

17th September 2021

WIMBORNE

Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

This week our Elephants have begun their adventure with us, having spent a whole week in school. We are incredibly impressed with how well our youngest children have settled into school and learnt their new routines. It was a pleasure getting to know our new families a bit better during stay and play sessions last week and I wanted to thank St John's Church for providing an opportunity for parents/carers to meet, after the stay and play session for tea, coffee, cake and a chat.

Reception Phonics Information Session

On Monday 27th September 2:45pm - 3:15pm, Mr Lees-Smith will hold an information session on how we teach phonics at St John's. Phonics forms the basis for the children's reading, writing and spelling, so we are very keen to share what we do; so that you can support the children in the same way at home. This session will be held in our school hall.

Meet the teacher

One of things we have been unable to do for a long time is have parents/carers in school. Therefore, we would like to invite parents/carers to a 'meet the teacher' next week (see details below). We would like to ensure parents have the opportunity to meet the teacher, learn more about the expectations of the year group and the year ahead. If you are unable to attend or do not wish to come into the classroom, the teacher presentations will be made available to everyone on the school website.

Google Classroom

This weekend our school Google Drive is undergoing some changes and maintenance. This has very little impact on the children. However, their **username will change** when logging into Google Classroom. As from Monday 20th September, children's usernames will use @stjohnsfirstrschool.org instead of @wimborneacademytrust.org. Their password will not be affected and remain the same.

User name:

The format is **Intake Year - Lastname - Firstname**

Intake year for: Giraffes - 20, Dolphins - 19, Pandas - 18, Snow Leopards - 17

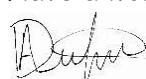
For example if your child's name was Bruce Wayne, in year 4, their username would be:

17waynebruce@stjohnsfirstrschool.org

As we did last year, weekly home learning will be set on Google Classroom for Years 1 to 4. Work will be set on Fridays, to be handed in on Wednesdays. This will begin next Friday 24th September and teachers will only be setting English home learning. Following on from the 24th September, Maths home learning will also be set every other week.

Thank you to all our families for supporting your child to settle back to school so positively.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Miss A Dufek
Headteacher



Worship Team and School Council

Congratulations to our Worship Team and School Council representative for the Autumn Term.



Year Group	School Council	Worship Team
1	Olivia + Tabitha	Lily + Isabelle
2	Joanie + Freddie D	Ella + Matthew
3	Holly + Polly	Edie + Martha
4	Rihanna + Oskar W	Lauren + Freddie

Healthy Snacks

A reminder that years 3 and 4 require a healthy snack from home.

All children require a water bottle which only has water. No squash or juice please.



School Clubs

As well as our Breakfast Club every morning, we are pleased to share our current after school clubs.

Monday - Forest School (Yr 1+2)- 1515 - 1630

Tuesday - Football (Yr 1 - 4) - 1515 - 1615

Wednesday - Tennis (Yr 1 - 4) - 1515 - 1600

Watch this space as additional clubs are added.

Safeguarding and Online Safety

If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team.

If you have a concern about a child outside of school hours please contact the following Local Authority out of hours services:

Dorset ChAD - 01305 228866

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) - 01202 738256

We are an Operation Encompass school. To find out more, please follow the link [here](#)



Half Term Value

Throughout this half term we will be reading and listening to Bible stories that illustrate wisdom.



'Blessed are those who find wisdom.' - Proverbs 3.13

Parent/School Communication

Please check that you have signed up to the Marvellous Me App (Years 1 - 4) or Tapestry App (Year R) for

communication and information sharing from your class teacher. These are used regularly by class teachers to celebrate children's learning with you.



We also ask that you 'like' our Facebook page, **St John's CE First School**. Here, we celebrate excellent learning happening in school and share school news.

Please also ensure that your ParentMail is working as this is our primary means of general communication with our families.

Dates for your diary

September

Monday 20th September - Yr 3 Meet the Teacher (2:45pm - 3:15pm)

Tuesday 21st September - Yr 4 Meet the Teacher (2:45pm - 3:15pm)
- Guitar and drum lessons begin

Wednesday 22nd September - Yr 2 Meet the Teacher (2:45pm - 3:15pm)

Thursday 23rd September - Yr 1 Meet the Teacher (2:45pm - 3:15pm)
- Year 1 catch up hearing tests

Monday 27th September - Reception Parents Phonics Information (2:45pm - 3:15pm)

Thursday 30th September - Harvest Service



October

Wednesday 6th October - Open Morning- prospective new parents

Monday 18th October - Parent teacher consultation

Tuesday 19th October - Parent teacher consultation

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October - Half term

November

Monday 1st November - Staff training Day

Tuesday 2nd November - Children return to school