

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Ziya (Ash) Phoebe (Oak)

Harry (Poplar) Oliver V (Hawthorn)

Ethan (Beech) Oliver (Fir)

Orla (Rowan) Jamie (Willow)

Charlie (Maple) Alfie & Charli (Sycamore)



FROM MRS MARSLAND

Welcome back to a brand new year at St John's! I hope everyone was able to spend time with family and friends over Christmas, and has come back to school refreshed and ready to learn.

On behalf of all the staff here, I would like to say a big thank you for all the presents and cards the children and parents all brought in to school for teachers and staff, and for the home made cakes and gifts so many of you gave too. You are all very kind!

REACH FOR THE STARS!

This week, children and staff have identified personal targets to strive for this term, under the banner of "Reach For The Stars". For example, Mrs Marsland is learning to draw; Mrs Moore is going to give up sugar; Mrs Jenkins is learning to juggle and Mrs Priddle is learning to roller-skate!

This is to introduce the children to "Growth Mindset". There will be a leaflet coming home in the coming weeks with more details.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS

For the rest of this year, we are going to be trying something different to our shared reading sessions. During the week beginning February 11th, there will be a daily parent session for us to show you how we teach different aspects of the curriculum, also how you can support your child at home. Towards the Easter break, there will be a second week of these sessions, during which parents and children will be able to learn together.

Monday 11th 9-9.30am – Reception: Phonics.

Tuesday 12th 9-9.30am – Year 1: Phonics.

Wednesday 13th 9-9.30am – Year 2: Multiplication & Division.

Thursday 14th 9-9.30am – Year 3: Times Tables

Friday 15th 9-9.30am – Year 4: Times Tables.

SAXONVALE

There will be a public drop-in event this weekend, to discuss the future development of the Saxonvale site. The event will take place today, Friday 11th, from 2pm-7pm and Saturday 12th January from 10am-3pm at The Silk Mill. Representatives from school will be going, to explore possibilities of green space for St John's, or even relocation! If you have a view on this, perhaps you could go along too, and share your ideas.

For those unable to attend, you'll be able to view the presentation boards on the Saxonvale website and submit your feedback.

THANK YOU

This week, we would like to say a big thank you to Brian Noctor, who has stepped down from his role as Foundation Governor. We are very grateful for everything he has done for St John's over the last few years and wish him all the best for the future.

CONDOLENCES

We were devastated to hear the news regarding Mrs Anna Kirsopp-Lewis who lost her life, and that of her unborn child, so tragically just before Christmas. Before we broke up, cards of condolence were sent to Frome College on behalf of all St John's children, staff and parents.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who was involved with church over Christmas – the Choir who delighted everyone at the church lunch with their singing, Sol and Tom who read at the carol service, and to everyone who made the wonderful end of term service so special. Thank you very much also to everyone who has responded to our annual appeal for The Children's Society, and brought in filled candles or envelopes. If you haven't brought yours back, there is still time! Please bring them to the front desk next week; there are spare envelopes available if you need them.

HOUSE POINTS

In collective worship this morning, we announced the winners of the House Trophy for the Autumn Term. Well done Robins!

Robins	3469
Woodpeckers	3352
Goldfinches	3151
Kingfishers	3008

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - Sunday 13 January.

The service begins at 10am. Please arrive before then to construct your own Christingle (we will have started it off for you).

LUNCHES

A new lunch menu will come into effect after the February half term. As usual, all parents will be emailed the three forms – one for each week on the repeating menu – nearer the time.

Between now and the end of half term, we will be unable to make any changes to your child's current menu choices. Thank you.

YEAR 4 LIDDINGTON RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Just a reminder that the final instalment for the Liddington trip is due by next Wednesday 16th January; ParentMail will also send a reminder two days before. If you are not up to date with instalments so far, please could you ensure that you have paid in full by Wednesday, in order for us to make our final payment.

