



NEWSLETTER 13

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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,

What an Autumn term! Although it hasn't been as straightforward as we might have liked, we have all done extremely well. I think you, your children and my staff deserve a massive congratulation for persevering so well through all the changes.

There have been so many positives! This term I have been so proud of how hard the children have worked, so pleased we have been able to offer enrichment opportunities to our children, thrilled by our charity events which included Harvest, Children in Need and Save the Children and of course our incredible live stream events, particularly the Christmas Performance. Thank you all for your support with all of these.

Our Christingle Service this afternoon was wonderful. Although we were unable to invite parents/carers to attend, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. We were so pleased we could stream it live and the children were thrilled to walk out with a Christingle in their hand. Once again, a big thank you to Captain Kev for his support with the technology.

As you are all aware tomorrow is Christmas Party Day! As well as a festive lunch and party games, every child will be coming home with a chocolate selection box kindly sourced and donated to the school by Mrs Higgins. Thank you very much!

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful New Year.

Tuesday 4th January is a training day. I look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Yours sincerely

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher



Community Christmas Carol Singing

This month, Dolphins' class were invited to sing Christmas songs for the residents at Bennett Lodge (Churchill Retirement Living) in Wimborne. Through the wonderful world of technology, the children were able to sing to the residents via video call. The residents were so happy and thankful that they bought some sweets for the children and donated some money towards our music fund.



Reception Activities

We are so proud of how the Elephants have settled into their first term of school. They have fully embraced St John's life and below are a few quotes from the children sharing what they have loved doing so far.

'I love phonics.'

'I have liked making new friends.'

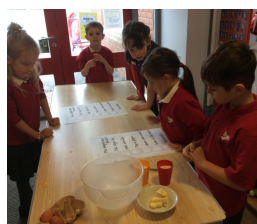
'I like the dressing up box.'

'I love my challenges.'

'I love learning to read books.'

Year 1 Activities

This half term, children in Year 1 have been learning all about the Christmas story in RE. They had a wonderful visit to St John's Church where our curate Matt took them on a magical journey of the Christmas story. On their return to school, the children drew pictures and completed a piece of writing on what they had learnt.



Giraffes' class have also been using their knowledge of new Phase 5 graphemes to read and follow a fairy cake recipe. Bake Off here we come!

Year 2 Activities

Dolphins have loved learning about The Great Fire of London this term. They have used their knowledge about this to write their own diary of the events and create wonderful artwork. They have also enjoyed finding out about famous landmarks and wrote all about Paddington's adventures in London. Dolphins have been very successful in the latest Sumdog Maths contest. As a class, they were the daily winner on Tuesday! We are looking forward to seeing the final results later today.



Year 3 Activities

Pandas' class recently took part in a project organised by the Museum of East Dorset where local schools were invited to make Christmas decorations for the museum's Community Christmas tree. Each child made an angel which has been displayed on the Christmas tree in the museum. The hope is that the tree will act as a beacon of light and brighten the day for the passers-by, and be a symbol of community spirit. I am sure you will agree the tree looks fabulous and hope you will enjoy looking at it when you are out and about in Wimborne.



Year 4 Activities

We have had a busy term in Year 4 learning all about the Romans. We have particularly enjoyed using clay in art, lots of practical opportunities in Science, learning to play instruments in music and trying new sports and activities in our PE sessions. The children have produced some incredible writing, covering various genres. Most recently, they have written their own instructional text explaining how to be a champion Roman gladiator!

Reading Books

We will not be sending any reading books or library books during the holidays as we would like to use the January INSET day to audit them. You will however still be able to access reading books suitable for your child on Bug Club and can obviously enjoy reading any books that Father Christmas may bring!

Please can **all books** be returned to school by Friday 17th December. Thank you

Save The Children - Christmas Jumper Day

This year we raised £100 on Christmas Jumper Day for the charity Save the Children. Thank you for all your donations to such a worthy cause..



Chartwells

In order to ensure that your child receives a meal on the return to school on 5th January 2022, orders will need to be placed by Sunday 26th December 2021.

www.dorsetmealselector.co.uk



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

January

Tuesday 4th January - Inset Day

Wednesday 5th January - Children return to school

