

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Finley, Mason & Reo (Ash) Benicio (Oak)
Frankie & Summer (Hawthorn) Ella (Poplar)
Joel (Beech) Jessica (Fir)
Elias (Rowan) Ella (Willow)
Nate (Maple)



FROME SCHOOL TRAVEL CHALLENGE

Frome Town Council will be running the 'School Travel Challenge' during the week before half term, and St John's has signed up to take part along with most other schools in Frome.

Next Wednesday 8th, there will be a 'School Travel Challenge' launch assembly, delivered by staff from Frome Council. They will talk to the children about the various activities taking place in school as well as the things for them to engage with at home. They will be given information to bring home, and their own personal log book.

School Travel Challenge Week will begin on Monday 20th May. The week before this, teaching staff will have taken a quick survey to record how children would usually travel to school. During the Challenge Week, they will continue to record the number of walkers, cyclists and scooters each day, and there will be various prizes available both for the school and for individuals who have increased their activity levels the most.

Activities during the week will include making reflective arm bands, a 'Go Find' playground activity, visits from the Smoothie Bike and 'Mojo Moves', and there will also be a trial of a walking bus.

We will round off Travel Challenge Week with a 'Be Bright' Day on Friday 24th May. Children can wear bright clothes to school in exchange for a 50p donation. All proceeds will go to the 'Frome Missing Link' charity.

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.

TREE UPDATE

We let you know before Easter that some work would be taking place during the Easter break and that we hoped to be in a position to open the area under the tree after the break. A PiCUS test was carried out over Easter, which measures the overall health of the tree and the results showed that the tree is in good health. The tree specialists advised that pruning would not significantly reduce the risk of limbs dropping from the tree and so the school now needs to decide how best to manage this risk, given that two large branches dropped from the tree last summer. This unfortunately is a complex process, and we are working with the Somerset Property Services Team and consulting with the Mendip Tree Officer to decide upon our next course of action. Until we complete this process we will keep the area immediately under the tree out of bounds.

We fully understand the frustration of some parents that the area remains out of bounds. However, now that we are moving into the summer season, children will start using the garden area of our site whenever weather permits. We are continuing with staggered playtimes and adjustments to the PE timetable to ensure we make best use of the space available.

As always, the safety of all who use our site remains the top priority.

PE THIS WEEK

Congratulations to Year 3 who took part in a Tri-Golf competition at Orchardleigh Golf course this week. They had a go at a number of golf - related activities and had great fun.

Also congratulations to those Year 4s who went to Selwood and took part in the Grass Track Cycling event. After some coaching and practice they had a number of competitive races against The Mendip School and Hayesdown.

Well done to all who took part this week.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN LAUNCH

On Tuesday 9th April Somerset officially launched the new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The plan was written by young people for children and young people in Somerset. Over the course of 10 months, more than 200 children and young people took part in face to face consultations and follow up discussions to tell us the priorities they wanted to see in their plan.

Check out the plan here: online.pubhtml5.com/fuxz/rvcf/

You can also watch a film showing how the Plan was created: youtube.com/watch?v=9vThRJ2kgWo&feature=youtu.be

DOWNLOAD THE NEW ROUGH GUIDE TO ACCESSIBLE BRITAIN – FREE!

There's an excellent 224-page guide to accessible places you can visit across the length and breadth of the UK. The Rough Guide to Accessible Britain can be downloaded free or read online, and covers everything from historic sites and beaches, to country parks and museums.

[You can access the guide from here.](#)

THE NEST

PE - Yoga with Mrs Jenkins.

Art - We will be making an 'Itsy Bitsy Spider' Book.

Science - We will be learning about living things and completing a spider maze.

Please could children save any small boxes and bring them to school on Monday 13th for our bug hotel making session that week. (Please don't bring them in before then as we have nowhere to store them!) Thank you.



OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our value is Gentleness & Kindness.

Reception

Maths - Sharing.
English - Why we need to save our rainforests.
Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

Maths - Introducing multiplication as repeated addition.
English - Writing the story of 'The Little Red Train'

Year 2

Maths - Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.
English - Planning our own story about 'The Great Fire of London'.

Year 3

Maths - Roman numerals.
English - Reading the story of 'Romulus & Remus' and making a story map.

Year 4

Maths - Decimals.
English - Letter writing using 'Gregory Cool'.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Please can anyone collecting children from Years 3 and 4 wait **on the back playground** itself, and not in the Quiet Area at the top of the steps. Staff need to be able to see you, and the children, to keep that busy time of day as safe as possible. Thank you.

Frome Musical Theatre Company are thrilled to bring to The Memorial Theatre '**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**', a high-flying, fun-filled adventure for the entire family. Take a fantastic musical adventure with an 'out of this world' car in this family-friendly blockbuster that audiences will find 'Truly Scrumptious'.

Go along and see our very own Chase and Oliver A from Year 4, our caretaker Mr Golay and a few of our parents too!

From next Tuesday 7th - Sunday 12th May. Evening performances at 7pm Tuesday to Saturday, Matinees at 2pm Saturday & Sunday. Ticket Prices: Adults £17; Concessions £15; Family of 4 £60 (max 2 adults); Groups 10+ £14 (Group bookings only available from the Box Office).

DIARY DATES

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 19 June	East Somerset Railway Trip - Y1
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

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

FROME RAINBOWS

2nd Frome Rainbows currently have spaces if your daughter is between 5-7 years old and would like to join Girl Guiding. We meet every Wednesday during term time at 4:45-5:45pm at Christchurch Hall in Park Road. We are a very active unit with plans for exploration, nature and pond dipping at a farm this summer term. We also have a trip to Southwick Country Park planned in July. We always enter the children's carnival procession in September with other Girl Guiding units in Frome and we have planned a sleepover in October. Rainbows is the group before Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14), & Rangers (14-18).

Please visit us on the Girl Guiding website: girlguiding.org.uk