



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Wimborne Academy Trust

We very much value the support of Wimborne Academy Trust and, during a recent internal review, the many strengths we have and the excellent teaching and learning that takes place at St John's was recognised. This was also an opportunity to review areas to develop as we continually strive to improve what we do.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

There have been many developments and successes at St John's CE First School over the last few years. We strive for continuous improvement and would welcome your views about the school.

We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the attached questionnaire regarding your child. Further copies are available from the school office.

All responses are treated as confidential and you do not need to state your name unless you wish to be identified. The questionnaire will be collared and the responses used to help us develop our vision for the future.

Thank you for your continued support and should you wish to speak to me personally about a matter, please feel free to do so.

Longdown Farm

As I am sure you are aware, a mobile farm visited the school yesterday and created much excitement across the school. Children from St John's Pre-School, together with our Reception and Year 1 classes, had the opportunity to meet the animals including goats, donkeys and chickens and also to hold and touch some of them. This was an amazing opportunity for the children as they begin their new topics on Spring and New Life.



School Pet

Following on from the success of the farm visit, we are considering the idea of a school pet such as a guinea pig or rabbit. We would welcome any comments/advice you may have.

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Shakespeare Week!

As previously mentioned, this term St John's will be celebrating 'Shakespeare Week' (20th-25th March). This is an annual, national celebration giving primary school children a thrilling first encounter with Shakespeare.



On Monday 20th March, the children will have the opportunity to participate in a drama experience run by Stagewise. During the week, there will be a variety of Shakespeare themed challenges in class. Further information to follow. The children will not need to dress up.

Theatre Visit

To celebrate World Book Day last week, the whole school enjoyed a visit by a professional theatre company. The show was an adaptation of the classic novel of "A Little Princess" by Frances Hodgson Burnett and contained an age-appropriate anti-bullying theme.

Two pupils from Snow Leopards [Alfie F and Woody] have written a review of the performance:

"On Monday 27th February, we had an exciting surprise! A theatre company came and performed "A Little Princess." It was set in India and was about a girl called Sarah.

The performance was very exciting because they were very charismatic and we were all brought into the show."

Class Assemblies

Dates for the remaining Class assemblies are listed below. All welcome to attend.

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 3 Pandas	Wednesday 22 nd March 2017	9.00am
Year 1 Giraffes	Wednesday 29 March 2017	9.00am
Year R Elephants	Wednesday 17 May 2017	9.00am

Values

As you are aware our school values are 'Love, Friendship and Forgiveness' and we also adhere to the British values of 'Democracy, Mutual Respect & Tolerance, Individual Liberty and The Rule of Law.' In order to further develop our awareness of these values, we have introduced a 'token' system to celebrate when the children demonstrate these values. We will review and reflect every half term during Assembly on how well we are demonstrating these values as a school and how we can improve.

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)

