



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back after the Easter holidays and Bank Holiday. I hope you all had a good break. The Summer Term is always one of the busiest and this term is no exception! We are busy planning lots of events in preparation for an exciting term; school trips, sporting events, planting vegetables and much more! Let's hope the sun shines for us!

Forest School Initiative

St John's has been invited to take part in an exciting new initiative. Judy's House Pre-School and Nursery run Forest School sessions at the Dorset Children's Centre Forest Garden situated next to Wimborne Minster and have invited some of the St John's pupils to take part in a Forest School experience.

Forest School is an inspirational process. It offers all learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland and natural environment with trees. Forest School is a specialised learning approach that sits within and complements the wider context of outdoor and woodland education.

Staffing Update

I would like to inform you that Mrs Hancock, in her role as Deputy Head of School and Early Years Leader, has been sharing her expertise across our Academy Trust and through Wimborne Teaching School. This has required some time away from St John's and Miss Jessop has therefore increased her teaching time within Elephants. I would like to reassure you that Mrs Hancock & Miss Jessop continue to work very closely together with teaching, planning and assessment for the children.

Sex & Relationships Education - "Changing Me"

Later this term we will be starting the Sex & Relationships Education unit of the PSHE curriculum. We will be holding two information sessions for parents & carers on Wednesday 7th June 9-10am and 2-3pm.

School Nurse Drop-in

The next School Nurse drop-in will be on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 9.00am in the Snug.

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Wimborne Academy Trust

This half term is an exceptionally busy time within all the Trust schools as we prepare and administer SATS within Year 2 and 6. Colleagues have been working together across subject areas, particularly English and Maths to ensure that children are prepared for these formal assessments. We would like to wish all the children Good Luck!

SENCOs across all our Trust schools have worked collaboratively to develop assessments for children with Special Educational Needs. Miss Lemon works closely with our colleagues to ensure that we are able to provide appropriate strategies and interventions for our children. It is a strength of our Trust that we are able to share expertise and ensure that St John's provides the most appropriate support.

I would like to reassure you that we are providing a range of opportunities for our Year 4 children to prepare for Middle School transition such as meeting Heads of Year in school, extra visits to Middle School and teachers sharing children's learning. Transfer day is Friday 7th July; more details will be provided nearer the date.

School Council

School Council members have now been elected for the Summer term and the representatives for each class are as follows:

Elephants	Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Olivia Lara	Harry G Florence	Toby Lily W	Lauren Silvana	Gracie Bryony

* William is our Rights Respecting School Ambassador for Year 4. Isabella is our Rights Respecting School Ambassador for Year 3.

Worship Team

The following children have been elected to the Worship Team for Summer term:

Elephants	Giraffes	Dolphins	Pandas	Snow Leopards
Mollie Marley	Liam Zach	Lacey-Marie Nell	Abigail Maria	Eleanor Emily J

Friends of St John's

We are very grateful to the Friends of St John's who are subsidising our school trips. This term there will be many events organised by the Friends and we really appreciate all your support. Please speak to Julia Carter or Deborah Lee if you would like to support planning of these events. Join us on Friday 12th May at 9am in the Church coffee lounge for a coffee and chat to find out more!

Summer Term dates & Club dates

Please find attached a list of diary dates for this term and Summer term clubs.

Tokens

As you are aware, last term we started collecting tokens when we show our Christian and British values. Last half term, we collected:

Love : 133
Friendship : 236
Forgiveness : 104
British values : 134



I look forward to seeing how many we collect this term! Please come into the Welcome Area in school to have a look.

Hot School Meals & Whole Day School Trips

With regard to paid hot meals for Years 3 & 4, a reminder that parents can cancel their child's hot meal direct with Chartwells with 48 hours' notice.

Packed lunches are available for trips for all children in Years R, 1 & 2 [Universal Infant Free School Meals.] Those children eligible for free school meals in Years 3 & 4 will receive a packed lunch for day trips.



Snack Times

A reminder that the children should be bringing in a piece of fruit for snack times. We encourage children to not bring snacks which require a wrapper, as we have seen an increase in litter around the school.

I would also reiterate that we are a **nut free** school. There are a number of children in school who have severe allergy to nuts.



Sports News

Forthcoming Events

- On Wednesday afternoons during the Summer term, Years 2 & 4 are receiving golf tuition from a qualified coach and Years 1 & 3 are having tennis tuition with a coach from Wimborne Tennis Club.
- 3 teams from Year 3 will be attending the Cricket Skills Festival at Canford School on Monday 8th May
- 3 teams from Year 4 will be attending the East Dorset School Games tri-golf festival at St Michael's CE Middle School on Wednesday 10th May.

Wimborne First Schools Football League

Our first year competing in the Wimborne First Schools football league has now come to an end. Teams of children from Years 1 through to 4 have played matches against 6 other local schools. The season came to an end with a tournament last Saturday; where in their respective year groups Year 3 were crowned winners, Year 2 narrowly missed out on the Winners' trophy on goal difference, and Year 4 came joint third in a very closely fought competition.



A huge "Well Done!" to all the children who have taken part in all the games. Fantastic football skills, sportsmanship and teamwork have been displayed throughout the season and the children have all enjoyed playing in a team with their school friends. We must also thank the parent volunteers for organising the teams, in particular Mr White, Mr Clift and Mrs Gray without whom the games would not have been possible, and all the parents who have supported the children by bringing them to the games.

It's been a great first season, and we look forward to participating in next year's league.

Jane Wallis

Tag Rugby

Last Friday, two teams from Year 4 competed against other East Dorset schools in a tag rugby tournament at QE School. There was some tough competition but, with perseverance and determination, Team B triumphed as overall winners. Congratulations to both teams who put in a great effort and displayed good sportsmanlike behaviour!

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Anstey
Head of School