



## St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers



### Winter Closures

On rare occasions, especially in winter, there may be a necessity to close the school. Information regarding any school closure will be communicated through the following media:

- Dorset Education Authority has made arrangements with local radio stations to broadcast emergency information regarding school closures. These include BBC Radio Solent (FM96.1 or MW999) and Heart 102.3 FM. The radio stations have asked schools to remind parents not to phone them directly, but to listen for announcements which will be broadcast at regular intervals.
- We will also endeavour to use the texting service, Teachers2Parents, to communicate any school closure.
- School closure information can also be accessed via the Dorsetforyou website by following the link <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices>

If school is open, please make every effort to bring your child, especially if you are within walking distance, as it is very important to your child's education.

### Celebration of Learning

This will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 8.45am - 9.15am. A chance for parents & carers to come and share in your child's learning and see our Christmas decorations!!

### Children in Need

On behalf of the School Council, thank you for supporting "The Big Spotacular."  
We raised a fantastic £271.89 for this year's appeal.



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### **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Many thanks to everyone who supported this appeal. The boxes have been collected and are being sent to children in Eastern Europe.

### **Wimborne First Schools Football League**

Teams representing Years 1,2,3 & 4 have now played 2 games in the Wimborne First Schools football league. We've had wins, draws and losses but all the children who have taken part have enjoyed the experience. There are still 2 more fixtures before the Christmas holiday and several more in the New Year. If your child is interested in taking part please let Mrs Wallis in the office know.



### **Friends of St John's**

The Friends are running a Christmas hamper raffle at the Christmas performances and are seeking donations of goodies to go into the hamper [if you have more than 1 child in school, 1 donation per family is fine.] Please bring in any donations on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

Reception: Crisps/savoury snacks

Year 1: Crackers or biscuits

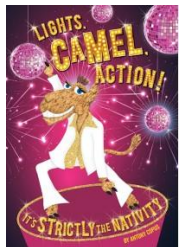
Chocolates or sweets

Year 3: Cakes or mince pies [not homemade]

Year 4: Bottles or jars [wine/minemeat/ Year 2:  
pickled onions/olives]

### **Christmas Performance**

This year's performance is entitled "Lights, Camel, Action!! It's Strictly the Nativity!" Performances next week on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm. Thank you for your support in providing costumes for the children.



### **Bedtime Story Evening**

Once again this year we are holding Bedtime Story Evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30 - 6.15pm. All children are welcome. Remember to wear your pyjamas! Parents are welcome to stay for a coffee and a chat.



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

### **Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day**

School Council has decided to support Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers/decorated jumpers to school in exchange for a £1 donation in support of Save the Children "Wear a Woolly and Save Lives" campaign.



### Christmas Lunch

Chartwells are offering a Hot Christmas lunch menu on Thursday 15<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 by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December please.

### Christmas Party

The children will have their Christmas party on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016. 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 already 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.

### Christingle Service

This will be held in St John's Church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm. The children can be collected at the end of the service. All welcome.



This year, we will be making a collection at the end of the service in aid of Julia's House. Representatives from Julia's House will be coming into school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December for an assembly to tell us more about the work they do with families in Dorset.

### Photo Permission

I would remind parents and carers that the photo permission agreement includes the statement "I agree that any video footage or photos that I take of my child **will not** be shared on Social Networking Sites such as Facebook." Please be mindful when taking photos at school events.

### Diary Dates

In the busy run-up to Christmas, a reminder of diary dates for this term:



Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	8.45am Terrific Thursday Celebration of Learning 3.15pm Friends' Christmas Fair - Pre-School Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Christmas Performance 5.30-6.15pm Bedtime Story Evening
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Christmas Performance



Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm Christingle Service - End of Term

Children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'K Anstey'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

**Mrs K Anstey**  
**Head of School**