

Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers

Snow Closure!

What a very exciting start to March this year! Thank you for your understanding as we shut the school for two days last week due to the adverse weather conditions.

In the eight years I have been at St John's this is only the second time the school has had to shut due to snow. It is not a decision taken lightly and it was made in full discussion with the other Heads of Wimborne Academy Trust schools and considering the health and safety of pupils and staff.



On this occasion, it certainly seemed to be the right decision and I hope you all enjoyed the extended weekend with lots of fun in the snow!

Vision & Values afternoon

Thank you to the children, parents and Academy Committee members who were able to join us on Friday 23rd February to review and explore our school values and vision. It was a fantastic afternoon to review how we feel about our school, what is important about our school and how we can share that message with everyone. We created a few ideas that we will be sharing with everyone shortly.

Watch this space!

Anti-bullying Policy

Thank you to our School Council who have reviewed our policy and shared their ideas with the school. Please take the opportunity to read this policy on the school website and feedback to us any thoughts or comments.



Yours sincerely

Katharine Anstey
Head of School

Wimborne Academy Trust

On 22nd February I was part of a Trustee and Heads' meeting to review and explore the values, vision and strategic direction of Wimborne Academy Trust. It is wonderful that the uniqueness and individual character of our school is reflected and represented within the Trust. It was an incredibly positive meeting and once again, an important strength of our ongoing partnership.

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Our school continues to benefit from our collaborative Trust approach with teachers; this term participating in joint moderation meetings in English and Maths as well as network meetings for leaders.

Outdoor Classroom



We are delighted with our new outdoor classroom, which will provide vital additional space primarily for Nurture Group and Eco Group. We have decided to name this new space "Dragonflies," which we hope you will agree is apt both in terms of the natural environment and also in terms of what the space will offer our children by enabling them to evolve and grow as individuals and in their learning. We will be having a "grand opening" in the near future. Watch this space!!

Celebration of Home Learning

Thank you for all the wonderful home learning brought in for our recent celebration of home learning. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and value the home learning of all our children. All classes have the opportunity to view each child's home learning and all school staff award certificates to celebrate achievements which is always an incredibly difficult decision.



Shakespeare Week : 12th - 16th March 2018

Next week, we will be welcoming William Shakespeare back to St. John's as part of our annual Shakespeare Week celebrations. The children will have the opportunity to participate in a range of drama, dance, music and art workshops, as we explore the Bard's most famous plays and celebrate his work and life.



We are thrilled to be joining hundreds of schools across the country in this wonderful celebration and look forward to sharing these enriching arts opportunities with the children.

Year 2 Easter Experience

Dolphins' class will be visiting Wimborne Minster on Monday 12th March for the Easter Experience. The Minster will be transformed to help the children understand the Easter story.



Longdown Farm Visit

As I am sure you are aware, a mobile farm visited the school today and created much excitement across the school. Children from St John's Pre-School, together with our Reception and Year 1 classes, had the opportunity to meet the animals including goats, donkeys and chickens and also to hold and touch some of them. This was an amazing opportunity for the children as they begin their new topics on Spring and New Life.



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are taking place on Wednesday 7th March and Wednesday 21st March 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Appointments can be booked on ParentMail or contact the school office.

Leeson House Parents' Meeting

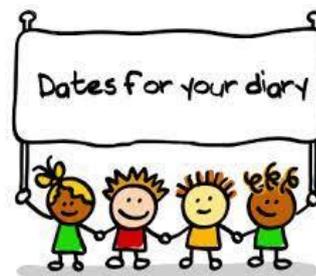
Leeson House residential visit will be taking place on 28th & 29th June for our Year 4 class. We will be holding a parents' information meeting on Thursday 15 March at 9 am in the school hall to discuss the arrangements for this trip.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

All dates can be found in the News & Events section of the school website.

March

Tuesday 6 th March	Farm visit - Reception and St John's Pre-School
Wednesday 7 th March	3.30 - 7.00pm Parent Consultations
Monday 12 th March	Shakespeare Week
	Commonwealth Day
	Year 2 Easter Experience, Wimborne Minster
Wednesday 14 th March	9.00am Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 15 th March	9.00am Year 4 Leeson House Parents' Information meeting
Friday 16 th March	2.45pm Years 3 & 4 Celebration of Shakespeare Learning
Wednesday 21 st March	9.00am Year 2 Class Assembly
	3.30 - 7.00pm Parent Consultations
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 4 Cluster Football final
Friday 23 rd March	7.00pm Friends of St John's Quiz Night
Monday 26 th March	Year 2 Visit to Safewise Bournemouth
Wednesday 28 th March	9.00am Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 29 th March	1.45pm Easter Service
	Last day of term



SUMMER TERM

April	
Monday 16 th April	Training Day
Tuesday 17 th April	Children back to school
Friday 27 th April	Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival
Monday 30 th April	Year 3 WASP Trigolf & Multi-skills Athletics Event at St Michael's
May	
Tuesday 1 st May	Year 3 Visit to see Dippy the Dinosaur at County Museum
Monday 14 th May	Year 3 Poole & East Dorset Cricket Skills morning
June	
Thurs 28 th & Fri 29 June	Year 4 Residential Visit to Leeson House
July	
Tuesday 3 rd July	Year 2 WASP Mini-Olympics event
Friday 6 th July	Transfer Day [Year 4 pupils attend their Middle Schools]
Friday 13 th July	Year 2 Visit to Carey Camp

WASP = Wimborne Area Sport Partnership