

1st October 2021

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that we have almost completed the first half term. We have been incredibly busy with our learning and of course Harvest! I was so incredibly proud of all of our children during the Harvest Service. It has been a long 21 months since our last whole school service (December 2019) and it was a special moment having all our children and parents celebrating together in church. 'In my Trolley' was a clear favourite with the children. Thank you for all your donations for the Wimborne Food Bank.

This week we have been busy changing our displays in school. Head over to our Facebook page to see what the children have been up to. Each display has a piece of writing which links to the class text being read. Be sure to ask your children about their writing.

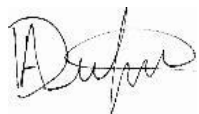
### Open Morning

We will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents next Wednesday, 6th October 2021 from 9.30am - 11:45am. If you know anybody who might be interested, please share our Facebook page/post with an information flyer.

### Friends

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are really keen to reestablish our Friends of St John's (PTA). Since March 2020 a number of parents who were a part of this committee have left as their children no longer attend St John's. Any support that you could provide would be most welcome. All parents and members of the school community can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available. If you want to find out more about St John's Friends or would like to get involved, please contact the school office for more details or join our Facebook page.

Yours Sincerely,



**Miss A Dufek**  
Headteacher



'Let us love one another, for  
love comes from God.'  
1 John 4:7

## Pupil Voice

This week our Trust Safeguarding Officer spent time with representatives from each class to discuss the children's feelings about 'Safeguarding at St John's'. The results were positive and showed the children's happiness in their surroundings, knowledge on how to keep safe and ability to apply this knowledge in their daily lives.



## Attendance

Good attendance at school is essential for our children's wellbeing and progress. Thank you for your support to ensure your child is in school everyday and on time. Last year our whole school attendance was 96.9% which was above the national average. I am sure that this will continue this academic year. Our Attendance Policy has been shared with you via parentmail and can also be found on the school website.



## What should I do when my child is absent from school?

- Telephone the school office, phone number 01202 883 675 on the first day of absence to explain the reason why your child is away from school. You can also use the parentmail system to log an absence.
- If your child is absent for more than one day, please keep the school informed during your child's absence
- If your child has a medical or dental appointment please try to make them out of school hours if possible. If they are in school hours please send in their appointment card or letter to [office@stjohnsfirstschool.org](mailto:office@stjohnsfirstschool.org) so we can put a copy in their file.

Our current attendance to date is 97% which is excellent.

## 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

### October

- Friday 1st October - Individual school photos - Fraser Portraits
- Wednesday 6th October - Open Morning- prospective new parents
- Monday 18th October - Parent teacher consultation (online)
- Tuesday 19th October - Parent teacher consultation (online)

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

### November

- Monday 1st November - Staff training Day
- Tuesday 2nd November - Children return to school
- Wednesday 10th November - Celebration of learning at 2:45pm
- Monday 29th November - Flu immunisation programme

