

# Newsletter

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



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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Honey-May (Ash) Poppy (Oak)

Lily & Maisie (Hawthorn) Sophie (Poplar)

Annabel (Beech) Bobby (Fir)

Ruaridh (Rowan) Finlay (Willow)

George M (Maple) Aya & Georgina (Sycamore)



## FROM MRS MARSLAND

It has been another full and busy half term, and the children and staff have all been working hard, learning in lots of different ways. We have built and tested houses for the Three Little Pigs; been on trips to the cinema and to Somerset Earth Science Centre; listened to a fantastic concert by Tempest and we have also introduced the children to Growth Mindset with "Reach for the Stars".

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Partnership sessions this week – thank you for coming! I hope you found them useful to see how we teach different aspects of the curriculum, and that the sessions will help you support your child further 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.

I also want to say a big thank you to all of the children for coping so well with staff absence this half term, and to all of the staff for providing extra cover.

I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break – you have all earned it!

**School restarts on Monday 25th February.**

## JACKDAWS MUSICAL TRUST'S "YEAR OF FLUTE"

This week, children were treated to a concert by flute trio Tempest as part of Jackdaws' "Year of Flute". Afterwards, Tempest led a music workshop with some children from Year 3, during which they learned a piece which they will perform together at a concert at the Cheese & Grain on Tuesday 26th March. If your child has been invited to take part, please look out for a letter coming home during the first week back.

## BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

Thank you to everyone who has bought shortbread hearts from the front desk this week, and well done to Mrs Fear – not only for baking them all, but for raising close to £100 for the British Heart Foundation too.

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

Please note that our next parents' evenings will be held during the first week back after half term - on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February.

We hope that parents of all our children will be able to attend one of these sessions. We would also appreciate it if, where possible, parents living separately could arrange an appointment together. Please note that the focus of the meetings is on the progress children are making with their learning. If there are additional issues you wish to discuss there may not be time and it may be appropriate to make another appointment.

Mrs Marsland will also be available on both Parents' Evenings. She would appreciate it greatly if as many of you as possible could spend a few moments chatting to her about the school vision - also how we can develop further our working partnership. No appointment is necessary, and more than one set of parents can speak with Mrs Marsland at any time.

Office staff will also be on hand specifically to answer any questions you may have regarding the Parentmail app.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Staff in the Nest are looking for two things to use in their activities – are you able to help? They are hoping that somebody may have an unwanted fleecy blanket and a plastic tablecloth. If you have either, or even both, and would be willing to donate them to school, we would be very grateful. Please just bring them to the front desk after half term. Thank you.

## VISION TESTING

...for children in Oak and Ash will be taking place on Thursday 28th March and a letter has been sent home this week.

You do not need to do anything; please only return the form if you do **NOT** want your child's vision tested.

### THREADWORM

We are aware there have been one or two cases of threadworm in school over the last few weeks. It's unpleasant, but very common in younger children. Luckily, it's also very quick and easy to treat with medicine available from a pharmacist. The only thing we can, and continue to do in school is to remind children to wash their hands after visiting the toilet, and before handling food.

### THE NEST

PE - We will continue to practise our new Yoga techniques with Mrs Jenkins, to strengthen our bodies and relax our minds.



SMSC/Art - We will talk about our feelings. Afterwards, we will produce creative work in the playground, using chalks, to show them.

Science - We will be exploring and experimenting with pattern using milk and food colouring.

### OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

#### Reception

English - Jack and the Beanstalk - speech bubbles.  
Maths - Money vocabulary.  
Phonics - Blending and segmenting and revision of letters.

#### Year 1

English - Starting our new text.  
Maths - Addition and subtraction.

#### Year 2

Maths - 3D shape.  
English - Telling the story of "The Papaya That Spoke".

#### Year 3

Maths - Statistics.  
English - Writing a biography of David Walliams using headings and sub-headings.

#### Year 4

Maths - Area.  
English - Devices and styles of poetry.

### DIARY DATES

18 – 22 Feb	Half Term
27th Feb	Parents' Evening
28th Feb	Parents' Evening
1, 2, 3 March	Window Wanderland – 5.30-9pm
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
Tues 26 March	Year of the Flute Concert – Cheese & Grain
Thurs 28 March	Vision Testing – Reception
8 – 22 April	Easter Holiday
Tues 23 April	Summer Term begins
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school
Mon 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13 May	Earth Science Centre Trip – Year 4
Wed 15 May	Class photos
Mon 20 May	Earth Science Centre Trip – Year 4
Fri 19 July	Last day of term



### CASTING THE WORLD:

The Story of J.W. Singer & Sons, Frome

..celebrates and explores the life of J.W. Singer and the iconic sculptures, statues and civic works cast in Frome, such as Boudica on the Thames Embankment by Westminster Bridge and the Figure of Justice that crowns the Old Bailey, through a year of exhibitions, events and education programme.

The project launches on Saturday 23rd February at Frome Museum, with curator Sue Bucklow leading the newly commissioned Frome Town Council Singer's Trail – a walk that takes in sites around Frome associated with John Webb Singer – at 2pm. From 3pm, visitors will be able to take a first look at the museum's new display of artefacts and memorabilia belonging to J.W. Singer and his family, followed by speeches, refreshments and a birthday cake. Everyone is welcome and staff would especially love to meet anyone who has relatives who worked at Singer's or who would like to volunteer on the project.

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