

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Edward (Ash) Willow & Rosalie (Oak)

Rio (Hawthorn)

Gus (Beech) Lily (Fir)

Elsie (Rowan) Lacey (Willow)

Scott (Maple) Georgina (Sycamore)



SCHOOL VISION / SAXONVALE REDEVELOPMENT

Mrs Marsland will be hosting two open meetings for St John's parents to share our vision, and the potential for a purpose-built new school on a new site. Although we understand that there have been various consultations regarding the Saxonvale site over many years, and that you could quite easily be tired of the whole thing, we believe that now is the right time to speak out.

On the current plans, there is no mention of education whatsoever, and we strongly believe that this could be an opportunity to realise our vision.

The meetings will be held in school on Wednesday 23rd January at 2.30 – 3.15pm and at 5.30pm. The consultation document will be available for you to complete, or to take away.

PLEASE DO COME AND HAVE A VOICE!

YEAR 4 LIDDINGTON RESIDENTIAL TRIP

There will be more information coming home next week, including medical information, kit lists and what to pack etc. Please could you ensure you read it all carefully and return the signed Child Information booklet by Friday 1st February.

Please make sure you are paid up too – the last payment was due on Wednesday this week.

CHESS

Congratulations to the Somerset Under 9 Chess Team, who won the trophy at the West of England Jamboree in Chepstow on Saturday, beating Glamorgan into second place by just one point. On the team of 12, St John's players were: Jesse, George B, Tom and Hugo. It is a big achievement to be selected for a county team, and fantastic to come home with gold medals and a huge trophy. Well done everyone!



(Jesse has written a report about their day – see over the page.)

COMMUNITY CUP

This morning in collective worship, we presented our Community Cup to another worthy winner.

Daisy Hartland in Maple class was nominated after raising money at her grandfather's funeral for the Neonatal Care Unit at the Royal United Hospital in Bath. The staff there looked after Daisy when she was born prematurely, and she wanted to present the cheque for £450 herself to say thank you.

The money is being put towards a POD - a special type of incubator - which will enable the RUH to move babies to other hospitals more easily. The one they have currently is old, huge and very heavy, which means not all ambulances can take it.

Well done Daisy for showing compassion and friendship to others.



SNACK TIME IN YEARS 3 & 4

We need to remind Year 3 & 4 parents to send your child to school with an extra piece of fruit or veg for morning snack, as many children are not bringing anything with them. We like them to continue the good habits learned in school through the School Fruit and Veg Scheme, which provides it free until the end of Year 2.

NEW LUNCH MENU

A new lunch menu will come into effect after half term, on February 25th. All parents have been emailed three forms – one for each week on the repeating menu. Please can you help your child make their new choices, then submit all three forms online by Wednesday 30th January. If you are having any difficulty with ParentMail, or need a hand, you can make your choices with front desk staff instead, by the same deadline.

If we do not have your child's choices in time, you'll need to send them to school with a packed lunch on the first week back after the February half term.

YEAR 2

Beech and Fir classes have had lots of fun learning about the story, "The Smartest Giant in Town". We found his clothes in the garden, dotted around all over the place. We found his trousers in a tree and his tie under a bench!

We brought them in to school and then wrote to George the Giant, asking why he had left his smartest clothes in our garden. We are hoping he will write back to us next week. Watch this space!



A Child's Voice

"On Saturday, George, Tom, Hugo and I represented the Somerset Under 9 chess team in the South Wales and West of England Junior Jamboree in Chepstow.

There were 14 of us altogether and every point or half a point any of us won went towards our team total.

There were some difficult games and we each played 4 games throughout the day. Hugo won all 4 of his games.

By the third round, we were in the lead by 1 point, being closely followed by the reigning champions Glamorgan.

At the end of the day, they announced that Somerset Under 9's had won! By 1 point! We were all really pleased and got a medal and our team captain was presented with the shield."

By Jesse – Maple Class

THE NEST



SMSC - We will be learning about Growth Mindset.

PE - We will continue to learn relaxation techniques in Yoga.

Art - We will be making stars for our personal target board.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Your unwanted clothes, soft toys and shoes weighed a hefty 240 kilograms, which worked out at £96 raised for school. Thank you for getting them all here.

We will arrange another collection early in the summer term, so please save anything your children grow out of in the meantime.

WINTER WEATHER

It's that time of year when we need to make sure all parents know our school closure procedures, should we have any "snow days" or other emergencies. If ever the decision is taken to close the school, everyone will be notified on ParentMail.

Please make sure we always have your current email and mobile number, and please update school office staff if ever you change them, so we can always contact everyone quickly and easily.

OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our Growth Mindset Focus next week will be,
"Mistakes Help Us To Learn"

Reception

English - Alternative endings for "Three Little Pigs"
Maths - Subtracting.
Phonics – Blending and Segmenting.

Year 1

English - Writing about our Longleat Outreach visit.
Maths - Addition and subtraction.

Year 2

Maths - 5x Table. Multiplication word problems.
English - Writing questions.

Year 3

Maths - Multiplication and division using arrays.
English - Continuing with "Mary Anning and The Sea Dragon".

Year 4

Maths - Column multiplication.
English - Continuing to use the book "How to Train your Dragon".

DIARY DATES

Weds 23 Jan	School Vision/Saxonvale Meetings 2.30 & 5.30
Weds 30 Jan	Three Little Pigs' House Building 9am - Rec
Mon 4 Feb	Window Wanderland Workshops – Year 4
Mon 4 Feb	Earth Science Centre Trip – Willow Class
Tues 5 Feb	Earth Science Centre Trip – Rowan Class
Feb 11 – 15	Parent Partnership Sessions 9-9.30am
Mon – Rec;	Tues – Y1; Weds – Y2; Thurs – Y3; Fri - Y4
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
Fri 15 March	Red Nose Day
March 20, 21, 22	Liddington Residential – Year 4
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school
Mon 13 May	Earth Science Centre Trip – Year 4
Wed 15 May	Class photos
Mon 20 May	Earth Science Centre Trip – Year 4

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.