



# NEWSLETTER 02

3 OCTOBER 2018

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that we have almost completed the first half of this term! As you can see, we have been incredibly busy and there are lots of events planned in the run-up to Christmas!! The children of St John's have settled well into their new classes and are making us very proud of their achievements.

Please note the forthcoming Maths and Literacy Curriculum Information sessions, and for our Reception parents & carers, the EYFS Stay & Play sessions. It would be great to welcome as many families as possible.

It was wonderful to see so many families at the "Meet the Teacher" sessions at the beginning of term and also at the Celebration of Learning last Friday.

I hope you found the NSPCC workshop on "Keeping your Child Safe On-Line" useful. There are still some booklets available at the school office if you were unable to attend and would like the Parents' Guide produced by the NSPCC.

This week, we have had a successful Open Morning for prospective parents and I know many of our Year 4 families have attended the local Middle School Open evenings.

Yours sincerely

**Katharine Anstey**  
**Headteacher**

## 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
Anna Lauren	Daisy Oliver	Jacob Martha	Freya Conor Nell*

\* Nell is our Rights Respecting School Ambassador for Year 4.

## Worship Team

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

Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Camille Oscar	Mollie Harrison M	Darcy Theo	Lily K Chloe

## Year 4 Sports Ambassadors

Once again this year, we are very excited to be involved in this initiative with other schools in East Dorset and to have chosen our Sports Ambassadors for this term, Nell, Henry, Keziah and Harry. 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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



## PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. The children may bring in a pair of navy, grey or black joggers to wear for outdoor PE.

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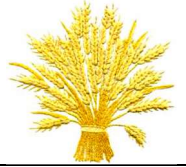
Schools across the Wimborne Academy Trust have been holding open events and tours for prospective pupils.

Liz West, CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust stated "Wimborne Academy Trust is a forward-looking trust providing creative and innovative learning opportunities, nurturing every pupil as an individual. To get a real flavour of what we are like we would urge all interested parents to come and see for themselves."

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## Harvest Service

Thank you to all of you who attended the recent Harvest Service and for your generous donations to 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 £115.17 was raised by your donations; thank you for your support.

## Health & Safety

The corridors are extremely busy at morning drop-off which can inhibit movement around the school. Whilst we fully support and understand parents of our younger children coming into school, wherever possible, please encourage your child to come into the school building on their own. For the older children, this is a great way to promote independence and self-sufficiency. Please can we also remind you that pushchairs and buggies should not be brought into school to allow our corridors to remain free flowing.

In order that we can keep everyone safe, at the end of the school day, we would respectfully remind parents that children should not be climbing on play equipment.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Fire procedure and Lock Down Procedures

This term we have already had a fire safety practice. The children were excellent at moving safely, quickly and silently to our outside designated area. Next week we will be practising our lock down procedures. These need to be practised to ensure that in the event of a hazard outside the school building we can safely and quickly ensure everyone is accounted for within the building. These drills are not intended to alarm the children but to ensure our safety procedures are in place and work effectively.

## Children due to start Middle School in September 2019

If your child is due to transfer to a Middle School in September 2019, 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](http://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
01.09.09 - 31.08.10	Starting Middle School	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2019

## National Flu immunisation programme 2018/19

All children across the school will be offered nasal flu immunisation in school this year. The School Nursing team will visit on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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 **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**.

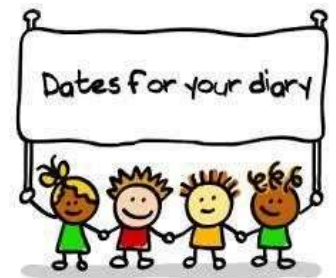
### Forthcoming Diary Dates

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

#### AUTUMN TERM 2018

##### October

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.30 - 12 noon Open morning for prospective parents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00pm-8.00pm Maths Information Evening Yrs 1-4*
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Stay and Play sessions /curriculum workshop
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 WASP Netball/Handball event at Allenbourn*
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Roman Day*
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm - 7.00pm Parent Consultation evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm - 5.00pm Parent Consultation evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of St John's Cake Sale after school*



#### Half Term : Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Training Day - no children in school
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Individual photos [Fraser Portraits]*

##### November

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Reception class Stay & Play sessions /curriculum workshop
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 2 Fire Engine Visit*
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebration of Home Learning*
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Health administering flu nasal spray [whole school]*
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am & 2.00pm Parent Information Sessions - Spelling/Handwriting Deadline for receipt of Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes*
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week Year 4 WASP Football/Multi-skills event at Allenbourn*
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Priest's House visit [tbc]*
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Decoration morning

##### December

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	8.45am Celebration of Learning
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm Bedtime story evening
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15-4.30pm Christmas Fair*
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Christmas Performance
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Christmas Performance
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm Christmas Performance
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	1.45pm Christingle Service
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term

\*New event added

