



NEWSLETTER 12

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

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we only have 1 week left of the Autumn term! We have had a great week with a fantastic fun filled Friday. The children looked very festive in their jumpers today and they were all utterly brilliant in the Christmas Performance. A special mention to our Snow Leopards who were fantastic! So many talented singers and actors. I would also like to thank Captain Kev for all his support and hard work with organising the live stream as well as running the cameras and sound system. Without him none of this would have been possible.

This afternoon children also took part in our annual Santa Dash. It started with a festive warm up led by none other than Father Christmas himself! The children then went dashing around the playground looking for toys (pictures) in groups. A fun filled event on a sunny afternoon.

Next week we have 2 special events:

Thursday 16th December

Snow Leopards will be leading our Christingle Service next Thursday. The link will be shared with you next week. Please could all children come to school in school uniform on this day.

Friday 17th December

Christmas Party Day! We invite children to come to school in festive party clothes on this last day of term. They will take part in a number of festive activities in the morning, have a festive lunch with the staff in their classroom and have a Christmas Party in the afternoon with their class. Normal packed lunch arrangements will apply on this day, i.e. children either bringing in their own packed lunch or will have a packed lunch provided by Chartwells. However, the Friends of St John's have kindly donated some funds which will be used to buy some additional party treats [crisps/cake/fruit/squash/christmas crackers]. We would also like to invite parents to our playground to listen to the whole school singing Christmas songs. We will open the school gates at 2:00pm and children will perform in a safe outdoor space. This will of course be weather dependent but we hope it will allow an opportunity for parents and carers to see their children perform. Once the children have finished their songs, parents will be able to collect their children and take them home for the Christmas Holidays.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher

Christingle making

Children will be making Christingles on Thursday 16th December 2021 ready for our Christingle Service on Thursday afternoon at 1:45pm. This year we will be using oranges as we are no longer an orange free school. As of next week children can bring oranges and orange flavoured items in for their snack/lunch.



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!



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

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

