



NEWSLETTER 37

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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,

I can't quite believe next week we are entering the final week of school! A reminder that on Thursday we have our Year 4 Leavers Service at 1:45pm in the church. All are welcome to join us in celebrating our Snow Leopards and wishing them well in their new adventures to Middle School.

These last 2 days I have been with our amazing Snow Leopards at Leeson House. We've had the most wonderful, sunny few days where the children challenged themselves, developed their independence and took care of each other. I would particularly like to thank Miss Smith, Miss Elston and Mrs Lemon who went above and beyond to care and support the children. We have come back smiling and I have no doubt everyone will sleep well tonight!

Dolphins had a fabulous time at Poole Museum learning about seaside holidays in the past. They made models of key items that you find on a seaside holiday such as ice cream cones, donkey masks, starfish, sandcastle flags and a stick of rock. They also watched a Punch and Judy puppet show, explored the other exhibitions and walked along Poole Quay. When they returned to school, they enjoyed a traditional seaside treat!



We are so proud of our Elephants this week. They were true ambassadors for the school on the Willow Walk trip to Waitrose. So much so that the staff in Waitrose commented on their exemplary kind and polite manners. After walking safely to Waitrose, they completed a treasure hunt around the store finding items to match with six initial sounds. They then enjoyed a picnic lunch which included generous donations from Waitrose; apples, bananas, frubes, innocent smoothies and even an ice lolly! Waitrose also surprised us with a beautiful picture book called 'Treasure Hunt'.

With the wonderful weather set to continue over the weeked, I hope you are able to get out and about enjoying the sunshine.

Best wishes,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher

Staffing Update

Miss Slater will be leaving St John's at the end of this summer term to take up a position as Air Traffic Controller Assistant at Bournemouth Airport. I would like to thank Miss Slater for her contribution to St John's throughout the years and, on behalf of the whole school community, we wish her every success in her new adventure!

I am delighted to share that Mrs Panagiotidis will be joining St John's in September, as an HLTA. She has a wealth of experience in teaching in both primary and secondary schools. I am sure you will all join me in extending a warm welcome when you see her next year.



Summer Safety Messages from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service want your child to have a fun and safe summer. Please take a moment to discuss with your child how they can help keep themselves and others safe, especially as they become older and more independent and may be spending time outside with friends rather than family:

Fire safety outdoors: BBQs and campfires. Due to the high fire risk, BBQs and campfires are banned in many parts of Dorset. If you do have a BBQ further safety advice can be found here [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Barbecues \(dwfire.org.uk\)](https://www.dwfire.org.uk) If clothes catch fire: stop, drop and roll. If someone is burnt: cool,

cover and call for help Burns and scalds - NHS (www.nhs.uk) Never play with matches or lighters.

Water safety: If possible swim at a lifeguarded beach between the flags. Jumping directly into water can cause cold water shock. If you do fall into water unexpectedly, or feel scared when in water then Float to live: lie on your back with your arms and legs out like a star until your breathing calms. If you see someone in trouble in the water, encourage them to Float, do not enter the water yourself, if possible throw them something to hold on to and call 999 and ask for the coastguard if at the coast or fire and rescue service if inland. Be aware of tides and currents and underwater hazards. Further safety information can be found here: [Know the risks \(rnli.org\)](https://www.rnli.org)

Road safety: always wear a seatbelt (and if required use a car seat) when in a vehicle, take care and stay alert as a pedestrian and wear helmets when on bikes, scooters and skateboards. [THINK! - Road safety](#)

If your child needs help in an emergency call 999. If they have a mobile phone ask them to download the what3words app which will help them give an accurate location. [what3words /// The simplest way to talk about location](#) Calling the emergency services as soon as possible will make sure help gets there as quickly as possible, but never call 999 as a joke or hoax call.

You may find these short videos useful to start a conversation with your child:

Foundation and Year 1 (ages 3 - 6) Staying Safe [\(462\) Summer Safety Foundation and year 1 - YouTube](#)

Years 2 and 3 (ages 6 - 8) Be Aware and Take Care [\(462\) Summer Safety Year 2 and 3 - YouTube](#)

Years 4,5 & 6 (8 -11) [Think Firefighter \(462\) Summer Safety Years 4 5 and 6 - YouTube](#)

Within the education section of the website you can find more resources and activities for children to help discuss the safety messages: [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Education \(dwfire.org.uk\)](https://www.dwfire.org.uk)

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service wish everyone a fun, happy and safe summer.

Chartwells price increase

Please note that from 1st September 2022, the cost of a hot meal will increase to £2.70.

Half Term Value

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

'My peace I give you.' - John 14.27



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

July

Monday 18th July - Reception class Bug Fest

Wednesday 20th July - Diamond Worship 9.00am

Thursday 21st July - Last day of term

- Year 4 Leavers Service at 1:45pm

September

Thursday 1st September - Training Day

Friday 2nd September - Training Day

Monday 5th September - All children return to school

