

# Newsletter

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



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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Vincent (Ash)  
Ava (Hawthorn) Arabella (Poplar)  
Indigo & Leo (Beech) Douglas & Poppy (Fir)  
Kavin (Rowan) Reece (Willow)  
Lea Anna (Maple) Whole class (Sycamore)

## FROM MRS MARSLAND

This half term has been a busy one and we have packed a lot in - school trips to Wells Cathedral and the Earth Science Centre, another amazing three days of activities, challenges and adventure at Liddington, Comic Relief, a Jackdaws concert, a visit from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, chess tournaments, sports festivals, World Book Day, the World Food Sale and today's Easter Egg Hunt. What a busy few weeks!

The children and the staff have all been working very hard, and I hope you all have a restful two weeks off, ready for the new term.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone - children, staff and parents - for continuing to make St John's the happy, family community that we are all so proud of.

School restarts at 8.55am on Tuesday 23rd April.

## A Child's Voice

Children in Year 2 had a 'Fabulous Food From Around The World' food tasting morning this week:

*"I liked all the food I tried, it was an amazing morning!"*

**Annabel BM**

*"I liked the meringue. It was good because I tried some foods I've never tasted before."* (New Zealand) **Sonny**

*"I like the falafel and the pitta bread."* (Egypt) **Archie**

*"I liked the brie cheese, the bread and butter."* (France) **Sophia**

Thank you once again to everyone who supported our World Food Sale last week. The final total raised for Year 2 was **£145.71**



## BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

We were lucky to be visited by several musicians from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Friday last week. They performed a concert in the hall for the whole school, after which they explained how some of the instruments were played. Mr Bowman was challenged to get a note out of a French horn, and succeeded in style, much to the children's amusement! Later on, they led workshops with some of the children. Thank you to the BSO for a wonderful afternoon.

## LIFE BUS

In previous years, the Life Education Bus has visited us at St John's. The bus spends a few days in our car park and classes visit as part of our programme of Personal, Social and Health Education. We know it as "The Life Bus", and it's back with us on 24, 25 and 26 April.

Children will be following five 'healthy' courses: All About Me (Reception), My Wonderful Body (Year 1), Feelings (Year 2), Meet the Brain (Year 3) and It's Great to be Me! (Year 4).

There is a cost to this visit, but we are delighted to be able to tell you that once again, the Friends of Frome Hospital will be funding one visit to each of the first schools in the FLP. There will be an opportunity for parents to visit the bus for 20 minutes from 8.55 - 9.15am on Friday 26th April.

## YEAR 2 PARENTS

We will be having a **Key Stage 1 Assessment** meeting on Tuesday 30th April. Parents of children in Beech and Fir are all invited to meet Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Scruby and Mrs Jenkins in Fir classroom at 2.45pm.

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS

We have arranged the following sessions for parents to come into school to join their children in class activities:

- Y1 - Weds 15 May. Making a cardboard train. Time TBC.
- Y2 - Fri 24 May. 'Tudor houses' activity. 10 - 11.30am.
- Y4 - Weds 22 May. 'Climate Change' activity. Time TBC.

Due to staff illness, we have been unable to schedule the sessions for Reception and Y3 as yet, but will keep you posted after Easter.

**GROW YOUR OWN AND WIN £100 OF VOUCHERS**



1. Pop in to your Frome store to collect your FREE seeds
2. Plant your sunflower and send us your pictures before 1st of July
3. Judging by size & beauty we will select the lucky winner!

\*Post your picture on Facebook and tag Mole Valley Farmers

Standerwick, Frome, Somerset BA11 2PN  
Mon - Sat 9am - 5:30pm Sun 10am - 4pm  
T: 01373 831114



**FREE SUNFLOWER SEEDS**

Here's a fun thing to do this Spring and Summer. It's free and you may just win a prize too...!

**THE NEST**

We will be beginning our Mini-beasts topic by reading "The Bad-Tempered Ladybird", and moving around like mini-beasts to music in PE.



We will also be continuing yoga with our very talented yoga teacher, Mrs Jenkins!

**OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD**

Our value next half term: Gentleness & Kindness.

**Reception**

Maths - Making numbers with play dough.  
English - Rhyming animal pairs.  
Phonics - Recapping our Phonics knowledge.

**Year 1**

Maths - Measuring weight and volume.  
English - Reading 'The Little Red Train' and making a story map.

**Year 2**

Maths - Telling time.  
English - Writing descriptions of Tudor houses.

**Year 3**

Maths - Fractions of number and shape.  
English - Writing instructions.

**Year 4**

Maths - Fractions as decimals.  
English - Letter writing.

**"MESSY CHURCH" – 7TH APRIL 2019**

The next "MESSY CHURCH" for all the family is on Sunday 7th April 3-5pm in Trinity Church Hall. Come as a family and join in the fun! We'll explore the story of the Big Parade and enjoy fun, messy and creative Easter themed activities plus songs, games and a proper family tea. Suggested donation £3.00 per family. Everyone welcome. Lesley Owen Holy Trinity, Frome.

**DINOSAUR EASTER EGG HUNT**

Beckington Memorial Hall on Sunday 7th April 11am – 2pm  
£4 per child to include an Easter egg for every child!  
Tickets from Beckington Pre-School and Beckington Motors.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

If you have any stuffed animal toys at home that you no longer want, please could we have them? They would be very welcome to come and play with children in Ash and Oak in their animal role play area. Please just drop them in to the front desk. Thank.



**FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL**  
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**EGG HUNT**

Well done to all those who took part in today's egg hunt and received their prize – hope you all had fun!

**LEGO DAY**

We are hoping to run another LEGO day at Rook Lane Chapel on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, which is the date of an Independent Market. Anyone who took part in our last LEGO day will know how fantastic it was, and this time there will be numerous child and adult competitions throughout the day! For this event to run, though, we need an army of volunteers, so if you would like the LEGO day to go ahead and might be able to offer an hour or two of your time on 2<sup>nd</sup> June please get in touch.

**SPELLIARMUS IN FROME LIBRARY**

This week some of the winners of the Harry Potter story competition visited the library to donate two copies of *Spellarmus*, the St John's book of magical short stories. The books are now on the shelves and available for borrowing! Copies of *Spellarmus* can still be purchased from the front desk or from Hunting Raven bookshop (£5.99 for one / £10 for two).

Happy Easter!



**DIARY DATES**

Tues 23 April	Summer Term begins
Weds 24 April	Grass-Track Cycling - some of Year 4
Thurs 25 April	Sports Festival – Year 1
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school
Fri 26 April	Life Bus Parents' Session 8.55 – 9.15am
Tues 30 April	KS1 Assessment Meeting 2.45pm – Year 2
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.*