



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Wimborne Academy Trust News

On Friday 17th November we had our termly review visit with Liz West- CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, Debbie Zachary - external challenge partner and John Dickson, Chair of Trustees. A learning walk took place, with all classrooms visited, and a review of teaching and learning across the school and looking at children's work, review of our provision for SEN pupils and scrutiny of our attendance figures. The group were able to see the excellent teaching and learning that is in place and commented on how effectively we support and challenge our children. It was also noted that our attendance has significantly improved compared to this time last year. I would like to thank all the staff, children and parents for the part everyone plays to ensure that St John's is such a fantastic school!

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Staffing update

This term we have welcomed Miss Lauren Pudwell to our teaching assistant team. Miss Pudwell is currently part of the Year 1 team, with Miss Brock now part of the Reception team and Miss Slater in Year 3.

As you may be aware, Miss Foster, will be leaving us at the end of this term, due to ill health. I would like to thank her for her incredible enthusiasm and outstanding teaching at St John's over the past 3 years and wish her well for the future.

Mr Luke Ronayne has been appointed to take over Snow Leopards in February 2018. There will be an interim period of Mrs Hancock, Mrs Anstey and Miss Elston teaching in Snow Leopards for the first half of the spring term.

Mrs Morris will be taking over Miss Elston's teaching commitments for half a term on a Monday afternoon, teachers PPA on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Miss Jessop's PPA on a Thursday morning.



140 years Celebration

We are overwhelmed with the fantastic reaction that the school and local community have shown in celebrating 140 years of St John's School. On Thursday we are very much looking forward to having a day when we 'go back in time' to learn more about what the school may have been like since 1877. Children are invited to come to school dressed up ready for a day of Victorian school experiences!

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After school at 4pm we are opening the school to past pupils, staff, governors and members of the community to see how our school looks now and view some of the old attendance registers, log books and photos. If you know anyone who would like to come, please contact the school office to let us know.



Winter Closures

On rare occasions, especially in winter, there may be a necessity to close the school.

Information regarding any school closure will be communicated through the following media:

- Dorset Education Authority has made arrangements with local radio stations to broadcast emergency information regarding school closures. These include BBC Radio Solent (FM96.1 or MW999) and Heart 102.3 FM. The radio stations have asked schools to remind parents not to phone them directly, but to listen for announcements which will be broadcast at regular intervals.
- We will also endeavour to use ParentMail to communicate any school closure.
- School closure information can also be accessed via the Dorsetforyou website by following the link <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices>

If school is open, please make every effort to bring your child, especially if you are within walking distance, as it is very important to your child's education.

Celebration of Learning

This will take place on Friday 1st December from 8.45am - 9.15am. We are looking forward to home learning being brought into school. A chance for parents & carers to come and share in your child's learning and see our Christmas decorations!!

Friends of St John's Update

Just a few reminders about the work of the Friends' Association. We aim to raise money for the school which helps provide things like additional resources and helping towards school trips. You can keep up to date by joining our facebook group Friends of St Johns. An easy way to help us raise funds is to join The Giving Machine (www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and use this site when you shop online. This means that a percentage of your total spend is donated to us by the company you use. It doesn't cost you anything!

This term so far we have raised over £200 from the cake sale and Christmas cards and raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you for your support

Friends of St John's

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. St John's raised a magnificent £299.96. The Royal British Legion has asked us to pass on their grateful thanks for this tremendous effort.

Children in Need

On behalf of the School Council, thank you for supporting Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £150.61 for this year's appeal.

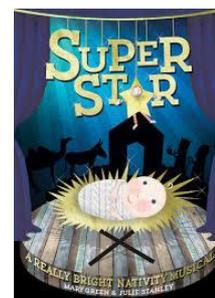


Mayor of Wimborne Christmas Card competition

Thank you to all those who entered the Mayor of Wimborne Christmas Card competition. The Mayor & Mayoress visited St John's to judge the entries and I am delighted to announce that Martin [Year 1] was the winner and his design will be used on the Wimborne Town Council Christmas cards. Kianah [Year 4] and Poppy [Reception] were runners-up. The children and their families have been invited to the switching-on of the Christmas lights this Saturday 25th November. Congratulations to them all.

Christmas Performance

This year's performance is entitled "Superstar A Really Bright Nativity Musical!" Performances will be held on Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December at 9.30am and Friday 8th December at 1.45pm. Don't forget to reserve your tickets on ParentMail. Thank you for your support in providing costumes for the children.



Bedtime Story Evening

Once again this year we are holding Bedtime Story Evening on Monday 4th December from 5.30 - 6.15pm. All children are welcome. Remember to wear your pyjamas! Parents are welcome to stay for a coffee and a chat.



Travelling Book Company is here this week selling a wide variety of lovely books. Come and browse - some great Christmas gift ideas!

Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

School Council has decided to support Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 14th December. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers/decorated jumpers to school in exchange for a £1 donation in support of Save the Children "Wear a Woolly and Save Lives" campaign.

Christmas Lunch

Chartwells are offering a Hot Christmas lunch menu on Thursday 14th December. All children who normally have Hot School Meals will have Christmas lunch on that day. The regular menu will not be available. If anyone else wishes to order Christmas lunch, please visit www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk to order by Sunday 3rd December please.

Christmas Party

The children will have their Christmas party on Wednesday 13th December 2017. Party food will be provided for all children by the school, supported with funds from the Friends of St John's. There will be no hot meals in school that day. If you have already ordered a meal for your child, we have asked Chartwells to credit your account.

The children have each completed A 'Food Tasting' form. If there have been any changes in your child's circumstances with regard to food allergies, please inform your child's class teacher.



Children are allowed to wear party clothes that day. However, the children will still be going out to play, so sensible clothes and shoes need to be worn, and they will need their coats as usual.

Christingle Service

This will be held in St John's Church on Friday 15th December at 1.45pm. The children can be collected at the end of the service. All welcome.



Nut Allergies

A polite reminder that St John's is a nut-free school. Please do not send in snacks/lunchbox items which contain nuts or nut products. Thank you.

Photo Permission

I would remind parents and carers that the photo permission agreement includes the statement "I agree that any video footage or photos that I take of my child **will not** be shared on Social Networking Sites such as Facebook." Please be mindful when taking photos at school events.

Diary Dates

In the busy run-up to Christmas, a reminder for the diary dates for the remainder term. All dates can be found in the News & Events section of the school website.

November

Friday 24 th November	Flu Immunisation Programme in school Years R/1/2/3/4
Thursday 30 th November	Decoration Morning

December

Friday 1 st December	8.45am Fabulous Friday Celebration of Learning 3.00 - 5.00 Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6 th December	9.30 Christmas Performance
Thursday 7 th December	9.30 Christmas Performance
Friday 8 th December	1.45 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 15 th December	1.45pm Christingle Service
Friday 15 th December	End Of Term

Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Anstey
Head of School