



## Weekly News

15th September 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been wonderful to have all of the children at school this week. Our Hedgehog children have settled in brilliantly and it feels like they have always been part of our school. The rest of the school, particularly the buddies, have been fantastic role models.

The children have been showing excellent enthusiasm and engagement in their learning. We welcomed Lucy and Heather from Child of Hope to school today to tell us more about her school. Child of Hope is a charity that is making huge improvements for children and their families from its schools in Eastern Uganda. It is providing free education, healthcare and welfare to kids from the poorest and most vulnerable families and we are hoping to be able to make regular contact with the school this year and support the charity.

The Badgers and Foxes have completed their voting today for School Council, Eco Team and Worship Team for this term and I know they are eager to find out who will be our representatives. The results will now be announced on Monday. Well done to everyone who applied!

Friends of Witchampton (our Parent Teacher Association) have their first meeting of the year in the school library on Monday at 9.00 a.m. Please come and join them. Tea and biscuits will be served and it would be great to see some new faces! More information about the fantastic benefits that Friends bring to our school can be found on the attached letter.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes

*J Hancock*

Mrs Hancock

## Half Term Value



### ***2 Corinthians 9.7: God loves a cheerful giver***

#### **Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre - Apple weekend**

**23rd and 24th September 2023, 10am to 4pm**

A chance to bring your own apples to be crushed into juice in our Roman Apple press! Bring a container. Lots of heritage crafters from around Dorset will be showing their skills including woodworkers, a forager, local wildlife conservation groups, historic groups, our storyteller in the Earthhouse, and a Living History Display from a Viking group. This year we also welcome some of Dorset's finest Morris Dancers.

Tickets to all events £10 per adult.

£5 for children. Under 4's free

No dogs allowed on site due to livestock.

Tickets available on the gate.

Why not bring a picnic?

Scrummy tea and cake available.



#### **Attendance**

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day . Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this. Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to pass these on to the receiving school when pupils transfer.

When will absences not be authorised? The school will not authorise absence for any of the following reasons: holidays, shopping, looking after other members of the family, minding the house, birthdays or similar events. Children will be marked in as late after 8.55 am and children arriving after 9.15 am are recorded as an unauthorised absence. We carefully monitor pupils who arrive late for school and work with parents and carers to improve.

This week's attendance figures look like this - well done everyone!!

Reception: 98%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 100%

### **Dates W/C 18/09/23**

Monday 18th September - Friends Meeting in the Hive 9.00 a.m (All welcome)

Tuesday 19th September - Piano/Guitar and Ukulele lessons start

Wednesday 20th September - Badgers Meet the Teacher meeting

Thursday 21st September - AFC Bournemouth for Badgers and Foxes.

Friday 22nd September - Year 2 Reading Workshop 2.30 p.m in the hall.

### **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.