

Newsletter

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



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FROM MRS MARSLAND

I hope everyone had a restful Easter break and that you are all looking forward to another Summer Term. We have a lot to look forward to – the choir's performances of Wind in the Willows; tri-golf, tennis, athletics and football tournaments; summer class trips will be booked and Sports Days will be organised, and we will welcome parents in to school for our Parent Partnership sessions to join in class activities with your children.

We will also invite our new families in to 'Play to Learn' to begin their St John's journeys, and of course our Year Fours will begin their transition to middle schools as their journeys continue.

I have no doubt it will be a busy term, but I know my fantastic staff will keep working hard, making learning fun for the children and keeping families informed of everything they need to know.

Welcome back!

STAFF CAR PARK

Despite reminders on a number of occasions, some parents are continuing to use the staff car park at the beginning and the end of the day. This has caused issues again this week with parents and visitors blocking in staff cars in the car park.

This creates serious Health and Safety concerns and we cannot allow it to continue. We have therefore taken the decision to close the car park gates every day at 8.30am.

We all know that there is little, if any, parking around school. If there is no other option and you must use your car, **please** leave yourself enough time to park safely, and legally, further away and walk the rest of the way.

Better still... we will be taking part in Frome's School Travel Challenge during the last week of this half term – it may be the perfect time to rethink your daily routine and leave the car at home!

PARENT PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS

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

Rec – Thurs 9 May. Maths activities and games. 10 - 11.30am

Y1 - Weds 15 May. Making a cardboard train. Time TBC.

Y3 - Thurs 16 May. Making scenery and props. 9.05 - 10.30am

Y2 - Fri 24 May. 'Tudor houses' activity. 10 - 11.30am.

Y4 – Weds 22 May. 'Climate Change' activity. Time TBC.

LIDDINGTON

Year 3 children and parents were shown a presentation about Liddington this afternoon after school. When they are in Year 4, the children will have the opportunity to go on this amazing trip next March.

The first letter has been sent home this week, and all the instalments have been set up on ParentMail.

There will be another chance for parents to see the presentation after school next Wednesday 1st May at 3.30 in Sycamore class.

PARENTMAIL

Using Parentmail at the moment, we can text 100% of families and email 98%. We also know 71% of parents are using the Parentmail app. We would love to get that figure up to 100% too.

In September, parents will have the facility to book Early Birds, Twilight and lunches online, and to check outstanding balances too. We will also be using the online booking function for our Parents' Evenings in future.

The more families we can encourage to use the app, the more efficient the communication between families and school will be, and the more control families will have over online bookings and finances for their children.

You can use the app on any smartphone – just download from your normal app store. If you need some technical help, just ask office staff and they will be happy to help.

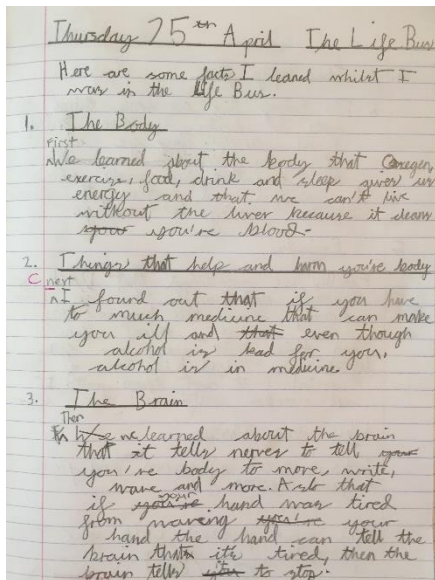
AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Please inform school if your child is being collected by any adult other than those listed as your official contacts. Staff will only release children with permission direct from the child's own parents, not from the person who is collecting. Permission can be given to staff on the front desk, the Year 1 gates, or the back door in the morning, or by phone during the day.

If it is necessary for a sibling aged 16 or over to collect, we must receive *signed written* consent please.

YEAR 2 PARENTS

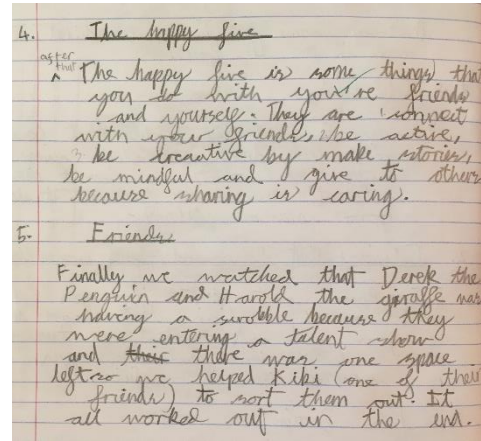
We will be having a **Key Stage 1 Assessment** meeting on Tuesday 30th April. Parents of children in Beech and Fir are all invited to meet Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Scruby and Mrs Dayman-Johns in Fir classroom at 2.45pm.



A Child's Voice

The Life Bus has been in school this week, and each class has had a chance to go inside for one of the sessions about health and the human body. Thank you once again to Friends of Frome Hospital who funded the Life Bus visit this year.

Phoebe in Rowan did some fantastic writing about it...



THE NEST

English – We will read 'The Very Greedy Bee' and talk about it in a group.



Science – We will be learning about mini-beasts and their habitats.

PE – We will be moving around like mini-beasts to music.

OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our value is Gentleness & Kindness.

Reception

Maths - Doubling.
English - How to care for a pet.
Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

Maths - Measuring volume and capacity.
English - Making a story map of 'The Little Red Train'
Learning suffixes 'er' and 'est'.

Year 2

Maths - Telling time.
English - Beginning our new topic, 'The Great Fire of London'.

Year 3

Maths - Fractions of number and shape.
English - Writing our own poems based on "I Dreamed a Unicorn".

Year 4

Maths - Decimals.
English - Clauses. Non-fiction about Tobago.

5TH FROME SCOUTS

There are spaces to join 5th Frome Scouts if your child is interested? They meet at Selwood Academy on Thursday evenings during term time, from 6.30 till 8pm. Visit the website for all the details:

5thfromescouts.org.uk

DIARY DATES

Tues 30 April	KS1 Assessment Meeting 2.45pm – Y2
Weds 1 May	Liddinton Presentation – Y3 Parents 3.30pm
Thurs 2 May	Tri-Golf Tournament – Y3
Mon 6 May	School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday
Thurs 9 May	Parent Partnership Session Rec 10-11.30am
Mon 13 May	Earth Science Centre Trip – Maple
Weds 15 May	Parent Partnership Session Y1
Weds 15 May	Class photos
Thurs 16 May	Parent Partnership Session Y3 9.05 -10.30am
Fri 17 May	Heights & Weights - Reception
Mon 20 May	Earth Science Centre Trip – Sycamore
Weds 22 May	Parent Partnership Session Y4
Weds 22 May	Mini Red Tennis Tournament
Fri 24 May	Parent Partnership Session Y2 10-11.30am
27 – 31 May	Half Term
Thurs 6 June	Football Tournament - Y4
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 - Y4

SELWOOD STEAM & VINTAGE RALLY

Southwick, near Trowbridge 25, 26, 27 May. Open 10am.
Steam Engines, Live Entertainment, Lawnmower Racing, Ring Events, Vintage Vehicles, Trailer Rides, Children's Funfair & more.

Supporting CLIC SARGENT

Adults £8 Seniors £6 Children (over 5) £4 Family £20

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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.