



NEWSLETTER 09

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

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week! The children had a visit from Dorset Fire and Rescue and took part in workshops about fire safety. As our Dolphins are learning about The Great Fire of London, their workshop was linked to this and children took part in an activity using teamwork to put out a pretend fire.

We also celebrated UK Parliament Week. This is an annual celebration where children take part in activities to learn about the UK government, why we need laws, what democracy is and how they can get involved. Our Snow Leopards had a virtual tour of Parliament on Monday where they had the opportunity to ask lots of interesting questions.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, we will be celebrating AntiBullying Week. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word'. One kind word can provide a moment of hope. One kind word leads to another and kindness fuels kindness. Next week I will share with children that we want to start a chain reaction of kindness. I will set a challenge for each person in our school community - children and adults - to do at least three kind things to help start this chain reaction.



ANTIBULLYINGWEEK
MONDAY 15TH TO FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

This year we will be holding 'Odd Socks Day' as a way of celebrating Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way. On **Monday 15th November** we are asking children to come to school wearing odd socks but usual uniform for that day (school uniform or PE kit if PE day or forest school).

Children in Need

This year our theme is 'Strictly Sparkles'. On **Friday 19th November**, we invite your children to come to school in non-school uniform wearing something sparkly, reflective or shiny. In return we ask each child to bring a suggested donation of £1 with them on the day, to donate to Children in Need. Of course children can also wear their classic Pudsey and Blush ears.

Kind regards,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher

Pupil Voice

This week, our school council representatives spoke to their classes to get ideas for our Children in Need fundraising dress-up theme. Many fabulous ideas were shared but 'Strictly Sparkles' felt most appropriate for us at St John's.



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)

Wellbeing



One in four children in the UK are not getting enough sleep, this has an impact on their behaviour and ability to learn, as well as their physical health.

The National Sleep Helpline is run by trained sleep advisors who can talk to young people directly, or parents. The helpline is open 5 nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 7-9pm and the number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

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 8th November - UK Parliament Week
 - Visit from Dorset Fire and Rescue
- Monday 15th November - Anti-Bully Week - Children to wear odd sock
- Friday 19th November - Children in Need - Strictly Sparkles
- Monday 29th November - Flu immunisation programme
- Tuesday 30th November - Christmas decoration afternoon



December

- Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day
 - Chartwells school Christmas dinner
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 - Santa Dash
 - Chartwells Christmas lunch
- Thursday 16th December - Christmas lunch and party day
- Friday 17th December - Christingle Service (TBC)*
 - Last Day of Term

* Parent/carer attendance will be dependent on the covid situation and advice at that time.