Full details will then be sent home - kit lists, medical forms etc. - which have to be given to Liddington staff ahead of our visit.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

There will be another Bag 2 School collection next Monday 14th January. Bag 2 School will collect good quality clothes (no uniform with logo please), bags, belts, hats and handbags, all of which will be re-used. If you have any you need to get rid of, please bring them in that morning. There are collection bags available on the front desk, but carrier bags and bin liners are fine too.

THE NEST

SMSC - We will be reading a book about rules, asking the children what rules they would like in The Nest, then making a poster to show them.

PE - We will be introducing Yoga with Mrs Jenkins.



OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our Growth Mindset Focus next week will be, **"We Can't Do This...Yet!"**

Reception

English - Retelling "The Three Little Pigs" and thinking of different endings

Maths - One less and subtracting.

Phonics - Blending and Segmenting

Year 1

English - Starting our new text, "Peter Rabbit". Learning about suffixes.

Maths - Place value.

Year 2

Maths - 2x Table. Multiplication word problems.

English - Writing our own story about the "Smartest Giant in Town".

Year 3

Maths - Multiplication using arrays. Greater than and less than.

English - Starting our new text, "Mary Anning and The Sea Dragon".

Year 4

Maths - Multiplication using partitioning.

English - Descriptive writing using similes. Retelling the boys' escape in "How to Train Your Dragon".

CAR PARK

We understand the frustration of there not being enough parking in and around school. Our car park is not big enough even for the staff, and spaces are in fact allocated to staff members according to how far they have to travel from home. It is essential that parents do not use the car park **at any time**, due to health and safety reasons. Previously, traffic has been forced to stop on Christchurch St because parents' cars are in the staff car park and staff cars have to wait on the road. We have also had near-misses with children on the pavement when parents' cars pull out.

There is also no parking or waiting permitted on the double yellow lines on Christchurch Street East; on the residents' parking either side of school; or on Blindhouse Lane alongside the entrance to Oak and Ash classes.

The safety of all children is our primary concern. We appreciate your co-operation in keeping the area surrounding school safe – please walk to school whenever possible!

CHESS

Good luck to the Year 4 chess players who have been selected to play for the Somerset Under 9 county team in the West of England County Jamboree, held in Chepstow this Saturday. The team will compete against other counties from Wales and the West, with each person playing 6 games against other teams and all points going towards a team total. As usual, St John's has a good number selected for the team, and those going are: Jesse, George B, Tom and Hugo.

The school club looks forward this term to taking part in the national schools' tournament, The Delancey UK Chess Challenge, with the first round held at the club over 7 games this term, with everyone competing for places at the county's Megafinal, the next stage up. We are also looking forward to hosting our annual Somerset junior tournament on Sun 3 Feb – go to somersejuniorchessgrandprix.co.uk for more details - and to filling the few limited places now available at the after school club with some Year 3 players.



DIARY DATES

Mon 14 Jan	Bag 2 School Collection
Mon 4 Feb	Window Wonderland – Year 4
Mon 4 Feb	Earth Science Centre Trip – Willow Class
Tues 5 Feb	Earth Science Centre Trip – Rowan Class
Weds 13 Feb	Year of the Flute – Workshop
18 – 22 Feb	Half Term
Tues 26 Feb	Year of the Flute Concert – Cheese & Grain
Mon 11 March	Wells Pilgrimage – Year 4
March 20, 21, 22	Liddington Residential – Year 4
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school
Wed 15 May	Class photos

LIKEYS FROME (formerly DEKA)

Likeys have set up a running initiative supported by Frome Town Council to get parents back in fitness called the 'School Run'. Starting with a Couch to 5K, the running group will meet at 9.15am every Wednesday outside St John's Church and is open to parents from all Frome schools. All you need to do is sign up via the Run Together website. Sessions are priced from £3 each. The first session is next Wednesday 16 Jan, but you can join at any point during the course.

www.runtogether.co.uk You can find the group by searching for groups in Frome. Or call into the shop and sign up there.

At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.