

Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Jasper & Brayden (Ash) Mila & Sienna (Oak Hudson (Hawthorn)

Archie (Beech) Chloe (Fir)

Daisy (Rowan) Whole class (Willow)

Seth (Maple) Grayson (Sycamore)



LIDDINGTON ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Special awards were given for things like being a good team player, being helpful, constantly encouraging others, determination, perseverance, challenging themselves and smiling throughout. Well done to:

Archie, Grayson, George W, Lea Anna, Noa, Natalia, Georgina, Edward, Rylie and Gracie.

FROM MRS MARSLAND

It is with mixed emotions that I am letting you know Mrs Moore will be retiring at the end of this academic year after almost 30 years at St John's. We will of course plan a fitting celebration of her time at our school during the summer term. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Moore the very best with her next chapter.

PARENT AND CHILD LEARNING SESSIONS

Thank you to those of you who stopped to speak to Mrs Marsland at Parents' Evenings about ideas for developing our partnership working with you. Overwhelmingly, there was a desire for longer sessions where parents could come in and work, play or be creative alongside their child, with plenty of notice of dates.

In response, each Year Group will be holding a morning or afternoon session, where parents are invited to join in with an activity with all of the children from one year group. The dates and nature of the activity for each year group will be published on next week's Newsletter. We will endeavour to spread them out and not place them all in one week. The nature of the activity will be specific to each year group and their current learning that term.

SAFEGUARDING - END OF DAY COLLECTION FOR Y3 & Y4

Due to safeguarding concerns, as from Monday 1st April, all Key Stage 2 classes will exit the building from the back door next to the computer suite. Teachers will still take their class to their designated space on the playground to hand them over to you. Please be patient; do not take your child from the line, but wait for the teacher to send your child to you. This is particularly important when it is not the usual class teacher dismissing. We need to know that children are going home safely with an appropriate adult.

TREE UPDATE

Following on from the update we gave in Newsletter 23, we are working with the tree surgeons from the Property Services team at Somerset County Council to organise some maintenance work to the Copper Beech Tree over the Easter holiday. Once this has been completed we hope to be in a position to open the area under the tree. We will also be having the area power washed to remove the build-up of dirt on the ground around the pirate ship.

We will provide a further update after Easter.

TAG RUGBY

This week we have taken part in two Tag Rugby tournaments, one at Oakfield and The Clive Lewis Tag Rugby Tournament at the Rugby Club. At Oakfield, we played a number of friendly matches against Mells, winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 2. At The Clive Lewis Tournament, St John's came third out of all the schools which is a great result. During the afternoon Sonny scored 7 tries.

Congratulations and well done to all who took part – Jesse, Lara, Laila, Chase, Charli, Kizzi, Oliver J, Sonny, Charlie, Seth and Mia R As well as Ruaridh, Ava, Gideon, Darcey, George B, Alfie, Edward, Oliver A, Tilly, Sienna, Holly and Rylie.

JACKDAWS MUSICAL TRUST'S "YEAR OF FLUTE"

Some of our Year 3 children took part in the Jackdaws "Year of Flute" Grand Finale Concert at the Cheese & Grain this week. St John's was one of 10 Frome schools who took part, playing with award-winning flute trio Tempest. Our children really enjoyed it and it was lovely to see so many local children performing together.

"It was very exhilarating." George
"It was the best." Hannah
"It was very fun. Now playing the recorder is my favourite thing." Matilda



YEAR 2 WORLD FOOD SALE

Thank you to children and parents for providing such an amazing variety of food for the World Food Sale. Once everything was laid out and ready to sell, the hall looked (and smelled!) wonderful! Thank you to everyone who came along to buy after school, and thank you to the parents and staff who helped set up and run the stalls and then tidy up afterwards.

Year 2 Parents – please check book bags for invitations your children have brought home today. You are welcome to come to our 'Fabulous Food From Around The World' food tasting next Wednesday 3rd, to round off our World Kitchen topic.

CAN YOU HELP?

Please could we have any empty Pringles tubes (or similar) you may have? Children in the Nest will be growing vegetables in them.

MOTHERING SUNDAY AT ST JOHNS CHURCH

All families are warmly invited to join us for our service on Sunday 31st March, when we shall be giving thanks for all those who love and care for us. Posies of flowers will be distributed during the service which begins at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome!

