



NEWSLETTER 18

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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,

As well as celebrating Children's Mental Health next week, children will also be involved in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally each year in February to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2022** | **Tuesday
8 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

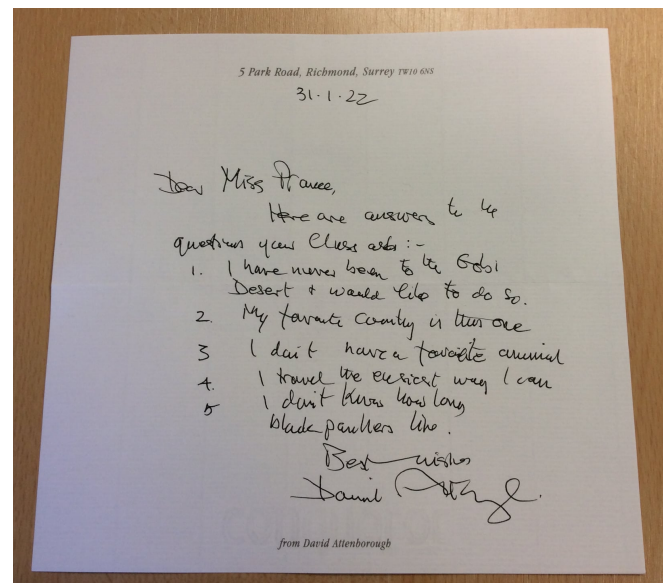
A reminder that our Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held on **Monday 7th February**. The sale will be held in our school hall and **start at 3:00pm**. We hope parents/carers can visit the hall prior to collecting their children to minimise the amount of bodies in the hall. Although windows and doors will be open for ventilation, we would encourage all adults to wear a face covering to help protect each other. All proceeds made from the sale will be donated to the school and used to buy new reading books for all our children.

We are delighted to share that we will be resuming face to face Collective Worship next week. We are excited to be able to celebrate in person again and will of course maintain high levels of ventilation.

Lastly, our Dolphins class received something very exciting in the post this week! A handwritten letter from Sir David Attenborough himself! Dolphins have been learning about Sir David Attenborough this half term and were so inspired by his work, they wrote letters to him. There was a lot of excitement this week when they received a reply.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher



Friends of St John's



Thank you to those who responded to the Google Form sent out last week. There is still time to share your thoughts and ideas by clicking [here](#).

We would like to hold a meeting (with cakes and coffee) on **Wednesday 16th February at 2:30pm** in the **Church Lounge** to relaunch our Friends' of St John's Association. This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss who would be able to take a lead in the PTA and events that can take place this year. This is open to any parent/carer. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend either by email office@stjohnsfirstschool.org or phone 01202 883675.

Dress to Express

Next Friday we will be having a non-school uniform day. We invite children and staff to 'Dress to Express' which could be through favourite colours, favourite sports kits, fancy dress, party clothes...whatever your child wants to wear as an expression of themselves. Be as creative as you like - whatever makes you happy!



Wellbeing

Parent Mental Health is important. The charity stem4's want to celebrate Parent Mental Health as a way to encourage the understanding and awareness of the importance of parents' mental health and its impact on the whole family system.



This year the theme on Parent Mental Health Day was 'balance'. The aim - to get parents and carers to take a moment to reflect on the balance they have in their lives and to take positive steps to make change.

For more information click [here](#).

Half Term Value

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



'Live in harmony with one another.' - Romans 12.16

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to have a **PCR test** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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

February

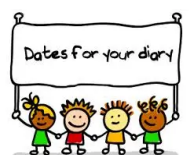
Monday 7th February - Second Hand Uniform Sale @ 3:00pm

Tuesday 8th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February - Non-school Uniform - 'Dress to Express'

Friday 18th February - Last Day

Monday 21st - Friday 25th February - Half term



March

Monday 14th March - Parent Consultation meetings

Wednesday 16th March - Parent Consultation meetings