

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

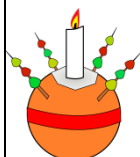
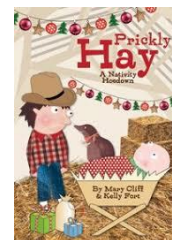
### St John's Academy Committee

Rev Peter Breckwoldt is standing down as an Academy Committee member at St John's. Rev Breckwoldt became a Governor when he joined St John's Church as Vicar in 2011 and continued as an Academy Committee member after the school converted to multi-academy trust status. Peter is a Trustee of Wimborne Academy Trust and, in this role, will continue to have a watching brief on St John's and the other schools within the Trust. He will also of course continue his association with the school as Vicar of St John's.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Peter for his support and guidance both as a Governor and Academy Committee member and, particularly in being part of the Governing Body which helped steer St John's to academy status in 2015.

### Christmas Performance

I am sure you will agree that all the children were fantastic in last week's performances. The children worked extremely hard and we received many complimentary messages about the standard of performance. Staff would especially like to thank parents & carers for their support in sending in costumes for their children.



### Christingle Service

This will be the last event before our Christmas holiday and will be held in St John's Church at 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing everyone at the service - all family and friends are welcome to join us. There will be a collection for Julia's House Children's Hospice at the service. The children can be collected at the end of the service.

With regard to health & safety, please ensure that, where applicable, your child comes to school with long hair tied back and no adornments in hair please. Your support is appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful New Year.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 is a training day; I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



Yours sincerely



**Katharine Anstey**  
Headteacher

## Life Education Bus

The Life Education Bus will visit St John's on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.  
Life Education is the UK's largest children's health education charity.



For each class group a session is delivered that is appropriate to the pupils' age and needs. Sessions are delivered by Life Education's own specially-trained Educators using a life-skills approach so that each year children increase their knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed health choices.

Topics covered include: how the body works, the importance of healthy diet and exercise, safe use of medicines, the risks of tobacco, alcohol and non-prescription drugs and emotional wellbeing (including bullying.) Emphasis is placed on teaching in a fun and interactive manner using music, sound and light effects as well as interactive technology and Life Education's life-sized illuminated model of the human body.

There is an information session for parents & carers on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2.45-3.15pm which you are welcome to attend.

## Wimborne Academy Trust



### EYFS Maths Teacher Research Group - How children communicate their thinking through mathematical graphics

A group of Early Years Foundation Stage teachers in Dorset, including many from the Trust met together for the first of three sessions exploring how children communicate their thinking through mathematical graphics. It was an excellent day where both experienced and less experienced Early Years teachers discussed recent research around the subject and the implications for the teaching of mathematics in preparation for mastery. Teachers will now be trying out the ideas discussed with their own classes and visiting other schools to carry out collaborative research. Our Reception teacher, Miss Jessop, is part of this group.

## Friends of St John's

The Friends of St John's would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity at the various Christmas events which has resulted in an amazing amount of funds raised this term:



Christmas Fair	£463.24
Christmas Performance raffle	£304.15
Christmas Cards	£130.50

Look out for more information on forthcoming events on our Noticeboard at the front of the school!

Wishing you & your families a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
*Friends of St John's*

## Charity fundraising at St John's

In November, St John's supported two annual national appeals and raised the following amounts:



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised £147.64  
The Children in Need appeal raised £236.62

Thank you for your generosity for these worthy causes.



## Local Community Christmas Singing

Pupils from Years 3 & 4 have been performing in carol singing events in the local community:

Year 4 pupils performed for the residents of Bennett Lodge and Year 3 at Allendale House. Both these events have become an annual tradition and are thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.



Well done to all the children, and to the staff for ensuring they were so well rehearsed!!