CHOIR AND KEY STAGE 2 PERFORMANCES

The School Choir was due to be performing 'Wind in the Willow's next week. Despite working extremely hard, we are not quite performance ready. This performance will now be the week beginning Monday 13th May, days / dates to be confirmed.

Due to the very short half term after Easter, with Bank Holidays, Year 3 will perform their play in June. Year 4 will perform their play in July.



EASTER EGG HUNT - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 3.15pm

Our annual egg hunt in the garden will be straight after school on the last day of this term – Friday 5th April. Egg templates can be purchased for £1 from the front desk. Children can create their special design at home, put their name on the back, and then hand them back in to the front desk. On Friday 5th, all the eggs will be hidden around the garden for the children to find after school. Every child who finds their own egg will receive a prize. So, get your templates from the front desk and get creating!

THE NEST

Science - We will be making our own bubbles.

PE - We will be taking our bubbles outside to play with, to keep us active!

Cookery - We will be making Easter nests for our snack time.

We will also be reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' and talking about how vegetables keep us healthy.



OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

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

Reception

Maths - Subtraction.

English - Writing about the life cycle of an egg.

Phonics – Recapping our Phonics knowledge.

Year 1

Maths - Measuring length.

English - Easter activities.

Year 2

Maths - Fractions.

English - Writing the Easter story.

Year 3

Maths - Fractions of number and shape.

English - Writing instructions.

Year 4

Maths - Fractions of amounts.

English - Liddington presentations.

CHESS

On Sunday St John's hosted the third **Somerset Junior Chess Grand Prix** tournament of the year, with lots of St John's players taking part. In Y4, Tom, Jesse and Hugo all won 4 of their 6 games, which earned them a medal in a large section of Under 9s. Nate, Mia and Chase also took part, Mia and Nate in their first tournament, all winning games, and Mia finishing just half a point short of a medal, on 3 points. In Y3, Finlay, Esmee, Sam and Kavin all played their first event, with Kavin winning a medal for his 3.5 points and Sam finishing on 4 points to win a medal, only half a point behind second place - a great start for all of them. Unfortunately, illness struck a few on the day, but we hope more will enter the next event in Bath, and St John's might yet win the school's trophy for most games won over the year.

Well done to everyone, and a very big thank you to Jesse's mum Tabitha for running a great refreshments stall (thanks to all the lovely cakes donated by chess parents of the school), and to Beth Coates for helping out all day as well - about £170 was raised for the Friends of St John's and for replacement chess equipment.

The school club has just completed the first round of the **Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge**, which takes place in 1,200 schools across the country. Well done to Tom for coming out on top and being the champion this year, winning the trophy. This also means he is school champion 2018-19 and his name will be added to the champions' plaque (soon to be mounted on the wall in the reception area). Those scoring enough points now progress to round 2, the Megafinal, which is held in May, and where they will be competing against players from across the county to make it through to the next stage, the Gigafinal. Congratulations to: Jesse, George B, Alfie, Hugo, Chase, Edward and Mia from Y4, and to Elias, Sam and Anish from Y3, who all qualify along with Tom.



THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to Sally Somers - not only for organising another successful chess tournament in school last weekend, but for all the time she devotes to the chess club and to teaching chess in school. Thank you Sally!

DIARY DATES

Weds 3 April	'Fabulous Food' Tasting – Year 2
Fri 5 April	Mixed Strings Concert – Year 4 9.30am
Fri 5 April	Easter Egg Hunt – 3.15pm
8 – 22 April	Easter Holiday
Tues 23 April	Summer Term begins
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school
Fri 26 April	Life Bus Parents' Session 8.55 – 9.15am
Weds 1 May	Sports Skills Festival - Year 1
Thurs 2 May	Tri-Golf Tournament - Year 3
Mon 6 May	School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13 May	Earth Science Centre Trip - Maple
Wed 15 May	Class photos
Fri 17 May	Heights & Weights - Reception
Mon 20 May	Earth Science Centre Trip - Sycamore
Weds 22 May	Mini Red Tennis Tournament
27 – 31 May	Half Term
Thurs 6 June	Football Tournament - Year 4
Tues 11 June	Quad Kids Athletics Competition
Fri 14 June	Bag 2 School Collection
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

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.