

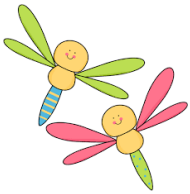
Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and last weekend [at least] it looked as if summer had finally arrived!

Welcome back to a busy Summer term! Please take time to look at the diary dates at the end of this newsletter, as there are many exciting trips, sporting activities and assemblies scheduled for this term.

I am sorry to tell you that during the Easter holidays, the school suffered significant damage from vandalism when lead was stripped from the flat roof above the school office and Pandas' classroom. Wimborne Academy Trust has instructed our insurers and repairs will be carried out shortly. If there are any restrictions on site during these repairs, we will of course communicate these to you.

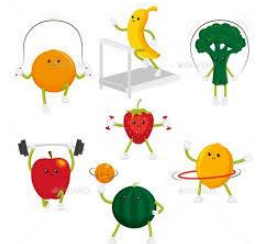


On a happier note, the official opening and blessing of Dragonflies' outdoor classroom will take place on Friday 4th May at 2.45pm. All are welcome to come along.

A big thank you to Sarah Lovell who has worked with all the children to create artwork to display in the Dragonflies' room. All children will have the opportunity to use this wonderful space with Mrs Selby.

St John's is committed to ensuring that our children understand the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. We would like to invite all parents and carers to a meeting on Thursday 3rd May at 2.30pm in the school hall to find out more about our 'Fit and Fruity Friday' initiative.

More details will be available next week through a letter but it would be great to see as many parents as possible to learn about some changes we would like to make and why we are making them.



Yours sincerely



Katharine Anstey
Head of School

Following the allocation of Middle School places, our Year 4 children will commence their transition to middle school and activities are planned throughout the summer term.

A great benefit of being a part of Wimborne Academy Trust is the close working relationship between all schools which will ensure a strong and seamless transition for our children.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

There have been many developments and successes at St John's CE First School over the last few years. We strive for continuous improvement and would welcome your views about the school.



We are sending home a questionnaire this week and we would appreciate you taking the time to complete the questionnaire regarding your child/ren.

All responses are treated as confidential and you do not need to state your name unless you wish to be identified. The questionnaire will be collated and the responses used to help us develop our vision for the future.

Thank you for your continued support and should you wish to speak to Mrs Anstey personally about a matter, please feel free to do so.

School Council

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

Elephants	Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Rosie Poppy	Ed Oliver	Harry F Henry	George G Joseph	Sam William

* Isabella and Nell are our Rights Respecting School Ambassadors.

Worship Team

Worship Team members have now been elected for the Summer term and the representatives for each class are as follows:

Elephants	Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Amelia Ruby	Tyler Sophia	Finley Amelie	Keziah Courtney	Katy Leah

Sports Ambassadors

Our Year 4 Sports Ambassadors for this term are Nathan, Maria, Kianah and Claudia.



Bring a Bloom Day

A reminder that this Friday 27th April is "Bring a Bloom" day. This is a non-uniform day and each child is invited to bring in a plant or any unwanted planters to help make our grounds look spectacular.

Sun Protection

As the summer term progresses, we hope[!] that there will be plenty of sunny days ahead and the children will be able to make good use of the field and outside areas. Please make sure your child has a named sun-hat to wear in the coming months. Sun hats can be purchased from the school office. Closed-in shoes/sandals should be worn; no open-toed sandals, thank you. We recommend you apply sun lotion to your child before school. Further protective sun screen can be applied during the day by the children. School staff will apply skin cream for children under medical direction. We have been notified by the school nurse that some sun lotions contain nut products. We would appreciate if you could not use these products at school, as we have some children who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. The children will be told not to share sun lotion with other children.



Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school, especially as the weather becomes warmer. The use of water bottles is very popular with the children and it encourages the children to drink more water, which is beneficial for their health, and can increase their concentration and attainment. Eco sports bottles are available to purchase from the School office at a cost of £2.00 per bottle. Spare caps are also available to purchase.

