



## Weekly News

13th October 2023



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been lovely to invite our Hedgehog families into school for our stay and play sessions this week. The children loved sharing their classroom and learning with their grown ups and were very proud!

We are looking forward to welcoming all families into school on Wednesday 17th October at 2.30 p.m to celebrate their children's learning with them. The Hedgehogs' nursery rhyme extravaganza will also take place at this time. Please come through the white gate (brown gate for reception parents) and through the doors where you would normally collect your child. Please sign in with your child's class teacher when you arrive. You will be free to take your child home when you have finished celebrating with them but please let your child's class teacher know when you are leaving.

Next week we will also be sharing sign up sheets for parent consultations after half term. Please look out for these on parent mail.

We have an exciting end of our half term with our Give and Learn Day on Thursday (see below) and on Friday afternoon we will be celebrating 60 years since our school was reconstructed. We have some special visitors who were pupils and staff before, during and after the reconstruction who will be interviewed by the children. Please see the attachment to find out more about the reconstruction.

Finally, a thank you in advance to Mr Fazey who is coming into school to immerse the Foxes in Stone Age experiences on Friday morning.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes

*J Hancock*

Mrs Hancock

## Half Term Value



## 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 arranged a Poster Competition for all schools and children in the Wimborne area. Our whole school took part and every child has been awarded a certificate. The judges were very impressed with all of our entries and we also had a winner! Congratulations to Wilbur in Year 3. Wilbur and his family were invited to Wimborne Library to receive his trophy and book token and was a wonderful representative for our school. All of our posters are available to view at the library.

The Green Festival starts on Saturday and the Wimborne Library is holding a free junk modelling event on this day. Booking is not required and takes place between 9.30 a.m and 3.30 p.m. For more information about the festival and events please click [here](#).



## Parking - Polite Reminder

Please be considerate with your parking. There have been some very near misses, especially on Pound Hill and outside the Club. Thank you for being considerate.

## Give and Learn Day for Child of Hope - Thursday 19th October



Following on from a recent assembly, the School Council are excited to inform you that our school will take part in a unique learning experience on Thursday 19th October. The children will spend the day finding out about how Ugandan children learn without the use of technology. They will develop new skills such as Ugandan crafts, dance and language.

We would be very grateful for monetary donations via ParentMail on the day of Give and Learn on Thursday 19th October (please see the letter that was sent to you on ParentMail). All money raised will be used by Child of Hope for much needed teaching resources. This will make a huge difference to the children's education at Child of Hope: living our motto of a Small School with a Big Heart!

Thank you for your support.

### E-Safety

The children watched the *Speak out. Stay safe.* Assembly online and delivered by the NSPCC yesterday. More information can be found at [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

The children in Badgers and Foxes are also learning about keeping safe online as part of their computing curriculum this term. Information for parents in all year groups to learn more about keeping safe online can be found at: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

### 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 punctuality.

Please refer to the Initio Learning Trust [link](#) which provides useful information regarding attendance. Additional information can also be found in our attendance policy. Our attendance policy is also attached for your reference.

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

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 99.9%

Year 4: 100%

### **Dates W/C 16/09/23**

Monday 16th October - Outdoor Explorers for Reception and Year One  
Cooking at Dragonflies

Tuesday 17th October - Piano/Guitar and Ukulele  
Art at Dragonflies

Wednesday 18th October - Craft at Dragonflies

Celebration of Learning - 2.30 p.m (Nursery Rhyme event for Hedgehogs)

Thursday 19th October - Child of Hope Day  
Singing Lessons

Hockey at Dragonflies

Friday 20th October - Foxes Stoneage Morning with Mr Fazey

Celebrating the reconstruction of the school afternoon.

### **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.