

Newsletter

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



"Learning together... aiming high"

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Retaj (Ash) Sebastian (Oak)
Ryley (Hawthorn) Alicia (Poplar)
Annabel BM (Beech) Mandy (Fir)
Jessie (Rowan) Henry (Willow)
Evie (Maple) Sophia (Sycamore)



NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

stjohnsfrome.co.uk

We are really pleased to announce that we have a new school website. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to parent Sebastian Sulinski for donating his time and resources to designing the new site for us. We think you'll agree that it is professional, easy to navigate and informative. There is information for new and current parents, along with all the information we are required to publish by the Department for Education.

Over the coming weeks we will be adding to the site, including getting all the class blogs up to date and publishing some useful links for parents and carers to support their child's learning at home.

Please remember that we will use the website when we have urgent announcements (for example, a school closure) so you may wish to bookmark the site for future reference.

STAFFING

We all send our best wishes to Mrs Dayman-Johns, who is unwell at the moment, and our thanks to Mrs Scruby who will continue to teach Beech Class in her absence.

We all wish Mrs Dayman-Johns a speedy recovery and hope she is well enough to come back to school very soon.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to all those who returned filled envelopes to school for the Children's Society; we collected them this week. The collection taken after our Christingle service was also for the Children's Society, and before Christmas, the Brownies and Guides had a service and took a collection afterwards too. When we have counted everything up, we will let you know the total raised for this year's appeal.



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

OPEN MEETING Mon 28th January, 6.30pm, Three Swans

All parents, families and carers are invited to an open meeting of the Friends of St John's this coming Monday evening at the Three Swans. We will be discussing ideas for events and fundraising goals for the remainder of this school year.

We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks!

YEAR 4 LIDDINGTON RESIDENTIAL TRIP

There is more information coming home today 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 8th February.

Please check bags for your child's forms. If they are not in school today, they will bring their forms home on Monday.

SUPPORT - SEND

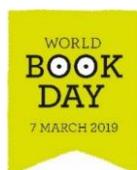
SENDIAS (information, advice and support service for parent carers of children and young people (aged 0 to 25) with SEND) want your feedback on the service and to know what you would like to see more of moving forwards! Please click on the link to take the survey and give your feedback.

surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2V8LFH7

SOMERSET CHOICES For ages 0 – 25
FREE event at The Assembly Rooms, Frome
February 1st from 10am – 1pm

A chance to meet those who provide services and find out more, and to develop your knowledge with the workshops on offer.

help@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk



GROWTH MINDSET – “REACH FOR THE STARS”

Children in Year 4 have been thinking about their “Reach For The Stars” goals.

Sophia’s goal is to be a successful author.
Jacob’s goal is to build a fantastic tree house!



THE NEST

Art - We will be painting small jars to use as our “Hopes and Aspirations” wish jars.



EYFS - Children will be supported using scissors to practise cutting skills.

SMSC - Citizenship. We will read “Being Fair” and will talk about it afterwards.

PE - We will continue learning our relaxation techniques in Yoga.

OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our Growth Mindset Focus next week will be,
“We Can always Improve”

Reception

English - Science Week. Designing, building and testing house for the Three Little Pigs.

Maths - Addition.

Phonics – Blending and Segmenting.

Year 1

English - Writing about Peter Rabbit.

Maths - Addition and subtraction.

Year 2

Maths - Tally charts and pictograms.

English - Writing our own bedtime stories.

Year 3

Maths - Multiplication using the grid method

English - Continuing with Mary Anning.

Year 4

Maths - Efficient multiplication and written division.

English - Continuing to use the book “How to Train Your Dragon”.

A Child’s Voice

Last week, children in Year 2 wrote letters to George the Giant from Julia Donaldson’s book, “The Smartest Giant in Town”. This week, George wrote back! He explained how his clothes ended up in the school garden, and asked the children to write bedtime stories for the mice that live in his shoes. They wrote to Julia Donaldson for advice on how to write a great story:

“Dear Julia Donaldson.

My name is Alfie and I go to St John’s School in Frome. We need some help to write a story. How did you get your ideas for Zog? How do you write a story? What is your favourite book? I hope to hear from you soon.

From Alfie.”

DIARY DATES

Mon 28 Jan	Friends Meeting at 3 Swans – 6.30pm
Weds 30 Jan	Three Little Pigs’ House Building 9am - Rec
Mon 4 Feb	Window Wonderland 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
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
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

The next **LIGHTHOUSE MESSY CHURCH** for all the family is on Sunday 3rd February 3-5pm in Trinity Hall. Go as a family and join in the fun! Explore the story of “Daniel in the Lions’ Den” in a fresh way. Enjoy fun, messy, creative lion-themed activities plus songs, games and a proper family tea! Suggested donation £3 per family. Everyone is welcome.

VALENTINE GAS LAMP LIGHTING CELEBRATION

The famous Valentine Gas Lamp is one of the town’s most romantic landmarks - set amidst heart-shaped cobblestones with a ‘love seat’ under the glow of the gas lamp, looking down Catherine Hill. The annual Valentine Gas Lamp Lighting Ceremony has been celebrated for over 25 years. Please go along on Valentine’s Day and witness this unique event. Come rain or shine, at **5.30pm** a firework will be let off summoning romantic souls to the lamp. All will gather to await the arrival of the lamplighter, dressed in period costume, to conduct the lighting ceremony at **6pm**. There will be mulled wine for adults and fresh fruit for the children.

valentinegaslamp.org

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.