

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Isla (Ash) Freddie & Lilly (Oak)

Alice & Tia (Hawthorn) Hector (Poplar)

Lissi (Beech) Logan (Fir)

Mair & Elsie (Rowan) Roberto (Willow)

Adina (Maple) Jacob & The School Choir (Sycamore)



WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Huge congratulations and a very special thank you to the school choir, and to all the staff who helped them put on three wonderful performances of 'Wind in the Willows' this week. I really appreciate all the hard work the children put in to all the practising and extra rehearsals. It was so very well worth it - you all looked and sounded fantastic!

Thank you for the very generous donations made at the end of each performance, which reflects how much their families appreciated their efforts too.

There is no choir on Monday 20th - you've all earned a rest!

Mrs Marsland

PARENT PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came and helped children in Year 1 to make cardboard trains on Wednesday; also to those who came in on Thursday to 'make times tables fun' with Year 3. We hope you all found our Parent Partnership sessions fun and informative.

Next week, Year 4's parents and carers are invited to join the children on Wednesday 22nd from 1.30-3pm for our climate change activity. Please could your child bring in a clean jar with a lid and no label, also a clean, empty tin can (standard bean tin size) with no sharp edges or labels. We would be very grateful for any spares!

The session with Year 2 will be on Friday 24th. Please join your children from 10-11.30am, in the hall, when they will be making Tudor houses.

MUSIC CONCERT - Wednesday 10th July 5.30pm

If your child has music lessons, please make a note of our annual Music Concert in your diaries now. (The time is slightly earlier than last year.)

We already have lists of our children who learn with Mr Barkwill, Mr Pepler, Mr Hatton and Mr Gilbert, but we like to include everybody who learns an instrument, so please speak to your class teacher, to Miss Brimson (in Rowan) or to Mrs Marsland if your child has music lessons outside school and would like to take part.

SCHOOL TRAVEL CHALLENGE

The School Travel Challenge is happening next week! We are one of 8 Frome schools taking part this year, encouraging families to walk, cycle or scoot to school as much as possible. The week will be filled with fun activities and prizes to motivate the children.

There will be activity cards around the playgrounds that children can engage with at play times. We will also record how children are getting to school each day on their own travel log card. (If you 'Park and Stride' - use a car but park away from school and walk the rest of the way - then that still counts as walking.)

Monday - the smoothie bike will be on the front playground before school from 8.30 then in the playgrounds at break time.

Tuesday - Reception classes will be taking part in a 'Mojo Moves' workshop from 2.15 - 3pm.

Wednesday - Reception classes will be taking part in a creative workshop during the morning, making reflective armbands.

Friday - There will be a walking bus, led by a performance artist, leaving from the top of Water Lane at 8.30am. Just turn up!

Friday - 'Be Bright' non-uniform day. Children and staff can wear something bright to school in return for a 50p donation for the Frome's Missing Links charity.

Children have also brought home a nature trail spotting card this week, to enjoy together over the weekend, or half term.

There will be various prizes to win - the travel log cards will go into a lucky dip draw, a best colourful outfit will be chosen on Friday and we may be in with a chance to win the schools' prize for the most increased activity!

The School Travel Challenge was set up in 2017 by local charity Frome's Missing Links, who campaign for better and safer walking and cycling routes in and around Frome. The challenge has helped to raise funds to extend the flat and traffic free Colliers Way and eventually to link Frome and Radstock. If you'd like to find out more, go to:

fromesmissinglinks.org.uk

CHESS

Well done to everyone who took part in the Somerset Megafinal at Millfield School; all had qualified for the event through our club tournament over last term. The competition from around the county was tough, but big congratulations to Alfie and Tom who both scored enough points in the Under 9 section to qualify for the next stage of this national event, the Gigafinal. Also taking part, and some only missing qualification by a half or single point, were: Jesse, Hugo, Edward, Anish George B and Sam.



