



NEWSLETTER 29

13th May 2022

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

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hopefully you have enjoyed seeing bursts of colour around our school site after our Bring a Bloom event. The sun was shining, the birds were singing in the trees and spring had definitely sprung at St John's First School. A huge thank you to our St John's families for their generous contributions of beautiful flowers. They were dutifully planted into pots by our superb School council, Worship Team and Ambassadors, ably assisted by Mrs Selby, Mrs Handley and Mrs Dean. The children will now relish taking turns to water them throughout the term and enjoy the splashes of colour around school.



During Worship this week, we discussed the importance of not only our school and personal values, but we discussed British Values. We see British Values as underpinning what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Britain. At St John's we aim for our children to become valuable and fully rounded members of society. We promote the basic British Values of:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance

To read about how we promote British Values at St John's, please read [here](#).

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher

Pupil Voice

Thinking about British Values, children shared how they can show British Values at St Johns:



Democracy - We vote for the storytime book that we read in class. We vote for the school council, worship team, ambassadors and decisions that affect our school.

The rule of law - Follow our class charter. Kind hands and kind feet. Playing safe games and not rough games. We learn about staying safe online and what to do if we are not feeling safe.

Individual liberty - We share our ideas in our learning and share our thoughts and opinions during worship and in Heartsmart. We can choose our Sparkle Time activity when we have earned our 30 minutes each week.

Mutual respect and tolerance - Follow our St John's values. Respect that other people might have different values.

Queen's 70th Jubilee Celebration

Following discussions with the children and staff we are delighted to share how we plan to celebrate this momentous occasion. We are all feeling very excited about marking this special event. We will celebrate as a school on **Friday 27th May** and ask:

- Everyone, please come to school wearing red, white and blue clothes - anything goes!
- Children will be making bunting and decorations over the next few weeks for us to mark the special day
- We will have a whole school street party lunch outside (any hot lunch that has been ordered will be changed into an away day packed lunch which includes a cheese sandwich)
- On this day children will make crowns and flags in class.
- Parents, carers and family members are invited to come to school at 2.30pm to join us for a Queen's Parade of crowns, flag waving, Maypole dancing and a special whole school song
- Children will return to classrooms for the normal end of the school day at 3.15pm to be dismissed



To make this all work we'll be wanting the sun to shine , so let's keep our fingers crossed!



Friend's of St John's

Our Friend's of St John's met again this week to discuss upcoming events. We have a wonderful group of parents working together to plan events to raise money for our children to support the experiences they gain in school.

Chair - Mrs Higgins

Vice Chair/Secretary - Mrs Webb

Treasurer - Mrs Dacombe

It is with great pleasure I can share that we will have a Summer Fair this year! It is so lovely to have the return of such a fun event for all. The Summer Fair will be on **Friday 24th June**. Please keep an eye out for further information.

Friend's of St John's will also be holding another second hand uniform sale. This will be on **Wednesday 25th May** at the end of the school day. A good time to buy summer clothes and dresses as well as plan for the next academic year.

We greatly appreciate all your support with these events as the children benefit so much with monies raised.

Health and Safety

There is an increasing number of rucksacks being brought into school which we do not have the space to accommodate on the children's pegs. For daily use, the children should only need to bring in a book bag, and where necessary their lunchbox. There may be a rare occasion when a rucksack is required, but we would request that this is kept to a minimum. Also, the children's book bags need to fit into their trays in the classroom so we would request that there are no keyrings attached. Thank you for your support.

Half Term Value

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

'Rejoice with those who rejoice.' - Romans 12.15



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

May

Thursday 19th May - Year 1 Trip to Model Town

Wednesday 25th May - School Uniform Sale - at the end of the day

Friday 27th May - Jubilee Celebration

Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June Half term



June

Monday 6th June - Staff training day

Tuesday 7th June - Children return

Wednesday 8th June - Year 3 Trip to Winchester Science Museum

Wednesday 22nd June - Sports Day

Friday 24th June - Summer Fair

July

Friday 1st July - Transfer Day

Thursday 14th + Friday 15th July - Yr 4 Leeson House Trip

Thursday 21st July - Last day of term