



NEWSLETTER 05

8th October 2021

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

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

We've had a wonderful week at St John's with lots of excellent learning, fun and laughter at after school clubs and muddy Forest School children. This week we welcomed prospective parents and carers to school to view our wonderful learning environment.

Week beginning the 18th October we will be holding parent consultation meetings for you and your child's teacher. A letter was sent out earlier this week informing you that this term meetings will be virtual and how to book your time slot. The booking system will go live via Parentmail at 7:00 am on Monday 11th October.

The letter also outlined that we are thrilled to be inviting parents into school for WOW Wednesday. This celebration of learning will take place on Wednesday 20th October at 2:45pm. Please read the letter carefully on how to attend and access classrooms.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who sent in school donations for the Wimborne Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebration last week. Photos are on the school Facebook page and website.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Higgins for sourcing and donating a brand new gazebo for our Forest School. It is greatly appreciated and I know it will be loved and welcomed by all who attend Forest School.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher

Pupil Voice

This week every child in the school has had the opportunity to share what they have enjoyed since returning to school. Children in Years 1 - 4 have had different subject leaders visit their classroom to hear what they have enjoyed learning, what new learning has taken place and what they can recall from previous years. Children have also had the opportunity to share what helps them learn, what challenges their learning and how they know they have done well in their lessons.



Children in Reception had a visit from Miss Dufek and shared their favourite thing about being an Elephant at St John's. They shared what they have been learning in phonics, who helps them in their learning and how they know they have done well.

Rights Respecting Ambassadors

This week, Miss Dufek and Miss Prince had the very difficult job of selecting 2 Rights Respecting Ambassadors for the school. There were so many letters for us to read and it was a very difficult choice.



Congratulations to Edie (year 3) and Camille (year 4).

Sumdog



The Wimborne Academy Trust Sumdog Maths contest is back! We have an exciting opportunity for all children in Years 1 - 4. Sumdog's Wimborne Academy Trust Maths Contest starts today and finishes at 8pm on October 14th. This competition will run in all of our Wimborne Academy Trust first schools and children can start at any time. Scores are based on correct answers and go towards their individual score as well as class average. There will even be a winner's trophy! We would appreciate it if you could encourage your children to take part.

Wellbeing

Wellbeing is the state of being comfortable, healthy and happy; both physically and mentally. Following a further year of change and challenge for families and children it is important to consider the wellbeing of parents and carers, as well as their children.

It is important to prioritise your own wellbeing when you may be juggling the needs of your children, your work, and the additional stress that the pandemic has thrown in. Here are things to help you to focus on your Health and Well-being:

- Try to exercise every day
- Go outside to a green space and notice the natural environment
- Try mindful breathing



[Find out more](#)

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 so we can put a copy in their file.

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.



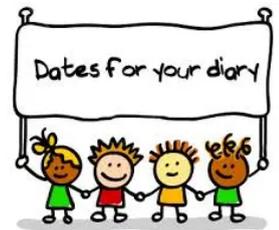
We also ask that you 'like' our Facebook page, **St John's CE First School**. Here, we celebrate excellent learning happening in school and share school news.

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 - all year groups (online)
 - Tuesday 19th October - Parent teacher consultation -Year 1 - year 4 (online)
 - Wednesday 20th October - Parent teacher consultation - Reception ONLY (online)
 - Wednesday 20th October - Celebration of learning at 2:45pm (**new date**)
 - Thursday 21st October - Year 3 Stone Age Day
- Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October - Half term



November

- Monday 1st November - Staff training Day
- Tuesday 2nd November - Children return to school
- Monday 29th November - Flu immunisation programme