



Newsletter 17
19th January 2024

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



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new Sparkle Time clubs started well last Friday. We had Book club, Lego club, Eco club, Body Awareness club, Kitchen club, Computer club, Sign Language club, Art club, Recorder club and Textiles club. We are really excited to see what each club will create by the end of the half term.



Elephants have been thoroughly enjoying exploring the outside world with Forest School on Monday afternoons. The children have enjoyed using tools, making crafts, splashing in puddles and getting dirty!

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Half Term Value - Perseverance



This week, we enjoyed the story of David and Goliath from 1 Samuel 17 in the Bible. In this story, David showed us that 'No way through, isn't true' when you have faith in God.



Pupil Voice

We have recruited for our roles of responsibility for the spring term.

School Ambassadors	Year 4 Librarians	Year 4 Playground Leaders	
Charlie Y4 Tabby Y3	Freddie H Bailey	Sam Ella	Braxton Freddie D

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Worship Team	Lydia Emilia	Jack Philip	Eleanor Haylee	Sean Junior
School Council	Benji Iris	Lily Mackenzie	Charlie Libby	Joanie Samuel H

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day. Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this.

Last week marked the launch of a national campaign, 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts' by the government, directed at underlining the significance of moments and the impact of attendance on children's overall wellbeing and happiness. The campaign serves as a crucial reminder for parents and carers, emphasising that attendance matters not only for academic reasons but also for the broader, holistic benefits it brings to children. In alignment with this initiative, schools have been tasked with helping share this important message to ensure that everyone is aware of the collective effort in nurturing the well-rounded development of our children. Further information is available here:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-attendance>

<https://attendance.initiolearning.org/>

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In this together
School Attendance

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Football and Dodgeball Club

We are pleased to announce that Foundation Sports are starting a Dodgeball club on Monday afternoons from 22nd January. Foundation Sports will also be running a football club which starts on Tuesday 23rd January.

To book a place, please click here. <https://www.foundation-sports.com/dorset>





School Disco

The Friends of St John's are hosting a disco on Friday, 2nd February, in the school hall.
 For KS1 (years R, 1 & 2) the disco will run from 3.15-4.10pm.
 For KS2 (years 3 & 4) the disco will run from 4.20-5.15pm.
 Tickets cost £3 and can be purchased through the shop in Parentmail.

Cake Sale and Pre-loved Uniform Sale

The Friends of St John's will be holding a Cake Sale on Friday 9th February at 3.15pm in the school hall to raise funds for the school. All items will be priced at 50p. Please remember it's CASH ONLY.
 We are kindly asking the parents/carers of the Dolphins and Snow Leopards classes to contribute this time. Please could you bring your shop bought or home baked cupcakes, biscuits, cookies, brownies etc to school on the morning of Friday 9th February, there will be a trolley outside to leave them in.
 Thank you so much for your support!
 (Please remember NO NUTS)

There will also be a pre-loved uniform sale at the same time - all items 50p or £1.

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Well done Giraffes!

Class Weekly Attendance	
for Week beginning 08 January 2024	
Elephants	90.2%
Giraffes	99.7%
Dolphins	84%
Pandas	93.6%
Snow Leopards	96.7%
Whole School	92.8%

Dates for your diary

January

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

Wednesday 7th February 9:00am

Dolphins Class Worship for parents

Friday 9th February

Cake and Pre-loved Uniform Sale

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

Wednesday 28th February 9:00am

Pandas Class Worship for parents

March

Tuesday 5th March 9:00am

Giraffes Class Worship for parents

Tuesday 12th March

Experience Easter at the Minster for Year 3

Wednesday 13th March 9:00am

Snow Leopards Class Worship for parents

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