WELL DRESSING

The Service of Blessing of St Aldhelm's Well will take place on Saturday 25 May at 9.30am. All are invited to meet at St John's Church at about 9.15am to walk in procession down Bath Street and up Cheap Street to the well at the bottom of the church steps.

On Friday 24th May please try to bring one flower to school to add to troughs we will have in school. These will be added to the displays around the well.

THE NEST

Cookery - We will be making a summer fruit jelly.

SMSC - We will be learning social skills through playing board games as a group.

Science - We will be going on a mini-beast hunt in the garden.

We will also be continuing our Yoga sessions with Mrs Jenkins.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
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Summer Fair - Friday 12th July

Save the date for this year's summer fair, which will take place in the garden and playgrounds after school on Friday 12th July.

We are hoping that every child will help us to create some special St John's bunting by making their own flag. A template and more details will be sent home in book bags next week.

We are delighted to announce that we will again be running the annual ice cream competition with La Strada, who will make the winning creation to sell at the fair. Children can design their own flavour and draw a picture of it on an A4 sheet, add their name and hand it in at the front desk after half term.

Again, further details will be sent home next week.

Many thanks! Friends of St John's

OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our value is Gentleness & Kindness.

Reception

Maths - Halving.

English - Asking questions about the rainforest.

Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

Maths - Division by sharing and grouping.

English - Writing our own story based on 'The Little Red Train'

Year 2

Maths - Measuring length and height in centimetres and metres.

English - Publishing our own story about 'The Great Fire of London'.

Year 3

Maths - Telling the time.

English - Exciting writing. Play preparation

Year 4

Maths - Decimals.

English - Environmental change leaflets - deforestation.

'800 in Six'

FUNDRAISING FOR DORSET & SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE

2 people... 4 legs... 6 months... 800 miles!

This charity costs £3.5M a year to run, with a cost of £3000 each time it takes off to save a life. They receive no government funding. We are running 800 miles in 6 months to raise much needed funds to keep them flying and saving lives. Read our story and follow our journey here: facebook.com/800in6

You can donate here:

dsairambulance.org.uk/fundraisers/800-miles-in-6-months

Thank you! Rowena and Robin, parents of River in Poplar.

DIARY DATES

20 - 24 May	School Travel Challenge Week
Mon 20 May	Earth Science Centre Trip - Sycamore
Weds 22 May	Parent Partnership Session - Y4 1.30-3pm
Weds 22 May	Mini Red Tennis Tournament
Thurs 23 May	Sports Festival - Y2
Fri 24 May	Parent Partnership Session - Y2 10-11.30am
Fri 24 May	'Be Bright' Day - wear bright clothes!
Sat 25 May	Well Dressing
27 - 31 May	Half Term
Thurs 6 June	Football Tournament - Y4
June 10/11	Rocktopus in School
Tues 11 June	Quad Kids Athletics Competition
Thurs 13 June	'Play to Learn' 1 - New Intake
Fri 14 June	Bag 2 School Collection
18 - 25 June	Book Fair in school
Weds 19 June	East Somerset Railway Trip - Y1
Thurs 20 June	New Parents' Evening 6-8.30pm
Tues 25 June	'Rockin' Romans' Y3 Play to parents 1.45pm
Thurs 27 June	'Rockin' Romans' Y3 Play to parents 1.45pm
Thurs 27 June	'Play to Learn' 2 - New Intake
Weds 3 July	Transfer Day
Weds 3 July	'Play to Learn' 3 - New Intake
Thurs 4 July	Somerset School Games - Millfield
Fri 5 July	Somerset School Games - Millfield
Tues 9 July	Carymoor Trip - Reception
Tues 9 July	PE Transition Afternoon - Y4
Weds 10 July	Music Concert 5.30pm
Thurs 11 July	Bristol Zoo Trip - Y2
Fri 12 July	Summer Fair - 3.30pm

*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.*