

Newsletter

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



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WORLD BOOK DAY

We had yet another brilliant World Book Day this year! As usual, school was full of a multitude of book characters – some we already knew, and some new ones to discover as we all shared our favourites with each other.

We are always grateful for the time and effort families put into making it such a fun, special day for the children. We also want to thank all of you who came into school this morning for our special shared reading sessions, and we hope you discovered a few new book characters to read about too.

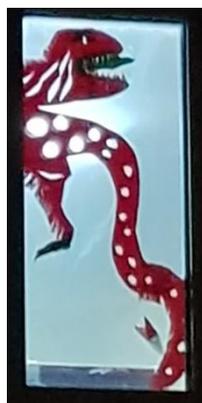
(It's also the only day of the year when you see crocodiles doing their photocopying...)

Please check book bags for your child's free World Book Day book voucher.



WINDOW WANDERLAND

Did you explore Frome's Window Wanderland displays last weekend? Did you see our dragon windows? They looked amazing lit up in the dark. Well done Year 4!



COMIC RELIEF/RED NOSE DAY 2019

We are the children on the School Council and we are organising Comic Relief and Red Nose Day in St John's School this year.

This year, we will be selling red noses in school for £1.25 each, or more, if you would like to help us raise more money. We will go around the classes every day, so if your child would like to buy one, please can they bring the correct money to school with them.

We will also be running a joke competition, which will cost 20p per entry. Write down your funniest joke, put your name and class on the back, and put it in the box that will be on the front desk. You can enter more than one joke, but each entry will cost 20p. The winners will be announced in collective worship on Friday 15th, which is Red Nose Day.

On Red Nose Day, Friday 15th March, everyone may come to school in non-uniform. You could wear something red, or something silly, or just your own choice of home clothes, in exchange for a donation. Please could children in Oak and Ash avoid face paint, or any clothing they may struggle with, as they will be going swimming as usual that day.

Please help us to raise lots of money again this year. Thank you!

Hector, Alice, Iris, Indigo, Sam, Lilja, Oliver J, Dora, Sol & Teddy

St John's School Council



EARTH HOUR

On Saturday 30th March from 8.30 to 9.30pm..

...millions of people across the world will be uniting in solidarity with famous landmarks, businesses and schools to set aside an hour to host events, switch off their lights and make noise for the Earth Hour movement. WWF's Earth Hour uses the power of individuals to make a difference to the world. As accelerating climate change and staggering biodiversity loss threaten our planet, Earth Hour 2018 is endeavouring to spark never-before-had conversations on the loss of nature and the urgent need to protect it. The Earth Hour website earthhour.org is full of information about Earth Hour and gives ideas for celebrating and protecting the diversity of our wonderful but beleaguered planet.

What better way to celebrate than with the electrifying energy of Earth Hour as it sweeps across the planet? Remember to switch off in solidarity with global efforts to secure nature and our home:

30 March, 8:30pm. It's time to #Connect2Earth.

TREE UPDATE

We would like to update families on the copper beech tree in our tiger mulch area. We are continuing to work with tree specialists and the Property Services team at Somerset County Council to decide upon the best way to manage this area. We have obtained the necessary permissions to undertake some limb lightening work to some of the heaviest limbs. This will be done in keeping with the size and maturity of the tree and has been recommended by tree specialists. We are currently awaiting availability from tree surgeons to undertake this work.

Whilst the area is still closed, we would like to reassure you that we are making best use possible of other outdoor space. We have staggered playtimes and made appropriate adjustments to PE so that playgrounds are not overcrowded.

The safety of our children, staff and other users remains our top priority and we will endeavour to resolve this issue as soon as possible. We thank you for your continuing support.

SPELLIARMUS:

MAGICAL TALES BY THE CHILDREN OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

This World Book Day we are also celebrating the fact that many of our St John's children are already published authors themselves! SPELLIARMUS, the book of Harry Potter-inspired short stories produced with support from Barry Cunningham OBE (the man who discovered JK Rowling), showcases the amazing imagination and talent of our children. Copies are still available to purchase either from the front desk or from Hunting Raven bookshop; £6 for one / £10 for two.

THE NEST

SMSC - We will read "Moppy is Sad" and then talk about it as a group.



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

Art - We will colour a picture by following instructions.

OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our value this half term: **Self Control**

Reception

Maths - Addition.
English - Writing about the story of 'Prahlad & Holika'.
Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

Maths - Place value to 50.
English - Writing invitations.

Year 2

Maths - Division.
English - Writing instructions.

Year 3

Maths - Measuring perimeter of simple 2D shapes.
English - Choosing alliterative titles for our stories.
Writing character profiles.

Year 4

Maths - Fractions.
English - Wells recount. Water cycle.

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

Who do you turn to when you need support and advice?

As part of the Local Area SEND provision, all councils must arrange for children with Special Education Needs or Disabilities to get the information and advice they need. Somerset SENDIAS offers just that working in partnership with the local authority, health agencies and other services. It provides information, advice and support about SEND for parent carers, children and young people. The service is free and confidential. It can offer:

- General support by phone or email
- An independent supporter to help you through the EHC Needs assessment (Education, Health and Care) and offer advice on EHC Plans
- One to one support and help to understand information, write letters and prepare for meetings

SENDIAS can also provide information on resolving disagreements, legal advice and complaints and it can offer valuable support for young people in the transition process (16-25). There are lots of other areas it can help with - visit www.somersetSEND.org.uk

*SENDIAS is carrying out an important survey on how parent carers want to receive information and it needs your views!

Visit www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2V8LFH7

MOTHERING SUNDAY AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

There will be a special service on Sunday 31st March – time to give thanks for everyone who loves us and cares for us.

The service begins at 10am, following The Gathering from 9.30am.

DIARY DATES

Mon 11 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 14 March	Sports Festival - Year 2
Fri 15 March	Red Nose Day
March 20, 21, 22	Liddington Residential - Year 4
Tues 26 March	World Food Sale 2.45 - 4pm
Tues 26 March	Year of the Flute Concert - Cheese & Grain
Tues 26 March	Tag Rugby Tournament
Weds 27 March	Clive Lewis Tag Rugby Tournament
Thurs 28 March	Vision Testing - Reception
Tues 2 April	'Wind in the Willows' 6.30pm - Choir
Thurs 4 April	'Wind in the Willows' 6.30pm - Choir
8 - 22 April	Easter Holiday
Tues 23 April	Summer Term begins
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school
Weds 1 May	Sports Skills Festival - Year 1
Thurs 2 May	Tri-Golf Tournament - Year 3
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
Weds 22 May	Mini Red Tennis Tournament
Thurs 6 June	Football Tournament - Year 4
Tues 11 June	Quad Kids Athletics Competition
Weds 3 July	Transfer Day
Thurs 4 July	Somerset School Games - Millfield
Fri 5 July	Somerset School Games - Millfield
Tues 9 July	PE Transition Afternoon - Year 4
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.