



NEWSLETTER 30

20th May 2022

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

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we have moved through the month of May, the warmer weather seems to have joined us. We are now making detailed plans for lots of the summer term events and further details will be shared of Sports Day, Year 4 leaver events and transition events to the next year group.

Last week the Government shared updated guidance for schools on attendance. 'Working together to improve school attendance' will be in place from September. There is an even greater expectation that children should be in school every day and on time. A leave of absence should only be requested in exceptional circumstances and medical appointments should be booked for outside the school day. You may be planning your holidays for the next year and I ask that these are not taken during the school term time. Headteachers are not able to authorise absence for holidays. With so much time lost in the past two years, every lesson and every day counts. Thank you for your support.

Yesterday, Giraffes Class loved their first St John's school trip to Wimborne Model Town! This half term they have been engaging in cross-curricular learning under the topic 'Welcome to Wimborne' and what better way for Year 1's to see the town than in miniature. They spotted parts of the town that they recognised, like the Minster and some shops and hotels, and thought about ways it has changed over time. They used a simple map to locate buildings on different streets and spotted lots of different features of towns in the amazing electric railway room. Thank you to our parent helpers for joining us.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher

Pupil Voice

This week children have had another opportunity to have their say. We always appreciate the feedback from our children sharing what they think about St John's. What they love and what next steps they would like to see. So far it has been fantastic to hear children are enjoying our new and improved library whilst telling us what other book choices they would like to see. So far our children have shared their excitement for our PE and Art opportunities whilst also explaining what other opportunities they would like to see.





Friend's of St John's

Reminder - There will be a pre-loved uniform sale next **Wednesday 25th May** at the end of the school day. A good time to buy summer clothes and dresses as well as plan for the next academic year.

We greatly appreciate all your support with these events as the children benefit so much with monies raised.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school, especially as the weather becomes warmer. The use of water bottles is very popular with the children and it encourages the children to drink more water, which is beneficial for their health, and can increase their concentration and attainment. Every child was given an Eco sports bottle when they joined St John's and they are available to purchase from the School office at a cost of £2.50 per bottle if you need a replacement. Spare caps are also available to purchase.

Health and Safety

There is an increasing number of rucksacks being brought into school which we do not have the space to accommodate on the children's pegs. For daily use, the children should only need to bring in a book bag, and where necessary their lunchbox. There may be a rare occasion when a rucksack is required, but we would request that this is kept to a minimum. Also, the children's book bags need to fit into their trays in the classroom so we would request that there are no keyrings attached. Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding

We regularly reinforce the stranger danger message to our children. They should not talk to people they do not know, especially through the school fence or when unsupervised by a known adult.



We also respectfully ask that parents and carers do not talk to our children, especially if passing the school gates or fences. This can be unintentionally upsetting for children. If you see anything concerning please speak to the school office and not directly to children. We would very much appreciate this message being passed on to any other family members who may drop off or pick up your child. Thank you.

Please see this short safety video [here](#) to talk to your children.

Half Term Value

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

'Rejoice with those who rejoice.' - Romans 12.15



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](#)



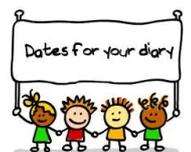
Dates for your diary

May

Wednesday 25th May - School Uniform Sale - at the end of the day

Friday 27th May - Jubilee Celebration - 2:30pm

Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June Half term



June

Monday 6th June - Staff training day

Tuesday 7th June - Children return

Wednesday 8th June - Year 3 Trip to Winchester Science Museum

Wednesday 22nd June - Sports Day

Monday 27th June - Midday Music Box Concert Year 2 + Year 3

Friday 24th June - Summer Fair

July

Friday 1st July - Transfer Day

Wednesday 13th July - Year 2 trip to Scaplen's Court

Thursday 14th + Friday 15th July - Year 4 Leeson House Trip

Thursday 21st July - Last day of term