



# NEWSLETTER 15

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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,

Hopefully you will have seen the 'Reading Letter' sent to you earlier this week. At St John's we are passionate about reading. Not only learning to read because it unlocks so many possibilities across the curriculum but also embracing a **love of reading** through the books we/the children choose. This term we have reopened our school library. The staff have spent many hours after school restructuring, reordering and tidying up our school library. It looks incredible! We have so many new, exciting and current chapter books for our children to enjoy, as well as a number of non fiction books for the children to get excited about too. Those children who have already visited the library have thoroughly enjoyed it and continue to ask when they can return!



Every half term we celebrate an author and their books. During Autumn 2 we shared books by Tom Fletcher. Possibly more famous for being on Strictly Come Dancing and McFly, he has also written a number of books including the Christmasaurus. This half term we are celebrating Beatrix Potter. Best known for her children's books featuring animals, such as The Tale of Peter Rabbit, we have a library display full of Beatrix Potter facts and books she has written.

You may remember that in November, two of our parents kindly agreed to coordinate a second hand uniform collection. Thank you for all your donations as there were over 200 items. The second hand uniform sale will take place in February. Please watch out for further details closer to the time. All proceeds made from the sale will be donated to the school and used to buy new reading books for all our children.



For COVID updates, please see a separate section below.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss A Dufek  
Headteacher

## Pupil Voice

This week the children used our British Value of democracy to vote in the new School Council and Worship Team members. Congratulations to all those who are representing their classes this term.



	Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Worship Team	Bella Leo	Ocean Millie	Isabella Katie	Hope Oscar W
School Council	Isla H Billy	Ellen-Mae Charlie R	Charlotte Darcey Edie*	Ruby Joshie Camille*
Librarian				Harmony Rowan

\*Edie and Camille are our Rights Respecting School Ambassadors.

## Covid Update

There have been a number of Covid updates this week. Please see below:

1. Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) has been temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.
2. From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.
  - For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
  - The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken at least 24 hours after the last LFD test.

## Jewellery

We do not encourage the wearing of jewellery in school for health and safety reasons, although simple stud earrings are permitted. These will need to be covered with tape or a plaster during PE lessons.

Watches are also acceptable providing they are not of the 'novelty' kind that could detract from learning!

We ask that bracelets and necklaces be left at home as they are not school uniform and could be precious to children.

## Half Term Value

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

*'Live in harmony with one another.'* - Romans 12.16



## 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

Monday 17th January - Forest School starts for Reception class

### February

Thursday 3rd February - Life Education visit

Friday 4th February - Life Education visit

Friday 18th February - Last Day

Monday 28th February - Return to school

**Half Term - Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February**

