



Newsletter 12
30th 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 a Science Workshop. They used CDs, bottle tops, balloons and blu tack to create hovercrafts and experimented with how far they could make their hovercraft travel. They were also given a tour of the school and got to meet the Year 5 guinea pigs!

The Worship Team planned and led collective worship in church today. They told the story of when Jesus met Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-9. Captain Kev visited the Elephants this week to tell them the Nativity story, they loved it!

Preparations are well under way for the Christmas show! We are very excited to perform this for you next week. If you have not brought in the items for your child's costume, please do so by Friday 1st December. Please check with your child's class teacher if you are unsure what you need to bring in.

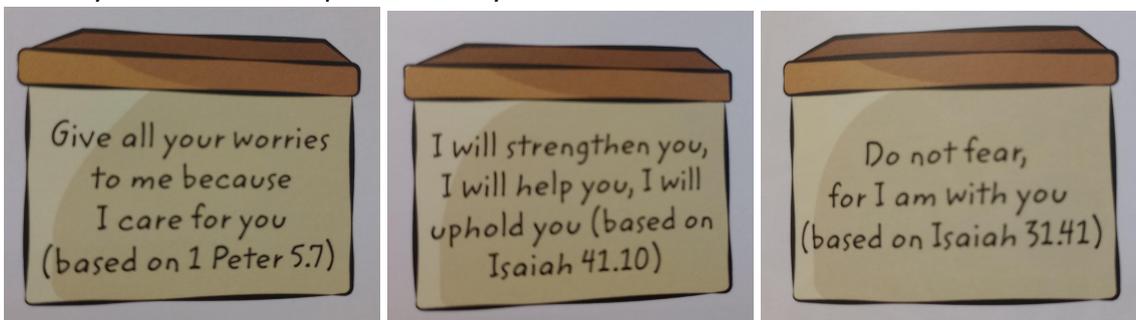
Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Half Term Value - Trust



This week in worship we have been discussing God's promises. Perhaps you have something that has been worrying you recently. Which of these promises do you need to remember?



Decoration Morning

Our annual Decoration Morning will take place on the morning of Friday 1st December. If you have volunteered to help with this event, please sign in at the front office after morning drop off.

Celebration of Learning

We look forward to welcoming you into school on Monday 4th December (8:45am-9:15am) to admire the handmade Christmas decorations around the school and to share in celebrating your child's learning in the classroom.



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



Forest After School Club

Does your child love running around outside, den building, natural crafts, playing games, cooking on the campfire and learning about nature? If yes, the Forest after school club is for them! We will be using the beautiful woodland at St John's First School. The club will start on Monday 8th January 2024. If you are interested, you can book a place for your child using this link. <https://forms.gle/Gx9Fjo8TKdjNAkHu6>

Contact marina@pooleforestschool.com with any queries. Go to www.pooleforestschool.com to find out more.

Kids with Bricks Club

Well done to Thomas in Year 3! His model of a polar bear was voted the best one this week.



Attendance



Well done Dolphins!

Dates for your diary

November

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



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 20 November 2023

Elephants	87.3%
Giraffes	95.3%
Dolphins	97.7%
Pandas	91.6%
Snow Leopards	97.3%
Whole School	94%

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

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)