



**Newsletter 9**  
**10th November 2023**

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been reflecting on Remembrance Day and the children have been proudly displaying their poppies which have been on sale at the school gate.

Dolphins had a visitor from the NSPCC today. The children talked about people at home and School they considered safe to talk to if they have a worry or feel sad. They've all memorised the Childline phone number too!

The School Council have been asking the children about the equipment they would like the school to purchase to use at playtimes. We will look at the information gathered in our next meeting and prepare the order together.

Thank you for supporting our recent cake sale. A total of £153 was raised for the school. The next fundraising opportunity will be at our Christmas performances where there will be a Christmas hamper raffle, further details below. The tickets for our Christmas performance will be available to book through Parentmail from 8:00am on Monday 13th November. Tickets are limited to 2 per family across all performances.

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher

### Half Term Value

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

**Trust**



### Friends of St John's

The Friends of St John's are once again planning to raffle a number of hampers full of festive treats at the end of each of the Christmas performances. Ticket sales will raise money for the school. In order to create the hampers, if you are able to, we would really appreciate donations of items for the hampers to be brought into school on Monday 4th December. We suggest each class bring a different item as follows:

#### Reception – Biscuits

#### Year 1 – chocolates

#### Year 2 – Bottles of drink

#### Year 3 – Packets of cake

#### Year 4 – Sweets



Friends of St John's has a Shop and Give account, which means you can raise money for school without it costing you anything! Make your online purchases from hundreds of retailers including major supermarkets through the Shop and Give website or app and they will donate money to Friends of St John's without it costing you a penny. Sign up at <https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-johns-first-school-and-pre-school/>

Watch this how to video if you need any help  
<https://youtu.be/Xxc5RHI-IHY?si=92SSdFtRhXPI9qdu>

### Parent Support Advisor

You may have seen Mrs Sarah Elliott on the gate this week. She has begun her role as Parent Support Advisor and looks forward to getting to know our families. Further information about the support she will provide will follow shortly. In the meantime, please contact the school office if you would like to get in touch with her.



### BBC Children in Need - Friday 17th November

Last year, BBC Children in Need helped nearly 460,000 children and young people to overcome their challenges. This included supporting children and young people living in poverty, providing emergency support to families in crisis, providing comfort to children feeling sad, lost and alone, helping children overcome social injustice and supporting children to feel safe and secure again. St John's are inviting children to show their support by wearing a spotty accessory alongside their school uniform on this day. Examples of these would be a spotty pair of socks or tights, hair scrunchie or belt. If you wish to make a donation there is an option to do so in the Parentmail shop.



### The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children and young people across the country about what they need to make their lives better.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 0 to 18. Children aged 6 to 18 can complete the survey themselves. For those who may need additional support or for children under six parents and other adults can complete the survey on their behalf. Please complete this survey with your child so that they can contribute to this. The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

#### Attendance



*Well done Dolphins!*

#### Dates for your diary



##### November

##### Friday 10th November

Five Loaves Bakery

##### Tuesday 14th November

Year 2 Library Visit

**Class Weekly Attendance**  
for Week beginning 30 October 2023

Elephants	98.2%
Giraffes	97.9%
Dolphins	99.6%
Pandas	99%
Snow Leopards	97.5%
Whole School	98.4%

#### **Thursday 16th November**

Reception Class vision screening

Year 1 Library Visit

#### **Friday 17th November**

BBC Children in Need

Year 4 Sports Festival at Allenbourn Middle School

#### **Tuesday 21st November**

Year 2 Starry Night Workshop at the Minster

#### **Friday 24th November**

Year 4 visit Allenbourn Middle School

#### **Thursday 30th November**

School Council and Worship Team Visit Harleston House

#### **December**

#### **Friday 1st December**

Decoration Morning

Five Loaves Bakery

#### **Monday 4th December**

8:45am Celebration of Learning

Hamper donations to be brought into school

#### **Wednesday 6th December**

9:30am Christmas Performance

#### **Thursday 7th December**

9:30am Christmas Performance

Christmas Jumper Day

#### **Friday 8th December**

1:45pm Christmas Performance

#### **Thursday 14th December**

1:45pm Christingle Service and last day of term

#### **Friday 15th December - INSET Day**

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