



NEWSLETTER 06

15th 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

Another busy week at St John's!

- Elephants enjoyed learning new phonemes. They have especially enjoyed practicing 'r'!
- Giraffes have asked lots of questions about astronauts and space after reading *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield.
- Dolphins made predictions and then investigated how felt tips get their colour.
- Pandas really impressed us when using the column method to subtract two 3-digit numbers.
- Snow Leopards used their investigative skills to answer the question 'How can the volume of sound be reduced?'

Friends (PTA)

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in supporting Friends with fundraising events. However, we are still in need of representation in some year groups and a chairperson is still needed. Please understand that the chairperson does not need to organise each event but rather help to coordinate these events amongst each year group. If you are interested but would like to find out more information regarding the role, please contact Mrs Wallis in the school office who previously chaired the Friends.

By running a number of events that bring the school together (discos for children, quiz night for adults, summer fete, Grandparents afternoon) Friends help partially fund trips for each year group and buy equipment for the whole school e.g. playground equipment/lines. The whole school community will dearly miss these funds if we can't raise interest in helping to organise events.

Wow Wednesday

We are having to postpone our Wow Wednesday event next week. With cases rising in the local area we want to minimise any large group gatherings in indoor spaces. As always our priority is to keep everyone safe and keep school open for children to learn.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher

Pupil Voice

This week the Worship Team led our church service from start to finish. Not only choosing the 2 songs we sang, but retelling the bible story 'Jesus heals the paralysed man', explaining its message and sharing their own prayer. It was wonderful!

the **Voices**
of
Children

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.



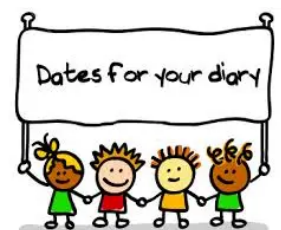
We also ask that you 'like' our Facebook page, **St John's CE First School**. Here, we celebrate excellent learning happening in school and share school news.

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 Wow Wednesday (**postponed**)
- 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