

	<p>ST JOHN'S FIRST SCHOOL NEWS</p> <p><b>'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'</b></p> <p><b>1 John 4:7</b></p>	
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30th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for attending our Celebration of Learning on Monday. If you were not able to attend, please see the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

It is a busy week with our decoration morning underway and the Year 3 Samba performance. We are also practising hard for our performances for you next week. We are really looking forward to seeing you all.

Best wishes  
Mrs Reeves-Smith

 <p>We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Helen Dodd to our staff team. She is a full time member of staff and will cover teachers during PPA time.</p>	 <p><b>We have received a big thank you from the Royal British Legion for our donation of £181.12 to the Poppy appeal. Thank you from us also for your support in these harder financial times.</b></p>
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### Half Term Value

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

#### Compassion

'Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' - Colossians 3.12



As part of the ongoing commitment from Dorset's Safer Schools and Communities Team to safeguard children and young people, Dorset Police have created support areas where you will find tailored advice, activities and resources to help guide and support young people. Particularly useful is guidance on e-safety.

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/support-and-guidance/youth/sct-resources-for-schools/young-people-and-online-safety/>

### St John's Core values

As you know we have been reviewing our behaviour ethos and part of this work is to re focus on our core values. The staff and children have decided to change the colours that represent each value in order to focus on the uniqueness of each one.

The children award these tokens to each other if they show a value in any aspect of school life. The tokens are then counted by the Worship Team and celebrated during whole school worship.



#### LOVE

We have chosen Red- a recognised symbol of love.



#### FRIENDSHIP

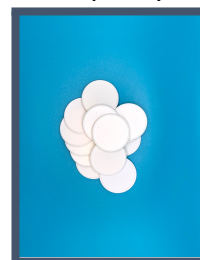
We have chosen Orange- a symbol of communication and energy.



#### FORGIVENESS

We have chosen bronze a symbol of strength and growth

For our half termly value we have chosen white for its simplicity.





## Friend's of St John's (PTA)

If you are not already aware we have a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) at St John's called the **Friends of St John's**. A Friends Association can consist of teachers, parents, grandparents, and anyone else who has a connection with the school. The main function of a Friends association is to enable us to get to know each other better, make new friends and contacts and have fun in the process. We also hope to raise a little extra money for the school to offer the children special activities or new equipment.

This month the Friends of St John's are organising our Christmas Hamper Raffle, where prizes will be drawn at the Nativity performances. They are also providing food and a small gift for every child on Party Day.

A big thank you to them!

Find out more:  
[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset)

# Winter in Dorset

Get ready for...

Festive sessions and events such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, live shows and much more.

Lots of exciting experiences to enjoy with friends and family.

Tasty meals at activities and tips for how you can eat well from home.

'Tis the season for fun, food and festivities!  
With high quality, accessible and affordable holiday activities for children in Dorset

All Winter in Dorset activities are free for children who are eligible for benefit based free school meals.  
Register for your Winter in Dorset passcode by visiting:  
[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset)  
Contact us ☎ 01305 221157 or ✉ [winterindorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:winterindorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

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Department for Education



Please see DfE funded free places (and hot meals) for children who receive free school meals (**FSM**) during the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays of this year.

Booking is open for the 'Winter in Dorset' programme. Families who are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals need to pre-register to receive a passcode via text/email. They can then enter/share this code when booking activities.

They can register online:  
[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset) or by calling 01305 221157

**Attendance**  
*Well done Pandas*



 	
<b>Class Weekly Attendance</b>	
<u>for Week beginning 21 November 2022</u>	
Elephants	94%
Giraffes	94.7%
Dolphins	95.8%
Pandas	97.6%
Snow Leopards	92.9%
Whole School	94.9%

**Dates for your diary**

**December**

**Thursday 1st December**- Parent/Carers invited in to see Christmas decorations, bring a donation for the PTA raffle if you are able to.

**Tuesday 6th December** - School Council, The worship Team and the ambassadors singing at the minster.

**Thursday 8th December** - The worship Team and the ambassadors singing at Harleston House.

**Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th** Christmas Nativity performances:

Wednesday 7th December	9.20-10.20am
Thursday 8th December	9.20-10.20am
Friday 9th December	1.45-2.45pm

**Thursday 8th December** Chartwells Christmas lunch

**Monday 12th December** Year 4 visit to Allenbourn

**Tuesday 13th December** Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 14th December** Christmas Party Day

**Thursday 15th December** 1.45pm Christingle Service AND LAST DAY