



# NEWSLETTER 09

1 July 2019

WIMBORNE

Academy Trust

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

### **SIAMS Church Schools Inspection Outcome**

As you are aware, the outcome of our recent SIAMS Inspection on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 is a grading of "Excellent" which is the highest outcome possible under the new inspection framework. This is a fantastic achievement for our whole school community and fully recognises the hard work of everyone involved.

The final report fully highlights many of the great things that happen to enable both pupils and adults to thrive and flourish. During the inspection, all of the children were wonderful representatives of our school and spoke so knowledgeably and proudly about what happens each and every day. It was felt that the school's vision '**Let us love one another, for love comes from God.**' (1 John 4: 7) was clearly shared by all and shone through in everything that was observed. The key findings are detailed below:

- *St John's is a beacon Church school and a pioneer within this field. The dedicated, robust leadership enables a transformative and empowered Christian community in which all flourish.*
- *The exemplary supportive culture of care and wellbeing for all pupils and adults stems from the inclusive love and respect for everyone in this nurturing Christian family.*
- *The seamless inter-connected partnership with the Church is integral to the life and work of the school, enabling one entity between the two. Prayer and reflection are deeply embedded and are natural and essential parts of everyone's spiritual journeys.*
- *These young pupils eloquently articulate what the school's vision and values mean to them, with many able to root this in the Bible.*
- *Innovative practice in gathering evidence in collective worship and religious education (RE) is being shared more widely within the trust and in the wider diocese.*

As a special thank you and a surprise for all pupils and staff, an ice cream van will be visiting the school on Wednesday 3 July!!

Yours sincerely

**Katharine Anstey**  
Headteacher

## Staffing Structure 2019/20

Please find below details of staff structure for 2019-2020. I would draw your attention to the following:

- Mrs A Selby will continue her Emotional Literacy Support role and operate Nurture Group [Dragonflies]
- Mrs T Smith - Speech & Language Teaching Assistant and Interventions
- Mrs S Pond - SENCO
- Mrs P Skipp - Parent Support Advisor [Tuesdays & Thursdays]
- Teaching Assistants will be in class in the mornings but in the afternoons will be deployed to support individual and group interventions

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Reception class [Elephants]	Miss S Smith	Mrs G Evans
Year 1 [Giraffes]	Miss M Prince	Mrs K Avery Mrs C Burnham-Slipper Miss R Slater
Year 2 [Dolphins]	Mr L Ronayne	Mrs A Anderson
Year 3 [Pandas]	Mrs A Milward	Miss L Pudwell Mrs K Saltmarsh
Year 4 [Snow Leopards]	Miss A Dufek	Miss D Elston Miss L Scott

## School Trips

The children have enjoyed a range of exciting school trips this term:



- **Year R** will be going to Moors Valley for a "Teddy Bears' Picnic" later this month
- **Year 1** visited Poole Museum for a Pirate Day to learn more about the famous Poole pirates and took part in a range of sessions including ship training, exploring the sea chest full of artefacts, treasure maps, sword skills and drama on board the pirate ship.
- **Year 2** went to the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu to discover more about their topic "Transport Through Time." The children enjoyed a special ride in a veteran chauffeur driven vehicle and also got to ride the Monorail which was a fantastic way to experience different forms of transport.
- **Year 3** will be visiting Brownsea Island next week as part of their topic "Dorset Adventures." The children will take part in a coastline discovery activity and enjoy a five-island tour on their way back to Poole Quay.
- **Year 4** will be visiting Leeson House for their 2 day residential visit at the end of term. The children will visit Durlston Castle and grounds, and participate in a range of activities at Leeson House including Orienteering and Pond Dipping.

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help on these trips and also to the Friends of St John's who have subsidised each class trip.

## Wimborne Minster

Years 2 & 3 participated in the Midday Music Box at the Minster last Friday. This is a week-long annual event in which a different local school performs each day of the week in aid of the Michael James Music Trust which provides grants to advance education in music, particularly with a Christian context.

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Year 4 pupils will be participating in the first ever Diocese of Salisbury Leavers' Service for Year 4 pupils in Church schools, to mark their transition to Middle School.

The children will enjoy a morning of drama and art workshops, followed by a service in the Minster in the afternoon.

## Sun Protection

As the summer term progresses, we hope[!] that there will be plenty of sunny days ahead and the children will be able to make good use of the field and outside areas. Please make sure your child has a named sun-hat to wear in the coming months. Sun hats can be purchased from the school office. Closed-in shoes/sandals should be worn; no open-toed sandals, thank you. We recommend you apply sun lotion to your child before school. Further protective sun screen can be applied during the day by the children. School staff will apply skin cream for children under medical direction. We have been notified by the school nurse that some sun lotions contain nut products. We would appreciate if you could not use these products at school, as we have some children who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. The children will be told not to share sun lotion with other children.



## Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school, especially as the weather becomes warmer. The use of water bottles is very popular with the children and it encourages the children to drink more water, which is beneficial for their health, and can increase their concentration and attainment. Eco sports bottles are available to purchase from the School office at a cost of £2.50 per bottle. Spare caps are also available to purchase.

## Wimborne Academy Trust

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- Wimborne Academy Trust School Improvement Lead is visiting schools within Wimborne Academy Trust looking at learning and ensuring consistency across the Trust. Moderation meetings have been taking place this term with colleagues from across Wimborne Academy Trust meeting to share expertise to ensure rigour in their professional judgements.
- Meetings have also been taking place between First & Middle School staff to ensure smooth transition for all pupils.

## Transfer Day

Transfer Day takes place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Year 4 children should go direct to their Middle School. Reception to Year 3 children will be spending the morning in their new class. However, morning registration will be in their existing class.

## St John's Academy Committee

Mrs Sarah Gentry is standing down as a Parent Academy Committee member following the end of her term of office. On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to thank Sarah for her enthusiasm and commitment to the governance of St John's over the past four years.



There will be an election for a new Parent Academy Committee member in September.

## Reading events



During this term St John's was visited by the "Book Bus" and each child had the opportunity during the day to visit the bus and then to purchase books with parents at the end of the school day. The school had the opportunity to choose 2 sets of books for the library and will also receive 10% commission on the £262.00 spent. Thank you for your support.

The children have also taken part in the 'Read for Good' Readathon. The money raised buys books for schools and brings the power of stories to children in hospital via mobile bookcases and resident storytellers. The charity motivates whole schools and communities to read for fun because loving reading changes lives. Due to your generosity, St John's has raised over £200.00. Thank you.

## Friends of St John's

Grandparents' & Special Persons' Afternoon took place mid-June. This is always an extremely popular event and, once again, this year it was very well attended. Afternoon tea was served in the hall and the children had the opportunity to give their grown-ups a tour of the school. The afternoon ended with a display of Maypole dancing and singing on the playground. Donations of £100 were received on the day.



A big thank you to the Friends of St John's for a hugely successful summer fair and thank you to all the families who supported this event. A magnificent £1000 was raised which will be used to benefit the children at St John's.

## Hot School Meals

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, the cost of school meals will increase by 5p to £2.55 per day. This will not affect those in receipt of Universal Free School Meals [Reception/Year 1/Year 2] or our Free School Meals children. **Please remember in order for your child to have a hot meal when the new term starts on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, you will need to book meals by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at the latest. To book meals, visit [www.dorsetmealselector.co.uk](http://www.dorsetmealselector.co.uk)**

## Sports Day

Thank you to all of you who were able to come and support the children at our Sports Day. A big thank you to Clare Gray for organising the ice lollies which was the perfect way to end the day due to the wonderful weather!



### Overall winners of the multi skills events:

1st: Yellow  
2nd: Blue  
3rd: Red

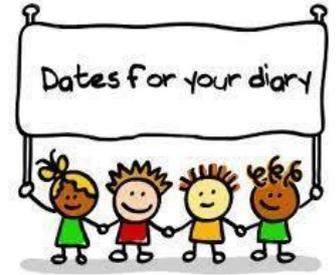
Sprint Races	1st	2nd	3rd
R	Bobby	Edie	Tilli
1 Boys	Freddie	Joshua D	Joshua M
1 Girls	Ruby	Isabella	Rosie
2 Boys	Archie	Benji	Fred
2 Girls	Lara	Bethany-Mae	Olivia
3 Boys	Tye	Charlie	Harry F
3 Girls	Elsie	Florence	Megan
4 Boys	Toby	Oscar Leo	
4 Girls	Nell	Freya	Jess H

### Wheel race winners: Spain

A new trophy was awarded this year which has been decorated with a yellow ribbon and the relevant country flag.

## Forthcoming Diary Dates

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



### 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
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers' event at Wimborne Minster
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Diamond Assembly
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 trip to Brownsea Island
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports home
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year R Trip to Moors Valley [NOTE Change of date] 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	9.00am Diamond Assembly 3.30pm - 5.00pm Year 4 Leavers' BBQ
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	1.45pm Leavers' Service End of term

***Children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019***