

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Orla (Hawthorn) Cameron (Poplar)
Shannon (Beech) Jacob & Joe (Fir)
Eliana (Rowan) Khadija (Willow)
Tahiri (Maple) Ruaridh (Sycamore)

HARVEST

On Thursday 10th October, we will have our whole school Harvest Service and family and friends are very welcome to join us in church at 9.15am.

We would welcome any harvest gifts, which will be taken to Fair Frome Food Bank. They always face high demand for the grocery bags they put together for people in crisis, and have asked for these specific items from the schools that regularly support them:

Tinned fish, vegetables and snacks; sauces for rice; biscuits; coffee; soup; juice; toiletries.

All donations are always very gratefully received, of course. Any fresh produce will be distributed to local residential homes and the YMCA afterwards.

NHS FLU VACCINATION

Last week, every family received a letter from the NHS offering every child in St John's the flu vaccination in school. There is a form to sign and return to school, with full details about the method and the whole initiative. Also, contact details for any queries you may have.

Thank you for all those returned already. If you have yet to do so, please complete and return the form by Monday 23rd, whether it is a yes or no, so that the school nurses know how many will be taking it up. Completed forms will be collected from school next Monday. After that, parents will need to phone the Nursing Team directly to arrange vaccination in school.

Please remember your child will not be vaccinated without written parental permission.

HELEN HARFLETT

Our friend and colleague Helen passed away peacefully on Sunday 8th September. It is a measure of how loved she was that over half of the staff will be attending her funeral and memorial service next Tuesday 24th. Helen and her family remain in our thoughts and prayers, and we will all miss her.

For safety, please be patient at the end of the day as some teachers will be dismissing two classes, possibly children they do not know, to parents they may not know either.

AUTHOR MEGAN RIX VISITING KS2

We are delighted to be hosting an author visit next week, when Megan Rix will be in school to meet children from Years 3 and 4. We will also be welcoming children from Trinity First School, who will be joining our children for this exciting event.

Letters with full details were emailed to KS2 parents on Thursday. Parents are able to pay for copies of the books on Parentmail before the end of Weds 25th; children will then be able to choose which title(s) on the day and Megan will dedicate and sign them.

A BIG THANK YOU

...from all the children and staff in Acorns to Lily in Willow Class who kindly donated her toy pushchair to them this week. It really has made a big difference to the children; Acorns staff have called it a 'super success all round'!



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 in the morning or over the phone during the day. If it is necessary for a sibling between 16 and 18 to collect, we must receive *signed written* consent please.

Please be aware that if you are late collecting, your child will be taken to Twilight and you will be charged. (In a genuine emergency, this will not usually be the case.)

ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We are appalled at the number of cars parking on the double yellow lines and the zig-zags outside school, also the disrespectful way a small number of drivers have spoken to staff when asked to move. Parking this way is extremely dangerous when families are leaving the school site. It is also against the law.

From next week, we will be taking the licence plates of illegally parked cars and passing them on to the police.

If you are a blue badge holder and need to park closer to school, please speak to office staff and we will be able to help.

HAWTHORN & POPLAR

Children in Year 1 prepared, made and tasted their own fresh fruit salad this week:



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com

Many thanks to all those who came to the AGM on Wednesday. It was lovely to see some new faces and we look forward to meeting more of our new families in the weeks to come. A new committee has been voted in and a number of exciting events already planned. Keep your eyes peeled for the first edition of the Friends of St John's newsletter, which will be sent out on Parentmail soon!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Apple Day is back! Wednesday 23rd October, after school

If you are interested in helping us plan or run this event, or any other events, please email or find us on Facebook. Many thanks,

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CURRENT VACANCIES

We are currently recruiting to fill two vacancies in school, a lunchtime supervisor and a part-time Higher Level Teaching Assistant. For more details, please see the school website:

stjohnsfrome.co.uk/vacancies

NEW INTAKE OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 25th September & Tuesday 1st October.

If you have a younger child starting school in September 2020, you may like to come along to one of our Open Mornings and have a look around school. Even if you've been here for a year or two already, you are still welcome to come along! You will be able to meet other new parents, Mrs Marsland, the Friends of St John's and you will have a chance to be shown around school by our brand new House Captains.

There is no need to book – just call in any time between 9.30am and 11.30am on either day. Children are welcome too.

THE NEST

Maths - We will be making calculations using crocodile teeth as a resource.



Science - We will read the Seasons book. We will look around the garden to see how the seasons change, taking photos for an art project.

Art - We will use a mirror and paints to create a self-portrait.

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

Our value is Thankfulness

Reception

Maths - Numbers 2 and 3.
Phonics - Letter sounds G, O, C, K

Year 1

Maths - Place value.
English - Phonics. Writing about the butterfly's adventures.

Year 2

Maths - Learning number bonds to 20 and 100.
English - Writing a diary entry by 'Beegu'.

Year 3

Maths - Place value.
English - Continuing our text, 'The Stone Age Boy'. Learning to write in paragraphs.

Year 4

Maths - Place value.
English - Ancient Egyptian non-chronological reports.

DIARY DATES

Weds 25 Sept	New Intake Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30
Thurs 26 Sept	Author Megan Rix Visit - KS2
Tues 1 Oct	New Intake Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30
Weds 2 Oct	Parent Partnership - Year 4 PM
Fri 4 Oct	World Smile Day
Tues 8 Oct	Parent Partnership - Year 3 9.30am
Weds 9 Oct	Parent Partnership - Year 2 9.30am
Thurs 10 Oct	Parent Partnership - Year 1 9.30am
Mon 14 Oct	Parents' Evening
Weds 16 Oct	Parents' Evening
Thurs 24 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
Fri 25 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
28 Oct - 1 Nov	Half Term
Tues 5 Nov	Cheddar Gorge Trip - Year 3
Fri 15 Nov	Children In Need
Mon 9 Dec	Year 1 Nativity Service in church - 2pm
Tues 10 Dec	Year 1 Nativity Service in church - 10am
	Year 2 Nativity Play in school - 2pm
Weds 12 Dec	Year 2 Nativity Play in school - 9:30am
	Rec Christmas Singing in school - 2pm
Thurs 13 Dec	Rec Christmas Singing in school - 9:30am
Tues 17 Dec	Flu Immunisations in school
Tues 17 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 20 Dec	Last Day of Term
Mon 6 Jan	Inset Day - School closed
Feb 17 - 21	Half Term
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4

*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.*