



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Flu Immunisation Programme

This year the annual nasal spray flu vaccine will be offered to all children in Years 1, 2 & 3 as part of the NHS Childhood Vaccination programme. The School Health team will be visiting the school on Thursday 17th November to carry out this programme. Individual letters have been sent home to children in Years 1, 2 & 3 this week with further information.

Please ensure that you return your form no later than Thursday 10th November 2016. Forms need to be returned whether or not you consent to the vaccine being administered to your child.

Parent Consultations

Lists are now available outside your child's classroom for parents to sign up for parent consultations. Dates and times as follows:

Wednesday 9th November : 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 15th November : 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday 16th November : 3.30pm - 7.00pm

Staffing News

I am delighted to say that we have appointed three new Teaching Assistants:

Miss Poppy Brock has joined Reception Class team this week.
Mrs Sandra Cutts will be joining Year 4 next week.
Miss Emma Godden will be joining the Year 2 team in the next few weeks.

Non-Uniform Day/Bulb Planting

There will be a non-uniform day this Friday 4th November. Please bring in a bulb to plant in the grounds. We would welcome any volunteers who are able to help with planting.

Uniform Code

Could you please ensure that if your child has long hair, this is tied back; hair bands/bobbles should be school colours only.

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Anti-Bullying

Our Rights Respecting School Ambassadors, William and Isabella, are attending a Pupil Voice Partnership Meeting at St Michael's Middle School this week. The aim is to develop Pupil Voice across the Wimborne Academy Trust schools. The first theme is anti-bullying to coincide with Anti-bullying week later this month. More details to follow.

Winter's here!

Now that the colder weather has arrived, please could you ensure that your child brings a named coat to school, as we aim for the children to go out to play and get some fresh air every day.



Choir Competition

St John's pupils recently participated in a Choir competition at the Barrington Theatre in Ferndown. First schools from across East Dorset performed and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Wimborne St Giles were the winners; with St John's being awarded a runners-up certificate. Congratulations to our choir for their wonderful performance and to their families for supporting us on the night!

Children in Need

This year's event will take place on Friday 18th November 2016. School Council is currently finalising details of St John's fundraising theme; more information to follow.



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 have brought 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 **Thursday 10th November 2016**.

Decoration Morning

We would appreciate any offers of help on Decoration Morning, Wednesday 30th November 2016. Please let the office know.

Christmas Lunch

Chartwells are offering a Hot Christmas lunch menu on Thursday 15th 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 to order by Sunday 4th December please.





Wimborne First Schools Football League

Further to the information sent out before half term regarding this Saturday morning League, we are currently struggling for players and are very keen for girls and boys in Year 1 to 4 to join in. If anyone is interested, please talk to Mrs Wallis in the school office.



Diary Dates

A reminder of diary dates for this term:

November

Tuesday 1 st November	Parent Consultation signing-up sheets displayed
Wednesday 9 th November	3.30pm - 7.00pm Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15 th November	3.30 - 5.00pm Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16 th November	3.30 - 7.00pm Parent Consultations
Monday 14 th November	Anti Bullying Week
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need

December

Thursday 1 st December	8.45am Terrific Thursday Celebration of Learning
Wednesday 7 th December	9.30am Christmas Performance
Thursday 8 th December	9.30am Christmas Performance
Friday 9 th December	1.45pm Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Party
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December	1.45pm Christingle Service - End of Term

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Anstey
Head of School

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Comments/ideas/suggestions? Please complete this slip, cut it off and return it to the school office for the attention of Mrs K Anstey.

Age of child(ren)

