



NEWSLETTER 08

5th November 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 have certainly felt the temperature drop this week! As mentioned before half term, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school everyday. The children will go out to play in the cold, wind and even if it is slightly raining.

This week the whole school took part in a Sparkle Write. On Thursday morning the children wrote letters to an author to let them know what they have enjoyed about the book they have been reading. The atmosphere across school was wonderful and the children really expressed their love of reading. Some class teachers will be sending the letters to the authors. Drew Daywalt has already replied to the Dolphins expressing how delightful the letters are.



Below are excerpts of what children wrote in their letters:

Tabitha Yr 1 - Letter to astronaut Helen Sharman (inspired by Chris Hadfield's *The Darkest Dark*)

'I learnt about space with astronauts. Even you.'

Rowan Yr 2 - Letter to Drew Daywalt author of *The Day the Crayons Quit*

'I am writing to you because I love jumping into your books.'

Elizabeth Yr 3 - Letter to Roald Dahl author of *Matilda*

'I love the book Matilda. My favourite character is Miss Honey because she cares about the children and loves Matilda.'

Rowan Yr 4 - Letter to Chris Smith and Greg James authors of *The Great Dream Robbery*

'This book has been one of my favourite books to read and one day I really want to be an author.' -

Have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy any fireworks you might see and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher

Pupil Voice

Before half term Samuel in Dolphins shared his story of when he went to the Wimborne Green Festival.

We will now be recycling empty or broken pens, felt tips, highlighters, mechanical pencils or empty Tippex bottles. If you have any of these at home, please bring them to the office.

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Children

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to have a **PCR test** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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

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

'Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'
Matthew 19.14



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 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](#)

Dates for your diary

November

Monday 1st November - Staff training Day

Tuesday 2nd November - Children return to school

Monday 29th November - Flu immunisation programme

