



**Newsletter 11**  
**23rd November 2023**

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Snow Leopards had a great time when they went to Allenbourn Middle School last Friday for the sports festival. The children learned handball and football skills led by the Allenbourn Year 8 Sports Leaders. The children were then able to apply these skills in mini games.

Dolphins enjoyed their visit to the Minster this week for the Starry Night workshop. The children made stars to be part of an art installation called 'Starry Night'. Other local schools and community groups have been invited to take part and add to this. The children also explored the historic Wimborne Minster and listened to a retelling of the Christmas story.

Our School Ambassadors, Tabby and Charlie, were invited to join the Wimborne Minster Town Council and they had their first meeting this week. The Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk, officers and councillors met with children from a variety of local schools and everyone enjoyed this first session. At the meeting, the children heard about what the Town Council does, the planning role of the Town Council, took part in a formal debate on youth provision in the town and came up with practical ideas to address sustainability and climate action.

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher

### Half Term Value - Trust



This week in worship we have been discussing what bullying is and what to do if we see this happening. We made a list of all the people we can trust to talk to about bullying.

### Decoration Morning

Our annual Decoration Morning will take place on the morning of Friday 1st December. We would welcome volunteers to come in and support us with this event please. If you are able to, please sign up using the form on ParentMail.

### Christmas Show - Don't Be Afraid!

The window for booking tickets is now closed and we're pleased to inform you that there are some additional tickets available for the Wednesday and Thursday performances. These additional tickets will be limited to 1 ticket per family across both performances. The tickets will be available to book in the Parentmail shop from 8:00am on

Monday 27th November. Information regarding the items needed for costumes has been sent out this week. Please ask your child’s class teacher if you are unsure what your child needs. These items need to be in school, in a named bag, by Friday 1st December.

**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**



**Shop & Give**

Do you shop online? Will you be making the most of Black Friday deals or buying Christmas presents? Would you like to raise money for school without it costing you anything?

If so, please consider signing up to the Friends of St John’s Shop and Give account. All you need to do is:

1) Sign up to Shop and Give and download the app using the QR code or this link:  
<https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-johns-first-school-and-pre-school/>

2) Whenever you shop online simply search for the shop you want to go to on the Shop and Give app or website (there are nearly 3000 of them) and click through to shop.

The shop’s website is exactly the same and the prices are exactly the same. The stores simply give cashback to Shop and Give, which is then passed on to us! It’s just two extra clicks. Happy shopping!



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**Attendance**



*Well done Dolphins!*

**Dates for your diary**

**November**

**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 - Volunteers required  
Five Loaves Bakery  
Costumes must be in by today

Friends Meeting

**Monday 4th December**



**Class Weekly Attendance**  
**for Week beginning 13 November 2023**

Elephants	84.7%
Giraffes	91.3%
Dolphins	97.7%
Pandas	88%
Snow Leopards	93.7%
Whole School	91.3%

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

**Tuesday 12th December**

Christmas Party Day

**Wednesday 13th December**

Forerunner Christmas Lunch Day (Please order online)

**Thursday 14th December**

1:45pm Christingle Service and last day of term

**Friday 15th December - INSET Day**

**January**

**Tuesday 2nd January - INSET Day**

**Wednesday 3rd January - Children return to school**

**Monday 8th January**

Forest School starts for Reception class (information to follow)