

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Rydan (Ash) Ethan (Oak)
Macaulay & Shaharra (Hawthorn) Jaina (Poplar)
Lissi (Beech) Leo S (Fir)
Freya (Rowan) Rosie (Willow)
Oscar & Rylie (Maple) Sol (Sycamore)



NEW CHILDREN

Welcome to Macaulay, Reece, Riley and Shaharra

FROM MRS MARSLAND

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term and have come back to school refreshed after the break.

We have a lot of learning to do and a lot to look forward to this half term – World Book Day, performances of 'Wind in the Willows' by the school choir, Year 4's Liddington residential and Wells Pilgrimage - also a whole school concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

I received a letter this week from Toby Jenkins, Behaviour and Vulnerability Manager for the Frome Learning Partnership:

"Hi Claire - I have been doing supervision with the team this week and there appears to be a common thread emerging that the support that is offered to pupils at St John's is outstanding. I know you have worked hard to bolster the provision for vulnerable children in your school and wanted you to know that it is clearly having a really positive impact already. The Nest in particular has been praised, as has your positive approach to understanding children's needs. The yoga sessions have also been singled out as having significant impact. Thanks for everything you are doing."

I am very proud of my fantastic staff team, and grateful for the great work they do with our children in school. I am delighted to share this letter of thanks with everyone.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

We are tidying up all loose ends ahead of the financial year end, and need to ask parents to check that they have paid for Early Birds and Twilight sessions attended and for KS2 school lunches.

We are in the process of sending out account status emails for Early Birds and Twilight, with emails for school lunches to follow afterwards. If you have any queries regarding any outstanding balances, or if you are experiencing genuine financial difficulty, please speak to a member of the Finance Team or email:

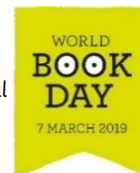
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WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's World Book Day is next Thursday 7th March. It is always a special dressing up day when children **and** staff will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

The children will all take part in lots of World Book Day related activities in their classes during the day. Every child in school will also be given a World Book Day token which can be redeemed in any book shop.

All parents and carers are also invited in to school on Friday morning from 8.45 – 9.15am for a special shared reading session with your children in their classrooms, to celebrate World Book Day. You are welcome to bring in a favourite book to share.



WINDOW WANDERLAND

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd March 5.30 – 9pm

Have you signed up to decorate your windows as part of the fun "Window Wanderland" community event this weekend?

Many Frome families and businesses will be lighting up their windows and gardens this weekend. If you go on an evening walk, you'll be able to see Frome in a whole new light... Maps are available from the front desk, or from Black Swan, Cheese & Grain or the library. Make sure you walk past school; children in Maple and Sycamore classes took part in a workshop before half term to make window displays for some of the first floor windows.

PE SAFETY

Please can we remind parents of all children with earrings and/or long hair that both may pose a risk of injury during PE lessons.

If your child isn't able to remove their earrings by themselves, please can you provide plasters as part of their PE kit, and we will help them to cover their earrings before the lesson starts. Please also make sure long hair – on boys or girls - is tied back on PE days. Thank you.

HEADLICE

We have had an increase in cases of headlice in school recently. Anyone can get head lice – mainly through direct contact, but also from sharing hats, brushes and other personal items. They do not reflect poor hygiene! Please do your part to prevent the spread of this condition by checking your child(ren) daily for the next few weeks and on a regular basis afterwards. The best method is to use conditioner and a nit comb, as it's much easier to treat if you are able to catch them early, before they lay eggs. You only have to miss one egg and in a few days there will be a whole lot more of the pests to deal with. **Please make a weekly "bug bust" part of your routine.** If you have any questions, please contact the school office or visit: npa@headlice.org www.headlice.org

PARKING

We would like to remind all parents, once again, that the car park on Blindhouse Lane (opposite the entrance to Oak and Ash classes) is for residents only. There is also no parking permitted on the lane itself, in the staff car park, or on the road outside school. There has been an increasing amount of congestion at school drop off and pick up times, which is making it difficult and dangerous for everyone. To ensure the safety of all children, please do not bring your car to school. Thank you.

THE NEST

PE - We will continue to practise our new Yoga techniques with Mrs Jenkins.

SMSC/Art - We will read books about feelings and about sharing our own feelings with others.

Science - We will continue to explore and experiment with pattern using milk and food colouring.



OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our value this half term:

Self Control

Reception

English - Writing instructions.

Maths - Counting on to add. Using a number line.

Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

English - Adding suffix – 'ed' to words.

Maths - Place value to 50.

Year 2

Maths - 2D and 3D shapes. Symmetry.

English - Character and setting descriptions.

Year 3

Maths - Interpreting data. Bar charts & pictograms.

English - Writing a letter to David Walliams. Writing stories using a story starter.

Year 4

Maths - Fractions.

English - Poetry.

A Child's Voice

Children in Year 4 have been writing different types of poetry this week – "Haikus" and "Kennings". Can you work out which animals the children are writing about..?

Soft fluffy makes wool.

Cannot live without shepherd.

*So, so very cute. **Dora***

Did someone say nuts?

Digging a hole is my thing.

*Hibernation... sleep! **Darcey***

Swamp liver.

Slow stomper.

Man eater.

Muck maker.

Big nosed.

Brown coloured.

Fat fiend

Thick skinned.

*Small eared. **Gideon***

Through the sky I fly.

Make my nest up very high.

*Me and my red breast. **Georgina***

Hunking milk maker.

I'm a walking poop machine.

*I live on the farm. **Gideon***

Northern waddler.

Fish adorer.

Professional swimmer.

Flipper flapper.

*Snuggly wiggler. **Darcey***

Blue creature.

Sea dweller.

Fish eater.

Slow mover.

Brush teether.

Colossal squirter.

*It's a whale! **Sol***

Scary killer stare.

Stripes camouflage in bushes.

*Serious hunter. **Seth***

DIARY DATES

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 – Sycamore
Wed 15 May	Class photos
Mon 20 May	Earth Science Centre Trip – Maple
Fri 19 July	Last day of term

*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.*