

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just like that we have come to the end of the Spring Term! What an eventful term it's been!

- We've had a real mixture of weather. Storm Eunice caused school closures across the country, warmer days allowed us to put our winter coats away but the return of cold days caused us to get the coats back out again!
- The government set out its plan for living with COVID, meaning we've been able to welcome parents back into school for face to face events. We started with parents evening, followed by the Year 3 Samba Performance and of course our wonderful Easter Service.
- Children have been involved in a number of events such as Sumdog contests, Children's Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day, World Book Day, Around the World Day and so much more.

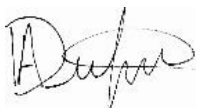


This week Year 4 had a wonderful trip to Marwell Zoo. The children have been learning about biomes and visited the zoo to learn about animals from the different biomes. Not only did they visit the animals in the Cold Blooded Corner and Tropical House, they also visited the Science and Learning Centre where they touched animal bones and fur. The children also made a special visit to see the flamingos to take a picture for me!

You will see that your children have come home with a number of Easter treats today, including an Easter egg! A big thank you to Braxton [Year 2] and Soreya's [Year R] mum, who has been collecting these goodies and Easter eggs which have been donated from local businesses (please see additional attachment on parentmail 'Easter Egg Letter'). This is such a kind gesture which is much appreciated by all of the children and staff of St John's.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter! Hopefully we will not need our coats, hats, gloves and umbrellas for too long as we are out and about over the Easter break.

I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 25th April.



Miss A Dufek
Headteacher





Congratulations

Miss Scott has an exciting weekend ahead of her, she is getting married! I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and wishing her a lifetime of love and happiness. When we return from the half term break, she will be known as Mrs Lemon.

Sumdog

Sumdog's Wimborne Academy Trust contest took place over the last week with 27 classes and 498 children taking part. We have some exciting results!

Dolphins were the daily winners on 1st April and finished in 4th place.

Pandas were the daily winners on 6th April and finished in 5th place.

Rowan (Dolphins) finished in 1st place

Ellen-Mae (Dolphins) finished in 7th place

Congratulations to them all!



Friend's of St John's

Thank you to all those who supported the Cake Sale last Friday. It was so busy with so many people enjoying a Friday sweet treat. The Friend's of St John's raised £139.80 A special thank you to our parent representatives in Receptions and all those in Elephant's class who made or bought cakes for the cake sale.

Already Friend's have contributed to the Year 4 Marwell Zoo trip. Thank you very much.

AWARENESS: Huggy Wuggy/Poppy Playtime - online game

Dorset Police have brought a game to our attention for awareness.

Details: "Huggy Wuggy" is a character from a computer game called 'Poppy Playtime', which is a horror/survival game available on Steam.

There does not seem to be an age rating for 'Poppy Playtime' and there are multiple copycat versions available for young people to download on 'Roblox' and other app stores. On 'YouTube' there are lots of game play videos of 'Poppy Playtime' and the "Huggy Wuggy song", which is about hugging you until you pop.

It is unsuitable for young children! Videos of the 'Poppy Playtime' game play are NOT filtered out by Google Safe Search or YouTube restrictions. Please be aware that some game play videos are available on 'YouTube Kids'.



Half Term Value

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

'May the God of hope fill you with peace and joy.' - Romans 16.13



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

April

Monday 25th April - return to school



May

Tuesday 3rd May - Year 1 Celebration of Learning (PM)

Wednesday 4th May - Year 4 celebration of Learning (AM)
- Year 3 Celebration of Learning (PM)

Thursday 5th May - Year 2 Celebration of Learning (PM)

Friday 6th May - Year R Celebration of Learning (AM)

Tuesday 10th May - Class photos

Friday 27th May - Jubilee Celebration

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June Half term

June

Monday 6th June - Staff training day

Wednesday 22nd June - Sports Day

July

Friday 1st July - Transfer Day

Thursday 21st July - Last day of term