



**Newsletter 13**  
**8th December 2023**

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Worship Team and School Council enjoyed visiting Harleston House last week and performing our Christmas songs to the residents. Thank you to everyone that supported us with our decoration morning, we had a lovely time and the school now looks very festive. Please see the [gallery](#) on the school website for photos. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school on Monday morning admiring the decorations and celebrating the children's learning.

Our Christmas performances have been a huge success this week! I'm sure you will agree that it was a joy to watch the children perform and to see how much they enjoyed it. Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas hampers! The items were donated by our families and also by M&S in Wimborne. The money raised will go towards fundraising for our school.

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher

### Half Term Value - Trust

We can trust that God cares for us enough to want the best for us. We can take our needs and hopes and dreams to Him and He will listen with all of His attention.



### Staffing Update

Mrs Dodd will be leaving St John's on Thursday 14th December. We thank her for all of her hard work and support. We wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Dodd covered teachers' leadership, planning, preparation and assessment time across the school. Until we have completed the recruitment process, Mrs Guy and Mrs Evans will take over the afternoon teaching for Year 2 in the interim. We will cover the other classes using our familiar supply cover until we have appointed a replacement for Mrs Dodd. We will inform you about the future arrangements as soon as possible.



### Christingle

You are invited to join our Christingle service in St John's Church on Thursday 14th December at 1:45pm. This is the last day of term for children as there is an INSET day on Friday 15th December.



## Party Day

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Party Day on Tuesday 12th December 2023!

- Children should come to school in party clothes, but with a coat and sensible shoes for outdoor play.
- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **who have ordered a hot meal** will be provided with a packed lunch [which includes a cheese or ham sandwich.]
- All children who are eligible for Free School Meals [Years 3 & 4] **who have ordered a hot meal** will be provided with a packed lunch [which includes a cheese or ham sandwich.]
- The remainder of pupils should bring in their own packed lunch, bearing in mind that the Friends of St John's have kindly donated some funds which will be used to buy some additional party treats [crisps/cake/fruit.]



## Parking

We have received further complaints regarding inappropriate parking in Harleston Villas and also outside Rags to Stitches this week. Please remember to respect our neighbours in the surrounding roads by parking considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. Please do not block driveways and respect the white markings denoting access to individual properties. At no time should vehicles be parked on double yellow lines or the yellow markings directly outside the school or on the bus stop, as this represents a significant hazard. Your continued support in keeping our children and local residents safe is appreciated.

### Attendance



*Well done Snow Leopards!*



**Class Weekly Attendance**  
for Week beginning 27 November 2023

Elephants	93.5%
Giraffes	88.7%
Dolphins	91.7%
Pandas	90.8%
Snow Leopards	97%
Whole School	92.4%

### Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 12th December**

Christmas Party Day

**Wednesday 13th December**

Forerunner Christmas Lunch Day

**Thursday 14th December**

1:45pm Christingle Service and last day of term

**Friday 15th December - INSET Day**  
**January**

**Tuesday 2nd January - INSET Day**

**Wednesday 3rd January - Children return to school**

**Monday 8th January**

Forest School starts for Reception class

**Wednesday 10th January**

Life Education Visit

**Thursday 11th January**

Life Education Visit

**Friday 19th January**

Five Loaves Bakery

**Tuesday 23rd January**

Dentist Talk for Y3 and Y4

**February****Friday 2nd February**

School Disco

**Tuesday 6th February**

Safer Internet Day

**Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term Break****Monday 19th February - INSET Day****Tuesday 20th February**

Dentist Talk for Y1 and Y2

**Tuesday 27th February**

Dentist Talk for YR

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