - Making a difference! The food will be delivered to the foodbank over the holidays along with the donations made to the village shop. If you would like to make a donation and did not get a chance this week the village shop has a donations basket which is always available.

Our end of term service and Easter Bonnet parade were a wonderful way to finish our term. I am sure you will agree that the children's singing, prayers and storytelling were all wonderful and the bonnets were very impressive. We said a sad goodbye to Reverend Suzie at our Easter Service and thanked her for her love, support and commitment to our school over the years both as our vicar and as a Local Committee Member. I know you will all join us in wishing her the very best of luck in the future - she will be greatly missed!

Thank you to Friends for organising the cake and craft sale and thank you to all of you who made cakes or bought cakes. The money these events raise really does make a difference to the experiences we can provide for the children.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 15th April**.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Hancock

Summer Uniform and PE kits

After the Easter holidays the children may wear summer uniform to school. On PE days children are required to wear regulation school uniform p.e kits (no logos or football kit please). We encourage the children to take pride in their appearance and this includes when they are wearing p.e kit which is also school uniform.

- Grey shorts or trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Blue and white gingham dress (optional for summer)
- Light blue polo shirt (with optional school logo)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or sweatshirt style cardigan (with an optional school logo)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights
- Black shoes or toe covered sandals with socks in summer (for safety)

P.E. Kit:

- Crew neck white t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Trainers
- Dark jogging/tracksuit bottoms

We also stock a range of good quality second hand uniform. Donations of 50p are welcome (for Friends of Witchampton Funds) but all second hand uniform is free. Please ask at the school office.

Donations of good quality uniform are gratefully received. (especially summer dresses)

Attendance Matters!

We are very proud of our attendance figures this year. 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:

Our attendance so far this year is 98.1% across the whole school

Well done!

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.

W/C 15th April

Monday 15th April - First Day back after half term
Foxes Survival day with the Fresh Air Club
No Outdoor Explorers
Year 4 Leeson House Meeting

Tuesday 16th April - Guitar and Piano with Mr Longcake starts

Wednesday 17th April - Football Club

Friday 19th April - Whole school visits to the bookshop and architect offices in Wimborne
(Careers project - more information to follow)

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.