



Newsletter 19.04.2024

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have certainly come back to school refreshed and eager to start their new topics. Foxes are learning all about Majestic Mountains and Mighty Metals and had a great start to this on Monday with the Fresh Air Club learning all about survival in the wild. They learned how to make rope, filter water, build dens and light fires! Badgers' topic is Happily Ever After and Hedgehogs will be learning about changes with a particular focus on plants and animals and will be taking part in many minibeast hunts.

On Tuesday we had a visit from Mrs Thomas who leads the church school development for our church schools in the Trust. She asked the children about our vision and values in school and was very impressed with all of the children and their understanding of our values of love, courage, inspiration and respect and how these can be seen in all the children say and do. Thank you for supporting your children in remembering our values not only at school but at home too!

Next week we are looking forward to spending the day with Akulah Agbami who is currently the community resident poet at Cranborne Chase. She is a qualified teacher and experienced writer and poet, and comes with a wealth of experience delivering workshops, and working with the public to nurture their creativity through poetry, words, and creative reflection. The theme of our poems on this day will be Chasing the Sky and we look forward to sharing these with you.

We have an exciting (and very busy) term ahead of us with many events scheduled to take place. We have attempted (wherever possible) to spread these dates over the week and at different times to make them as inclusive as possible, whenever possible. Please see the attached list for your diaries.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

With warmest wishes

J Hancock

Mrs Hancock

Worship Focus

This term our worship focus is Respect which is also one of our school values. We have especially thought about how respect can be shown at school. Next week we will be learning some new songs too which we are looking forward to! We will also be reading the story Jesus calls Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13). If you would like to share this at home, here is a link to the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgy6TWuUkK0>



Mr Gilchrist Concert



We have been invited to, once again, take part in a wonderful community evening of music on Friday the **10th May at 6 p.m** in the church. This is in memory of Euan and Sue Gilchrist who were much loved members of the village and contributed significantly to the life of our school.

This is a celebration of local music and musicians of all abilities are welcome to perform. Last year, many of our children performed either as part of the school choir, in a group or as soloists. It was a wonderful opportunity to show our value of courage whilst also inspiring others.

If your child would like to perform this year in any capacity or you would like to take the opportunity to perform please let the school office or Mrs Hancock or Mrs Porretta (Iola's Mum) know. We will also need to know the piece or pieces for the programme.

Alternatively, if you would rather experience the concert purely as part of the audience you are very welcome.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is able to perform either as a soloist, as part of a group or as part of the choir. The more the merrier!

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: 100 %

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 98.5%

Year 3: 98.1%

Year 4: 92.8%

Whole school: 98.3%

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 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.

[W/C 22nd April](#)

Monday 22nd April - Outdoor Explorers for reception and year 1

Tuesday 23rd April -Piano, guitar and ukulele lessons with Mr Longcakes

Wednesday 24th April - Football Club

Thursday 25th April - Poetry Day with Akulah Agbami (All classes)
Singing Lessons with Mrs Hawker

Friday 26th April -