



## Weekly News

22nd September 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another exciting week at Witchampton. It was lovely to see so many parents at the Badgers's Meet the Teacher on Wednesday and at the Year 2 reading meeting today. The reception and year one workshops will take place next week.

The Foxes have really enjoyed reading their fabulous Stone Age stories to the Hedgehogs today and the Hedgehogs loved listening to them,

Well done to everyone in Badgers and Foxes who applied for our pupil voice groups this term. We were really impressed with the applications and everyone can feel very proud of themselves. . We know some children will be disappointed but there will be more opportunities this year. This term our leaders for our pupil voice groups are as follows:

	School Council	Eco Team	Worship Team
Year One	Safina and Ralphie	Poppy	Hattie
Year Two	Elsie and Rosie	Olivia	Archie
Year Three	Iola and Caspian	Wilbur	Lyla
Year Four	Arya (Ambassador) Isla	Ava (Ambassador) Florence	Alice (Ambassador) Isla

Our Play Leaders this year are: Robert, Harry, Florence and Isla

Our Year Four Pupils are all house captains and will be representing their houses throughout the year.

I know you will join me in congratulating them all.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy some dry weather..

With warmest wishes

*J Hancock*

Mrs Hancock

## Half Term Value



“True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love. No strings attached. No expectations.”

## Open Days

Our open days are taking place the week after next. If you know of anyone looking for a school place please let them know. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 3rd October at 1.45 p.m

Wednesday 4th October from 9.30 a.m until 11.30 a.m

Thursday 5th October from 9.30 a.m until 11.30 a.m

Thank you to all of you who have offered to help on these days. If you are able to come and help on these days please let us know!



## The Wimborne Green Festival

This takes place from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 21 October 2023 and there are many events taking place. To celebrate the event, Planet Wimborne are arranging a Poster Competition for all schools and children in the Wimborne area. We will be completing our posters in school and a display of all entries will be mounted at Wimborne Library for the week beginning October 9. All winners and parents/teachers will be invited for a tea party at the Wimborne Library to receive their trophies on Thursday October 12 at 3pm – prizes will be presented by the Chair of Planet Wimborne.

On Sunday 15th October Megan McCubbin from Springwatch and Animal Park will be at QE School will be giving a talk at 4.00 p.m about wildlife and why we need to protect it. Please see the attached leaflet for more information and how to book tickets.

## 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 Earthouse, 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:

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

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

Monday 25th September -

Tuesday 26th September - Piano/Guitar and Ukulele  
Hedgehogs Reading Workshop

Wednesday 27th September -

Thursday 28th September - AFC Bournemouth for Badgers and Foxes.  
Singing Lessons

Friday 29th September - Year 1 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.