

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term break.

We are looking forward to a busy few weeks in the run-up to Easter including class assemblies which are always a very enjoyable way for the children to share their learning with families.

We are also turning our thoughts to the outdoors with longer days and better weather and are inviting volunteers to help us tidy the grounds this coming Friday.

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LUCK!**

We are saying goodbye to Ms O'Brien who will be leaving us on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 to pursue new challenges. Ms O'Brien is one of our longest standing members of staff, having worked at St John's for 18 years.

On behalf of all the staff, pupils and wider school community, I would like to thank Ms O'Brien for her commitment to St John's and particularly to the artistic life of the school. We will all miss her but wish her well for the future.

Yours sincerely



**Katharine Anstey**  
Headteacher

## World Book Day : Thursday 7 March 2019



To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7 March we are asking the children to bring in their favourite book to share with their fit & fruity friend. This could be a book from home or a school book your child is currently reading.

We will be sharing our favourite books to celebrate rather than dressing up.  
Thank you for your support.

## British Science Week : 8-17 March 2019

British Science Week is a ten day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. The theme this year is "journeys." The children will have the opportunity to take part in some exciting, hands-on activities over the course of the week in their classrooms. If you are looking for fun and easy science activities to try at home, check out [www.britishscienceweek.org](http://www.britishscienceweek.org)



## Wimborne Academy Trust

School Direct Update: there are still vacancies on our 2019-20 Initial

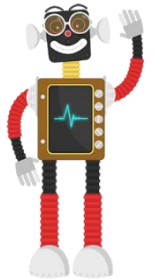
Teacher Training Programme, delivered here in Wimborne and East Dorset in partnership with the University of Winchester. We are offering high quality and high rated local opportunities to train for a career in primary teaching with Wimborne Teaching School. For more details please [click here](#).



## HeartSmart Parents' Workshop



Following the introduction of HeartSmart at the end of last term, we will be holding a Parents' Workshop on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. There will be an opportunity for children to come and work alongside you, and the children will be performing a song at the end of the workshop. This will be led by Mrs Skipp, Parent Support Advisor, and Mrs Anstey. The attached flyer gives more information for parents & carers.



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. We do hope to see as many of you as possible at the workshop.

## St John's Academy Committee

Following the recent Parent Academy Committee Member election, we welcome Mrs Ruth Fry to the Academy Committee.

## Health & Safety

There are an increasing number of buggies in the corridors at morning drop-off and, as you can appreciate, the school is very crowded at this time of day. In order to alleviate this situation, we would request that no buggies are brought into the school building. A member of staff will be stationed at the "Smarty Arty" door near the hall each morning either to oversee your child entering the school or to mind your buggy whilst you settle your child into class.

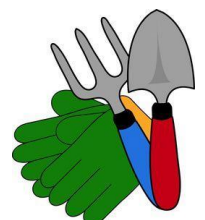
Thank you for your support and understanding.



## Groundforce : Friday 8 March 2019

We are looking for volunteers to help tidy the grounds and prepare the beds for Spring/Summer planting. If you are able to help for an hour or two [or longer!!] please sign-up at the school office.

Thank you for your support.



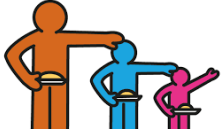


## Fairtrade Fortnight

During the second week of Fairtrade Fortnight, the School Council will be talking to the school on Tuesday about Fairtrade and, to celebrate what the children have been learning, we are asking that they bring a Fairtrade snack or item for their lunchbox on Friday 8 March. They will then have an opportunity to talk about what they have learnt.

Thank you for your support

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## East Dorset District Council Civic Thanksgiving Service

6 of our Year 4 pupils were chosen to form part of a Wimborne schools' choir which performed at the above event held in the Minster on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The event was to held to mark the end of the current local council arrangements.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, the new Dorset Council will replace the existing arrangements and elections will be held in early May.

## Forthcoming Diary Dates

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

### SPRING TERM 2019

#### March

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception class Parent Consultations 3.30
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception & Pre-School Farm Visit 9.00 Year 4 Assembly Reception class Parent Consultations 3.30
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	"Groundforce" morning
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2.15pm "HeartSmart" Parent Workshop
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 WASP Tag Rugby Festival
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Reception class Height & Weight Checks
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Easter Experience - Wimborne Minster
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 East Dorset Football final
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm Celebration of Learning Friends of St John's Quiz Night



#### April

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.00 Year 2 Assembly [NOTE CHANGE OF DATE]
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	1.45pm Easter Service End of term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff training day - No children in school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school

**May**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4 Tag Rugby event
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 WASP Multi-skills and Athletics festival
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	The Book People "Book Bus" visit

**Half-term Holiday : Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

**June**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Grandparents' Afternoon
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	School Games Final Bryanston
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	1.15pm Sports Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.15pm Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm Elmer Club
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm Elmer Club
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	5.00pm Summer Fair

**July**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 2 WASP Mini-Olympics day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	2.00pm Elmer Club 7.00pm New Reception intake evening
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm Elmer Club
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer Day [Year 4 children attend Middle School] 5.00pm Summer picnic [tbc]
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports home
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30pm Parent consultations
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> /Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leeson House Residential Visit
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	3.30pm - 5.00pm Year 4 Leavers' BBQ
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	1.45pm Leavers' Service End of term