

Newsletter

St John's C.E.V.A First School Frome



"Learning together... aiming high"

Website: stjohnsfrome.co.uk

Uniform webshop: pmgschoolwear.co.uk

Enquiries/Messages: stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Finance/Lunches: paymentsstjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Issue 14

Friday 14th December 2018

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Oliver (Ash)
Leo (Hawthorn) Annabeth (Poplar)
Sophia (Beech) Billy & Leo A (Fir)
Tolly (Rowan) Jaelin (Willow)
Sophie (Maple)

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thank you to everyone who has joined us to watch the fabulous Year 1 Christmas Play, "The Nativity" and Year 2's "Wriggly Nativity" this week. The children really did you and their teachers proud in their very enjoyable performances. Thank you all, too, for giving so generously to the collections on the door. Children in Reception are working extremely hard, rehearsing for their performance of "A Little Bird Told Me" which will be taking place next Wednesday and Thursday in the school hall. The school choir sang at the church Christmas lunch on Wednesday, for Frome 3A at the Assembly Rooms this afternoon. They will also be singing at the church Candlelit Service this Sunday at 6.30pm.

COPPER BEECH TREE

Update from the Governing Body

We would like to update families on where we're at on the issue of the copper beech tree in the play area. After the tree shed two of its branches during the summer drought, we made the decision to close off the area so that the tree could be fully investigated and that relevant surveys could be undertaken so that we can best decide how to manage the tree in the healthiest way. We wanted to assure parents that re-opening the tiger mulch area is a priority for us and we are currently considering our next course of action.

Thank you for your continuing support.

STAFF NEWS

In collective worship this morning, we said a whole school farewell to **Miss Holloway** on her final day at St John's. We gave her cards and gifts to wish her well in her new position with FLP.

Miss Pearce is getting married on Saturday 22nd December. Her last day in school before the Christmas holiday will be next Wednesday. We are all looking forward to welcoming Miss Pearce back to school as the new Mrs Dayman-Johns in January!

Beech will be taught by Mrs Scruby for the last two days of term.

YEAR 3 HARRY POTTER FUN DAY

Monday 17th December

On Monday 17th December, we will be having a Harry Potter themed end of term celebration for children in Rowan and Willow. The children can come to school dressed in Hogwarts style clothes or Hogwarts mufti, ready for a day of fun activities!

KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS PARTY MORNING

Thursday 20th December

On Thursday 20th December we will be having a Christmas Party morning for children in Hawthorn, Poplar, Fir and Beech. The children can come to school wearing party clothes and will take part in lots of fun, festive activities including Christmas games and dancing, Christmas craft and decorating biscuits. They will also watch a U certificate short Christmas film.

FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH

People enjoying their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday were delighted by the appearance of the school choir (and dog!). As always, their lovely singing enchanted us all. Thank you to Mrs Marsland and all the singers.

The school choir will make their second appearance in church on Sunday evening at 6.30pm when they join us for our annual Candlelit Carol Service. There will be carols, lessons for Advent and Christmas, mulled wine and mince pies. We also look forward to readings by two St John's children.

RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 21st December

Children in Oak and Ash classes will be having their Christmas party on Friday 21st December. They need to come to school in their school uniform, but may bring party clothes to change into after our church service.



MULTISPORTS NEXT TERM

It might be the last week of term next week, but we're already thinking about Multisports after school club next year! Available to book now on Parentmail:

Years 1 & 2

Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm 6 weeks £12

Years 3 & 4

Fridays 3.15 – 4.15pm 6 weeks £12

CHRISTMAS AT THE THEATRE

We included the wrong Oliver in the newsletter last week. It's Oliver S who is in The Nutcracker cast at the Merlin. Sorry Oliver!

DIARY DATES

Sun 16 Dec	Candlelit Service – in church 6.30pm
Mon 17 Dec	Year 3 Harry Potter Day
Tues 18 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Weds 19 Dec	Science Fair – Y4 9.15 – 11.30am
Weds 19 Dec	Christmas Play to Rec Parents 2pm
Thurs 20 Dec	Christmas Party Morning – Y1 & Y2
Thurs 20 Dec	Christmas Play to Rec Parents 2pm
Fri 21 Dec	Carol Service - in church 9.15am
Fri 21 Dec	Christmas Party Afternoon – Oak & Ash
Fri 21 Dec	Last day of term

2019

Mon 7 Jan	INSET Day – School closed
Tues 8 Jan	School restarts
Weds 13 Feb	Year of the Flute – Workshop
18 – 22 Feb	Half Term
Tues 26 Feb	Year of the Flute Concert – Cheese & Grain
March 20, 21, 22	Liddington Residential – Year 4
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school

BLACK SWAN ARTS YOUNG ART COMPETITION

Are you aged 8 and over? Would you like to enter an Art Competition? Black Swan Arts Young Open is the largest arts competition in the South West. If your work is selected it will be exhibited at Black Swan Arts. Prizes include workshops with professional artists and vouchers from Postscript and Studio Prints. To enter, go to blackswanarts.org.uk



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com

BAKE-OFF AND SECRET SHOP

Congratulations to all our star bakers from last week's Bake-Off, judged by Helen the Bakemonger. Winners were:

Reception - Teddy Peacock

Year 1 - Emily Carpenter

Year 2 - Pearl

Year 3 - Tolly Clarke

Year 4 - Kizzi

Family bake - Megan and Edie Hull

Adult - Michelle Hartland

Best Flavour - Logan Hallybone

Our thanks to the Bakemonger for her fantastic cake, her time, and to all of those who baked. Thanks also to those who were involved in the event, from making gifts and decorations to selling on the day - we could not run these events without your help. We were delighted that all gifts in the secret shop, and all cakes, were sold on the day! Many thanks to all of you for coming.

RAFFLE

Congratulations to all the winners of our raffle. Hopefully you will all have picked up your prizes from the front desk. Huge thanks to all the companies, organisations and individuals who donated such wonderful prizes - a full list of prizes and winners is available on the front desk or by emailing us.

SPELLIARMUS! MAGICAL TALES FROM THE CHILDREN OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

The children's Harry Potter-inspired book is now available from Hunting Raven! All stories entered into the competition are included in the book, which would be a fantastic Christmas gift for family and friends. Price £5.99 for one, £10 for two.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued enthusiasm and support for the Friends of St John's. We wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season.

Friends of St John's School