

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term is exceptionally busy with the run-up to Christmas and there are many different exciting events & activities taking place in school.

### **School Action Plan 2018-19**

This year at St John's CE First School we are developing the following areas:

- ~ To develop a consistent approach to assessment in all subjects using WAT agreed assessment codes
- ~ To improve the quality of teaching and learning with a specific focus on disadvantaged and SEND pupils.
- ~ To develop an interconnected curriculum framework that addresses sequential and transferable learning
- ~ To review the provision and impact of our church school distinctiveness in preparation of a SIAMS inspection

In addition we will continue to develop many different aspects of our school and strive for continuous improvement for all the children.

## **Celebration of Home Learning**

What a pleasure it was to see the wide range of home learning the children brought into school last week. This is a fantastic way of complementing and reinforcing the children's learning in school.

All classes and staff had the opportunity to spend time in the hall throughout the morning, sharing the home learning. The children were so proud to share their learning and really valued each other's work. A truly inspirational morning! All children received a certificate to celebrate their wonderful work.

Thank you for your support.

## **UK Parliament Week**

This week is UK Parliament Week which is an annual event aimed at engaging people across the UK with Parliament and the democratic process. We have had time to explore what this means with each class and developed a greater understanding of how this links to our British Values. The children will be exploring this further when, on Friday, Michael Tomlinson, MP for Mid Dorset & North Poole, will be visiting St John's to tour the school and talk to the children.



Please look on the school website to see more about the visit!

Yours sincerely

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**Katharine Anstey**  
**Headteacher**



## Children in Need : Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

This year the School Council would like to support the charity Children in Need. Children in Need's vision is that every child in the UK has a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential. With your help and generosity, they fund projects for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

To support this charity and raise money, on Friday 16th November we will be inviting children to wear something spotty alongside their PE kit for Fit and Fruity Friday.

There will also be a cake sale after school. Please bring donations of cakes to the hall on the morning of the event.

## Collective Worship

Worship Team has been reviewing Collective Worship and we would like to remind all parents/carers that you are warmly invited to join us in Church every Thursday from 9.00 - 9.30am for Collective Worship.



## Wimborne Academy Trust

Wimborne Academy Trust held its first conference on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The theme of the conference was "Removing Barriers" to inform and develop Disadvantaged Pupil Strategy within the Trust whereby each child has an advocate, helping our most vulnerable pupils build resilience, embrace their mistakes and grow into successful, happy adults.

**WIMBORNE**  
Academy Trust

Approximately 300 staff attended the event held at QE School, which was an incredible opportunity for colleagues to come together and listen to outstanding speakers. Staff are implementing many of the strategies from the conference and will continue to do so through the year, as part of the school action plan.

Keynote speakers included:

Catherine Leahy [Ofsted Senior HMI for the South West]

Kerry Brown [Growth Mindset]

Kate Cairns [Attachment strategies]

## Year 4 WASP Football Festival

Snow Leopards attended the WASP football festival yesterday at Allenbourn. The Wimborne Area Sports Partnership (WASP) is a programme of sports events and tournaments throughout the school year. All Year 4 children wore the new school sports kit which has been funded using the Primary sports funding to ensure all St John's children feel confident and proud when representing the school.

## Funds for Fern

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our non-uniform day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October to raise funds for a former pupil, Fern who has Alexander disease. Fern's family had launched an appeal to purchase a Molli electrical stimulation suit which will help Fern overcome motor and muscle tone imbalance, improve movement and control and ease painful spasm. A magnificent £380.00 was raised and this money has been passed onto the family who were overwhelmed and extremely thankful for your support.

## Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for your support with the above appeal. We collected 30 shoeboxes which were delivered to St John's Church last Friday and which will be forwarded to Operation Christmas Child - the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal to benefit children in need overseas for Christmas.

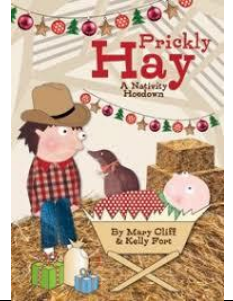


### Decoration Morning

Decoration morning will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The children will make Christmas decorations which will be put up throughout the school. A group of children from Beaucroft school will be joining us for this event. If any parents/carers would like to help, please contact the school office. We look forward to showing you the decorated school and your child's learning on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for celebration of Learning at 8.45 - 9.15am.

### Christmas Performance

This year's performance is entitled "Prickly Hay" Performances will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm. A form will be sent out in the next week on ParentMail to reserve 2 tickets per family.



### Bedtime Story Evening



Once again this year we are holding Bedtime Story Evening on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 5.00 - 6.00pm. All children are welcome. Remember to wear your pyjamas! Parents are welcome to stay for a coffee and a chat. A letter will be sent home shortly with more details.

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

### Christmas Party



The children will have their Christmas party on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018. 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 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.

### Christmas Lunch

Chartwells are offering a Hot Christmas lunch menu on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk) to order no later than Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November please.



Please note if you are cancelling a hot lunch for any trips, etc, Chartwells now require 72 hours' notice. Thank you.

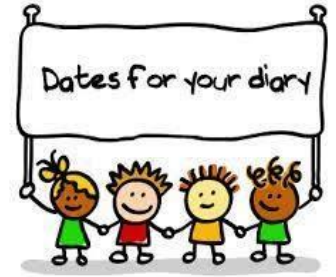
### Christingle Service

This will be the last event before our Christmas holiday and will be held in St John's Church on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing everyone at the service - all family and friends are welcome to join us. The children can be collected at the end of the service.



## Forthcoming Diary Dates

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



### AUTUMN TERM 2018

#### 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	UK Parliament Week* Year 4 WASP Football/Multi-skills event at Allenbourn
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Priest's House visit
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	2.45pm Year 3 Brass concert for parents*
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	Year 4 trip to Flavours School of Cookery, Bournemouth* Christmas Lunch day [Chartwells Hot Meals]* 5.00pm Bedtime story evening
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15-4.30pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Singing - Allendale House*
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
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Singing at Bennett Lodge*
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	1.45pm Christingle Service
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019- Training Day*  
*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Children return to school*

\*New event added