



## Newsletter 18 26th January 2024

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Pandas and Snow Leopards had a visit from the dentist this week.



Here is some feedback from the Pandas.

"I liked finding out how much sugar is in the food and drinks we eat." Olivia

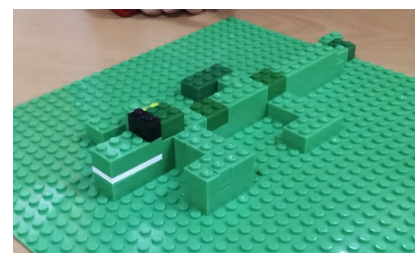
"I didn't know that fluoride is found in water." Tabby

"Did you know there is 35 grams of sugar in one cola bottle?" Rayna

"I learnt how to brush every tooth in my mouth in two minutes." William



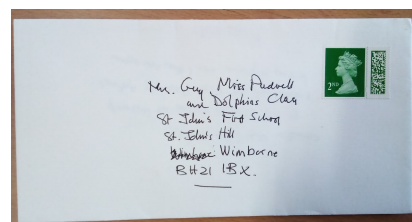
We were thrilled to find out that Micah's crocodile was voted the best one out of all the Kids with Bricks clubs in the country! He was awarded a certificate and a special prize! Congratulations Micah!



There was great excitement in Dolphins class today when they received a reply from Sir David Attenborough!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher



## Half Term Value - Perseverance



This week, we thought about how life is a bit like running a race.

'Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.'

Hebrews 12:1-2

### Staffing Update

Due to personal reasons, Miss Prosser (Reception/Elephants teacher) will not be returning to St John's. The class is currently being taught by Mrs Morris and Mrs Jenkinson.



I am delighted to announce that Mrs Warrenner has been appointed as Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Mrs Warrenner will cover teachers' leadership and PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time across the school.

### School Day

A reminder that our doors open at **8:45am** each day. The school gate will be open before this time to allow families to wait in the playground rather than on the pavement. The doors will remain closed until **8:45am**, even though the gate is open before this time. It is important that you stay with your child until they have entered their door as there is no supervision from staff on the playground. All children should be in their classroom by **8:55am** as this is when the register is taken. We appreciate your support with this.

**8:45**

### Football Club

Foundation Sports started the new football club this week. There are still places available, to book a place, please click here. <https://www.foundation-sports.com/dorset>

### Clothes Recycling

We have received £30 for the school from your donations between October and December!

Thank you for putting your unwanted clothes and shoes in the Astra recycling bank at the front of the school. Clothes can take up to 40 years to decompose and shoes up to 1000 years to break down, but 95% of these can be recycled! Astra recycling provides a service and pays 40p per kilo for what is collected! The bank is emptied every 2 weeks. The textiles collected are either sent to Eastern Europe to be used again or converted into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes, so less than 1% of what we collect ends up in the ground. This is a great way to fundraise for the school as well as promote the importance of recycling.

They accept the following wearable items:

- All men's, ladies' and children's clothing including school uniform
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags, bags, ties and belts
- Bed clothes, towels, soft toys

*Astra Recycling cannot accept or pay for the following items:*

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets & Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing
- Workwear
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile offcuts, yarns or threaded material



### 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.

### Lost Property

We have a big collection of lost property! Please ensure that you have looked through this and claimed your child's belongings. This is available to look through at the start and end of every day in front of the school.  
We will be getting rid of anything that is left in the box on Friday 9th February.

### Attendance



*Well done Giraffes and Snow Leopards!*



#### Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 11 January 2024

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|---------------|-------|
| Elephants     | 97.1% |
| Giraffes      | 97.3% |
| Dolphins      | 92.7% |
| Pandas        | 89.6% |
| Snow Leopards | 97.3% |
| Whole School  | 94.9% |

### Dates for your diary

#### January

**Wednesday 31st January 2:45pm**

Elephants Class Meet the Teachers

#### 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

Parents Consultations 3:30pm-6:30pm

**Wednesday 28th February 9:00am**

Pandas Class Worship for parents

Parents Consultations 3:30pm-6:30pm

#### 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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