



## St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers

*On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope you had a good Christmas. I would like to thank you also for your support, good wishes and gifts received at the end of last term. We welcome back all the children for the beginning of a New Year and term.*

### Life Education Bus

The Life Education Bus will visit St John's on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<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 a parents session on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2.45-3.15pm which you are welcome to attend.

### Winter Closures

A reminder that, on rare occasions, there may be a necessity to close the school. We will endeavour to advise parents via the texting service and on the school website. However, information on school closures is also available via the following sources:

- Local radio stations 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.
- School closure information can be accessed via the Dorsetforyou website by following the link <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices>

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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.

**Staffing**

We are pleased to welcome Mr Paul Becher who has been appointed as Facilities Manager working across three schools in Wimborne Academy Trust. Mr Becher will facilitate caretaking requirements at St John's.

**Clubs**

Please find attached list of clubs for Spring term. All clubs resume next week.

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)**

