



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers

I cannot believe that we have almost completed the first half of this school year. As you can see from the length of this newsletter we have been incredibly busy! The children of St John's have settled into their classes and are making us very proud of their achievements. I am writing today, during our first whole school celebration of learning event and must thank you for the unbelievable range of home learning that was brought into school today to share. All members of staff were asked to give out a home learning award certificate and it was an almost impossible task! The talent, imagination, hard work and care that was evident in their shared pieces was credit to the fantastic support you all provide with your children's learning. Thank you. Please see the school website for some photos.

Harvest Service

Thank you to all of you who attended the recent Harvest Service and for your generous donations to Wimborne Food Bank. £32.50 was collected which will also support Wimborne Food bank.

Jeans for Genes Day

As you are aware, we recently supported Jeans for Genes Day, which is the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder. A magnificent £135.00 was raised by your donations; thank you for your support.



Parking

We would reiterate to parents the need to respect our neighbours by parking considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. Please do not block driveways or park in the surrounding private roads. At no time should vehicles be parked on the yellow markings directly outside the school or on the bus stop as this represents a significant hazard. Your support is appreciated.

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School Council

School Council members have now been elected for the Autumn term and the representatives for each class are as follows:

Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Daisy Oscar	Charlie Amelie	Lacey-Marie Harrison	Sam Jay Isabella*

* Isabella is our Rights Respecting School Ambassador for Year 4.

Congratulations to Nell in Year 3 for being chosen as our other Rights Respecting School Ambassador.

Worship Team

The following children have been elected to the Worship Team for Autumn term:

Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
George Benji	Freddie Harry W	Sophia Henry	Leah Katie

Year 4 Sports Ambassadors

We are very excited to be involved in this initiative with other schools in East Dorset and to have chosen our first Sports Ambassadors, Harry, Abi, Linus and Silvana. Thank you to all those Year 4 pupils who applied for the role. Ambassadors will be chosen termly, so there will be further opportunities later in the year.

The roles and responsibilities of the 'Bronze Young Ambassadors' are:

- To encourage participation and healthy lifestyles in school
- To promote positive values of sport in and through sport
- To be an ambassador and role model advocating PE and school sport
- To be the young people's voice on PE and school sport in their school



Our ambassadors will join with representatives from other schools to receive training at the East Dorset Playground Leaders Academy at Ferndown Upper School on Thursday 19th October 2017.

Wimborne Area Sports Partnership [WASP]

The Wimborne Area Sports Partnership is a programme of sports events and tournaments throughout the school year for children in Year 3 and 4. The first of these events is a mixed Netball tournament open to all abilities. All children in Year 4 will have the opportunity to participate in at least one WASP event this year.

National Flu immunisation programme 2017/18

All children across the school will be offered nasal flu immunisation in school this year. The School Nursing team will visit on Friday 24th November to administer the vaccination. Full details and consent forms will be sent out in advance of the visit. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Children due to start Middle School in September 2018

If your child is due to transfer to a Middle School in September 2018, you must apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. You can apply online or download a copy of a paper form on our website www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions. If you do not have access to a printer or the internet, please call 01305 221060 to request a paper copy of the application form and Parents Guide.

Important Dates			
Date of Birth	Type of Application	Closing Date	Offer Date
01.09.08 - 31.08.09	Starting Middle School	15 th January 2018	16 th April 2018

Mayor of Wimborne Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor of Wimborne is holding a competition for the two first schools in the town to design a Christmas card for the Town Council. Entries should be on A4 paper and brought into the school office. Although there is no specific theme this year, entries should be in festive, bright colours and no glitter please as this does not reproduce well! The closing date for entries is Wednesday, 1 November 2017. The Mayor & Mayoress will visit each school to judge the entries. The winner and runners-up will be invited to attend the switching on of the Christmas Lights which this year will take place on Saturday, 25 November 2017 at 4.30 pm. If anyone requires a sheet of paper to complete their entry, please ask at the office.

MP Christmas Card Competition

Michael Tomlinson MP for Mid Dorset & North Poole is holding a competition open to all pupils at schools in the constituency to design a Christmas card. The winning design will be used for Mr Tomlinson's House of Commons Christmas card. Entries should include name, age and school. Closing date is 20th October 2017 and designs should be sent direct to Michael Tomlinson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.



Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again, this year we are again getting involved in Operation Christmas Child - the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal. The idea is simple: You fill empty shoeboxes with little gifts and send them out to children in need overseas for Christmas.

The children will be bringing home leaflets with information on how to take part or you can visit <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/> and follow the step-by-step instructions. Filled Shoeboxes need to be brought to school on Thursday 9th November 2017.



Staff changes

We say goodbye to Ms Tamsin King, who is leaving us at October half-term to pursue new opportunities. We wish her well for the future.

We welcome Miss Lauren Pudwell to the Year 3 team. Lauren will be familiar to some families as she already works alongside Mrs Ali Selby in our Breakfast Club.

Marvellous Me

At the end of September, we introduced "Marvellous Me" to keep you informed of your child's activities and achievements at school. The feedback from families has been very positive, with over 75% already signed up to the app. There is a unique log-in code for each child, so if you wish to register and have mislaid your log-in details, please contact the school office.

Wimborne Academy Trust News

I would like to share with you the Wimborne Academy Trust vision, which will be used to inform our own school's vision.

Wimborne Academy Trust is a forward-looking trust that provides creative and innovative learning opportunities, nurturing every pupil as an individual.

We value excellence in learning, collaboration, respect, compassion for others and a sense of community.

Our pupils love learning, are confident, resilient and achieve their potential. They are prepared to be life-long learners and responsible citizens with a global perspective.

Wimborne Academy Trust core values are **Excellence, Collaboration & Respect**.

Liz West, CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, alongside John Dickson, the new Chair of Trustees for the Trust will be undertaking a range of visits next week and after half term to the school. This is an invaluable part of our Trust structure to ensure that we are working together to ensure the very best outcomes for all children and staff. We will have a focus on attendance as well as teaching and learning.

As a Trust we are developing a coaching approach to improve Teaching & Learning. This approach will encourage staff to reflect upon their own practice and professional development. Coaching ambassadors have been appointed within each school and have already attended Trust wide training.

Church School Audit

Last week Neil Revell, from Salisbury Diocese, came to school for the day to conduct a church school audit. This is an opportunity for the school to review the strengths and areas to develop in relation to being a church school. I am delighted to inform you that the day went exceedingly well with Neil recognising how our Christian values are deeply embedded within the ethos of the school and the outstanding standard of RE teaching in the school. Thank you to the families that came to speak to Neil.

After-School Clubs

There are still spaces available in Dance Club [Monday Yrs R-4], Tennis Club [Wednesday Yrs 1-4] and Sparkle & Shine drama club [Thursday Yrs R-2.]

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Hot Meals

Thank you to all those parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those families eligible for Free School Meals who have registered and are ordering their children's meals on-line. We hope that you feel this new system is working better for you and your child. For those still wishing to register, information is available in the 'Parents' section of the school website or pop into the school office for more details.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K Anstey".

Mrs K Anstey
Head of School