

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the fifth newsletter of the school year and the first of 2019. Although Christmas is now a distant memory, on behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your support, good wishes and gifts received at the end of last term. We wish all our families health & happiness in 2019.



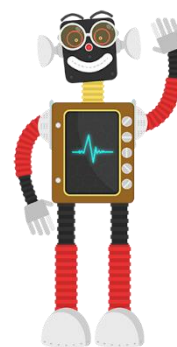
HeartSmart

I am sure your children will have been very excited to tell you that St John's welcomed Boris the Robot last week, who came into school to introduce Heart Smart.

HeartSmart is a creative new approach to delivering the PSHE Curriculum which aims to build character, emotional health and resilience in children both at school and at home. At its core, HeartSmart is about loving and accepting ourselves as well as loving and responding well to others.

HeartSmart uses five principles, "The HeartSmart High Five" which are quick to implement, easy to remember and quickly become part of a child's internal dialogue:

- Don't Forget to Let Love In!
- Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy!
- Don't Rub it in Rub it Out!
- Fake is a Mistake!
- No Way Through isn't True!



We will be holding a Parent Information Workshop in the near future. Watch this space!!

Yours sincerely



Katharine Anstey
Headteacher

School Council

School Council members have now been elected for the Spring term and the representatives for each class are as follows:



Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Oliver Lilly-Mae	Freddi Olivia	Leon Esme Zach*	George G Keziah Nell*

* Rights Respecting School Ambassadors

Worship Team

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

Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Freddie Joy	Harrison B-H Ellie	Olivia Conor	Henry George W

Year 4 Sports Ambassadors

Freya, Toby, Lily K, and Leo have been chosen as our Sports Ambassadors for this term. Thank you to all those who applied.



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

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 ParentMail to communicate any school closure.
- School closure information can also be accessed via the Dorsetforyou website by following the link <https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/closedservices/Service/schools>

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.

Parent Consultation Appointments

Don't forget to sign-up for Parent Consultations using the signing-up sheets outside your child's classroom door. Parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 12th February 3.30-7.30pm and Wednesday 13th February 3.30-5.30pm.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Wimborne Academy Trust

Over 40 stakeholders came together for the first Community Leaders' Lunch last week - a joint event with Queen Elizabeth's School. Representatives from Dorset Police, local business, Local Authority, Support Services, Community, Diocese, Education and the Trust and QE worked together to celebrate the achievements and discuss the challenges facing children and their families in the Wimborne area. The lunch was extremely well received and a follow up event is currently being scheduled in March to build on the great work undertaken.

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Wimborne Teaching School recently hosted a conference led by Dr Yeap Ban Har which covered all elements of the Singapore Maths Approach. Teachers from St John's and other schools in Wimborne Academy Trust joined colleagues from other Dorset schools at the conference and came away with an even greater understanding of the principles behind Singapore Maths. This will enable them to train and support colleagues. All schools will benefit from having well-trained staff with the in-depth skills necessary to support the implementation of a mastery teaching approach across the school.

Health & Safety

There is an increasing number of rucksacks being brought into school which we do not have the space to accommodate on the children's pegs. For daily use, the children should only need to bring in a book bag, PE bag and where necessary their lunchbox. There may be a rare occasion when a rucksack is required, but we would request that this is kept to a minimum. Also, the children's book bags need to fit into their trays in the classroom so we would request that there are no keyrings attached. Thank you for your support.

St John's Academy Committee

It is with regret that I inform you that Mrs Deborah Holbrooke-Jones has resigned as a Parent Academy Committee member due to other commitments. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Deborah for her contribution and commitment to the Academy Committee over the past year.

As you are aware, there is currently a Parent Academy Committee election to fill the vacancy and the outcome will be advised by separate letter.

National Child Measurement Programme



Families in Reception class have received information on ParentMail this term regarding the above Public Health England programme. School height and weight checks are carried out in Reception and Year 6 by the local school nursing team who will be visiting Reception class on Friday 22nd March 2019. If any parent wishes to OPT OUT of the check, please complete the form and return to the school office. Paper copies of all the information are also available from the school office.

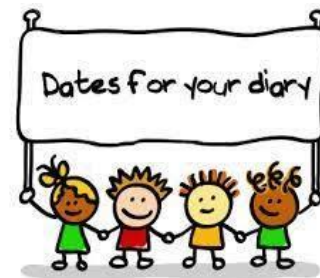
Fit & Fruity Friday

A reminder that only school PE kit should be worn for Fit & Fruity Friday with a school sweatshirt or fleece. Black, grey or navy jogging bottoms can be worn as necessary. Other sports kit is not permitted.



Forthcoming Diary Dates

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



SPRING TERM 2019

January

Monday 14 th January	Year 3 WASP Gym/Orienteering Festival
Tuesday 15 th January	Life Education Bus
Wednesday 16 th January	Life Education Bus
Wednesday 23 rd January	Reception Daily Echo photo

February

Tuesday 5 th February	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 1 Toys' Day 3.30pm - 7.30pm Parent Consultation Meeting
Wednesday 13 th February	3.30pm - 5.30pm Parent Consultation Meeting
Friday 15 th February	Celebration of Home Learning

Half-term Holiday : Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February 2019

March

Wednesday 6 th March	Reception & Pre-School Farm Visit
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Monday 18 th March	Year 4 WASP Tag Rugby Festival
Monday 25 th March	Year 2 Easter Experience - Wimborne Minster
Thursday 28 th March	Year 4 East Dorset Football final
Friday 29 th March	2.45pm Celebration of Learning Friends of St John's Quiz Night

April

Thursday 4 th April	1.45pm Easter Service End of term
Friday 5 th April	Staff training day - No children in school
Tuesday 23 rd April	Children return to school

May

Monday 13 th May	Year 3 WASP Multi-skills and Athletics festival
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Half-term Holiday : Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2019

June

Wednesday 5 th June	Class photographs
Wednesday 19 th June	School Games Final Bryanston

July

Monday 1 st July	Year 2 WASP Mini-Olympics day
Friday 5 th July	Transfer Day [Year 4 children attend Middle School]
Thurs 18 th /Fri 19 th July	Year 4 Leeson House Residential Visit
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service End of term