



# NEWSLETTER 07

22nd 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 certainly feel as if we have slipped into Autumn this week with the weather being a little cooler and wetter. When we return from half term, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school everyday as the children will go out to play even if it is slightly raining.

As you are aware from previous communication, we have seen a number of positive covid cases at St John's. I have been in frequent contact with both public health and the local authority and am assured that all the control measures we have put in place reduce the risks of transmission as much as we can. We will be continuing our covid contingency measures after half term. Thank you for your ongoing support on this matter. **Please be reminded that if your child has symptoms we ask that you keep them at home and get a PCR test.**

Teachers have thoroughly enjoyed speaking to parents this week during parent consultation evenings. If you didn't get the chance to book, please contact the school office and they can arrange a telephone appointment for you and the class teacher.

With Remembrance Day coming up quickly after half term, the Keep Military Museum has been in contact with us and asked that we help them with a display they are creating in Dorchester. To commemorate those lost at war, the museum will be hanging poppy covered netting over their building which will be seen across the town. This week some children have been making poppies out of red felt. These have been posted to the museum where they will be waterproofed and attached to the netting. St John's First School will be publicly acknowledged on a sign by the entrance of the museum near the display. If you have an opportunity to visit in November, please take photos and share them with us in school.



I wish you all a restful and safe half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

Best wishes,

**Miss A Dufek**  
Headteacher

## Congratulations

Miss Cussen has an exciting week ahead of her, she is getting married! I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and wishing her a lifetime of love and happiness. When we return from the half term break, she will be known as Mrs Wander.



## Pupil Voice

An important message from Samuel in Dolphins.

*On Saturday, I went to the Wimborne Green Festival with my family. Wimborne War on Waste had a display and gave me a list of things they collect for recycling. It included felt tip pens and that gave me an idea!*



*We are going to recycle the old felt tip pens from school. Also, we are going to make a collection box at school so that you can bring in your empty or broken pens, felt tips, highlighters, mechanical pencils or empty Tippex bottles.*

We are so proud of Samuel for coming into school and not only sharing his idea to support a local environmental group but also actioning a new initiative in our school. Wimborne War on Waste is a dynamic grassroots community group that seeks to raise awareness about the environmental impact of single use plastic through events, talks, displays and workshops.

As stated above, please bring in your empty or broken pens, felt tips, mechanical pencils or empty Tippex bottles.

## Year 4 Middle school Application

If your child is due to transfer to a Middle School in September 2022, you must apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. You can apply online or download a copy of a paper form on our website

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-junior-or-middle-school.aspx>

If you do not have access to a printer or the internet, please call 01305 221060 to request a paper copy of the application form and Parents Guide.

## Half Term Value



This week children explored how the value of **wisdom** has made a difference to them at school and at home. Examples were :

*'I have shown wisdom by helping my brother decide things.'*

*'I have shown wisdom in school by being a role model because I am in the highest year group.'*

*'I have used wisdom at home by helping my uncle with looking after my little cousins and showing them what is right and wrong.'*

## 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.

### 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.



## 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](#)

## 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

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

