



# NEWSLETTER 11

3 December 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,

The weather has certainly turned cooler this week and we have needed to wrap up to stay warm. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school everyday.

A lot has happened in school since my last Newsletter!

- Postponed from last half term, Pandas had a wonderful Stone Age Day. They spent the morning learning some prehistoric skills such as lighting a fire using flint, whittling to make spears, den building and foraging. The class demonstrated excellent teamwork and enjoyed learning outside the classroom.
- Children in Elephants, Giraffes and Dolphins enjoyed an online author and illustrator visit with Sharon Davey. She read her story 'Oh, Sir Bragalot' and then showed children how to draw the main character.
- Adults and children across the school took part in Decoration Afternoon, creating colourful and glittery decorations for the school. It was wonderful to see the children's faces light up as they walked into school on Wednesday morning (1st December) to see their decorations hanging in the corridors and bringing Christmas cheer.



Last week you will have seen my letter outlining our plans for Christmas. Please ensure you have responded to the Form on ParentMail giving permission for your child to take part in our 'live stream' events.

With only 2 weeks left of this Autumn term there is still a lot of learning and fun to be had. A reminder that next Friday is a busy day in school. Not only is it our Christmas Performance day but it is also Christmas Jumper day and the children will take part in our Santa Dash. Therefore, please could **all children** come to school in their **PE kit** and wearing their **Christmas Jumper** on **Friday 10th December**. We will have a donation bucket at the gate for Save the Children UK.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

**Miss A Dufek**  
Headteacher

## BBC Children in Need

It was fantastic to see so many sparkly, shiny outfits for our Children in Need fundraiser. We raised £160.55! Thank you for all your donations to such a worthy cause.



## Pupil Voice

Once again, the children at St John's have had the opportunity to discuss and give feedback on the subjects they are taught in school. This time children fed back on RE, Computing, Music and Geography. It is always great to receive feedback from our learners as to what they really enjoy learning.



## Story Advent Calendar

As part of our Storytime Advent Calendar, the staff at St John's will read a story a day on our Facebook page. We are passionate about reading and excited to share these stories with your family. We hope you will share these videos with your children and their siblings. Head over to our Facebook page every day at 5:30pm. Enjoy!



## School Christmas Post Box

This year we will see the return of our Christmas Card Post Boxes in school. Should your child choose to write cards for other children in their class or school they will be able to post them in designated class post boxes. These cards will then be delivered to the classrooms.

## 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)

## 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

### December

Tuesday 7th December - Year 2 singing via live stream to Bennett Lodge residents

Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day (all children in PE kit)

- Santa Dash
- Chartwells Christmas lunch
- Christmas Performance 9:30am (Live Stream)
- Five Loaves Bakery

Thursday 16th December - Christingle Service 1:45pm (Live Stream)

Friday 17th December - Christmas lunch and party day

- Carol singing outside at 2:00pm
- Last Day of Term

