



**Newsletter 16**  
**12th January 2024**

**'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'**  
**1 John 4:7**



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have enjoyed seeing Harold the giraffe from the Life Education team. Elephants discussed being healthy, healthy food, exercise, brushing teeth and the importance of sleep. They also named the main organs inside the body.

Giraffes found out about the major food groups and looked at the interactive body model to learn how food, water and oxygen get into the body to give it energy. They looked at the Healthy Wheel and considered the different things we need to be happy and healthy.

Dolphins considered what our bodies need to stay physically and emotionally healthy, using the Healthy Wheel and Wellbeing Wheel. The children were 'Feelings Detectives' and had to work out how other children might be feeling and the possible reasons why.

Pandas considered the importance of each body organ and focused on the brain. They found out how a brain sends and receives signals through the nerves and how it controls movements.

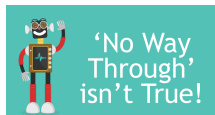
Snow Leopards had two Life Education sessions. The first workshop looked at keeping the body healthy and positive relationships. They looked inside the body using an app and then discussed the different systems in the body. Then they looked at how these systems can be affected negatively (smoking, drinking alcohol) and positively (exercise, eating healthy, getting plenty of sleep). Their second workshop was focused on mental health and wellbeing. They discussed key things for looking after our mental health, connecting with others, getting creative, mindfulness moments and exercising. The teacher also told the children about what different chemicals are released in our body when we do these things (oxytocin, dopamines) and how they positively affect our bodies.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the parents' information session on Wednesday.

Pandas started their whole class samba lessons this week with Mr Whitmarsh from Dorset Music Service. They will have 10 weeks of lessons including a final performance that parents are invited to watch. Engaging with music-making can bring many benefits to young people – it is good for the brain, supports positive wellbeing and gives lots of opportunities to connect with others and the wider community. It's also lots of fun!

Best wishes

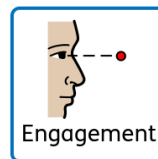
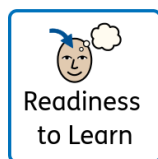
Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher



This week, the children have been discussing goals that they could set for themselves. It could be a new hobby, a new skill or to improve in a challenging area. The children thought about how knowing 'No way through, isn't true!' could help them to persevere to achieve their goal.

## Sparkle Time

Taking account of pupil voice, we have reviewed our Sparkle Time and made some changes. The children will continue to earn 30 minutes of Sparkle Time each week by following the expectations in our Charter.



We have added a range of new activities for the children to choose from. The children have chosen their activity and they will attend this on Friday afternoons at 2:30pm for the rest of this half term in the style of a club. The children will have the opportunity to collaborate with others in different year groups, learn new skills and work towards a final goal. The activities available this half term are: Book club, Lego club, Eco club, Body Awareness club, Kitchen club, Computer club, Sign Language club, Art club, Recorder club and Textiles club. We are really excited to see what each club will create!

## Lego Donations Please!

If you (or someone you know) have any spare Lego that is no longer needed, we would greatly appreciate this to supplement what we already have in school. Please bring this to the school office. Thank you!

## School Day

A reminder that our doors open at 8:45am each day. The school gate will be open before this time to allow families to wait in the playground rather than on the pavement. It is important that you remain with your child until they have entered their door as there is no supervision from staff on the playground. All children should be in their classroom by 8:55am as this is when the register is taken. We appreciate your support with this.

**8:45**

## Football Club

Unfortunately, our regular football coach, Kevin, is unable to provide the football club again this term. We have been in communication with other coaches and have arranged for Foundation Sports to take on this role. They will also be providing a dodgeball club on Mondays. The Clubs will start on the 22 & 23 January and a flyer will be shared with booking details.



## Class Worship

Please see the dates below for your child's class worship which you are invited to attend. This is an opportunity for the children to show you what they have been learning and celebrate this with you. Elephants will perform their class worship in the summer term.

### Attendance



*Well done Giraffes for getting 100%!*

### Dates for your diary

#### January

#### Friday 19th January

Five Loaves Bakery

#### Tuesday 23rd January

Dentist Talk for Y3 and Y4



**Class Weekly Attendance**  
**for Week beginning 01 January 2024**

Elephants	95.2%
Giraffes	100%
Dolphins	92.8%
Pandas	98.7%
Snow Leopards	97.2%
Whole School	96.7%

**February**

**Friday 2nd February**

School Disco

**Tuesday 6th February**

Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 7th February 9:00am**

Dolphins Class Worship for parents

**Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term Break**

**Monday 19th February - INSET Day**

**Tuesday 20th February**

Dentist Talk for Y1 and Y2

**Tuesday 27th February**

Dentist Talk for YR

**Wednesday 28th February 9:00am**

Pandas Class Worship for parents

**March**

**Tuesday 5th March 9:00am**

Giraffes Class Worship for parents

**Wednesday 13th March 9:00am**

Snow Leopards Class Worship for parents

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