Sports News



Forthcoming Events

- ~ On Wednesday afternoons during the Summer term, Years 2 & 4 are receiving golf tuition from a qualified coach and Years 1 & 3 are having tennis tuition with a coach from Wimborne Tennis Club
- ~ 20 children from Year 4 will be attending the Tag Rugby tournament at QE School on Friday 27th April
- ~ Year 3 will also be attending the WASP tri-golf and multi-sports festival at St Michael's CE Middle School on Monday 30th April
- ~ Year 1 will be participating in a multi-skills morning at Hayeswood First
- ~ Year 3 will be attending the Poole & East Dorset Cricket Skills Festival at Canford School on Monday 14th May
- ~ Years 3 & 4 will be participating in a Tennis event at Wimborne Tennis Club
- ~ Year 2 will be attending WASP Mini-Olympics event on Tuesday 3rd July

Don't forget that Sports Day is on Friday 22nd June at 1.15pm.

PE Kit

Could you please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. Some children do not have plimsolls or trainers in their PE kit which they must have for PE lessons. Also, not all children have PE kit which falls within the school's guidelines of white t-shirt and black shorts. Thank you for your co-operation.

Hot School Meals & Whole Day School Trips

With regard to paid hot meals for Years 3 & 4, a reminder that parents can cancel their child's hot meal direct with Chartwells with 48 hours' notice.

Packed lunches are available for trips for all children in Years R, 1 & 2 [Universal Infant Free School Meals.] Those children eligible for free school meals in Years 3 & 4 will receive a packed lunch for day trips.

Sustrans Big Pedal 2018 - 23rd April to 4th May

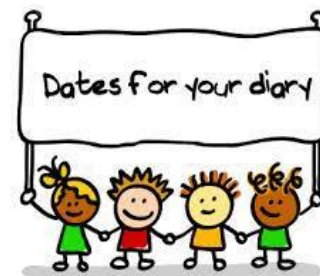
Thank you for taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2018, the UK's largest inter-school scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.



On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents scooting to school. Our best 5 days will determine our final position in the challenge. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

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



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
Wednesday 2 nd May	9.00am Diamond Assembly*
Friday 4 th May	Year 1 Multi-skills Festival at Hayeswood [morning]* "Bugfest" visiting Elephants' class*
Wednesday 9 th May	9.00am Year 4 Class Assembly*
Monday 14 th May	Year 3 Poole & East Dorset Cricket Skills morning
Wednesday 16 th May	9.00am Elephants' Class Assembly*
Friday 18 th May	9.00am Celebration of Learning*
Wednesday 23 rd May	Years 3 & 4 Tennis at Wimborne Tennis Club*
Friday 25 th May	9.00am Diamond Worship*

Half term holiday: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

June	
Tuesday 5 th June	Tennis Final at Wimborne Tennis Club*
Wednesday 6 th June	Class photos
Friday 8 th June	1.30pm Grandparents' Afternoon
Monday 18 June	9.00am Diamond assembly
Wednesday 20 th June	School Games Finals* 7.00pm New Reception intake evening
Friday 22 nd June	1.15pm Sports Day
Monday 25 th June	1.15pm Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 26 th June	2.00pm Elmer Club
Thursday 28 th June	2.00pm Elmer Club
Thurs 28 th & Fri 29 June	Year 4 Residential Visit to Leeson House

July	
Tuesday 3 rd July	Year 2 WASP Mini-Olympics event 2.00pm Elmer Club
Thursday 5 th July	9.00 Celebration of Home Learning* 2.00pm Elmer Club
Friday 6 th July	Transfer Day [Year 4 pupils attend their Middle Schools]
Tuesday 10 th July	3.30-7.00pm Parent Consultations*
Wednesday 11 th July	9.00am Diamond assembly
Friday 13 th July	Year 2 Visit to Carey Camp 3.30-5.30pm Friends of St John's Summer Fair
Friday 20 th July	5.00-7.00pm Friends of St John's Summer Picnic
Monday 23 rd July	9.00am Diamond assembly 3.30-5.30pm Year 4 Leavers' BBQ
Tuesday 24 th July	1.45pm Year 4 Leavers' Service End of term - children return to school on Wednesday 5 th September 2018

* = New events added

WASP = Wimborne Area Sport Partnership

