

# Newsletter

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



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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Edie (Ash) David & Rubus (Oak)  
Ava & Frankie (Hawthorn) Theo (Poplar)  
Jayden (Beech) Elisabeth (Fir)  
Mair & Barbara (Rowan) Alfie Mitchell (Willow)  
Oliver S & Adina (Maple) Zach & Gracie (Sycamore)



## FROM JANET CAUDWELL AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Thank you all so much for supporting the Well Dressing. Thank you to those who coloured in the words (you can see some of them in this detail from one of the panels) and to all those who brought flowers for the all-important display which we place at the base of the decoration. It would be lovely if you could join the procession which starts in St John's Church at 9.15 am on Saturday and makes its way down Bath Street and along Cheap Street, before joining the Town Band for a short service of blessing.



## SCHOOL TRAVEL CHALLENGE

We hope children enjoyed the Travel Challenge this week - the smoothie bike, wristband workshops, Mojo Moves, and the walking bus and all the bright clothes on 'Be Bright' day today. We will include winners and some more photos in the next newsletter. Today we raised £84.30 for Frome's Missing Links.



## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Well done to the children who took part in the Mini Red Tennis Tournament this week. We had three teams who all played some super tennis. St John's 1 and 2 both made it to the semi finals. St John's 1 just losing out to Springmead by 3 points and St John's 2 beating Hayesdown by 6 points. In the final, St John's 2 lost to Springmead. Congratulations and well done to all.

## CLASS PHOTOS

Please check book bags for order envelopes with proofs of class and choir photos Any orders need to be returned by Mon 3 June.

## DAILY TIMETABLE

We have been reviewing our morning arrangements and would like to ask for your cooperation with a small change to morning enquiries.

When children arrive at school, we have a legal duty to take a register, and then account for any children not in school. We also need to create an evacuation register in case of fire alarms. The priority for our admin staff at the start of the day is therefore to complete attendance tasks. If you have an enquiry or question at the start of the day, please visit the front desk between 8.30 and 8.45am **before** dropping off your child. Please do not visit after 8.45. We will of course deal with emergency enquiries at any time!

Our overall morning timetable has not changed and is as follows:

8.30 - 8.45am - Office staff available for general enquiries at the front desk  
8.45am - Gates open for drop off  
8.55am - Registers taken  
9.00am - Doors and registers close

If you arrive after the doors and registers close, please drop your child off and sign them in at the front desk. Please remember that 8.55am is the LATEST they should arrive at school. If the doors are closed, you are already late!

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone school before the start of school and let us know. Please phone each day that your child remains unwell unless we have agreed a longer absence.

## TREE UPDATE

We fully understand how frustrating the tree saga has been for all members of the school community. We would like to reassure you that we are being very proactive in trying to move the situation forward. So that you are fully informed, and possibly able to support the school with your 'voice', Mrs Marsland will host a meeting in the school hall on Wednesday 5th Jun at 5.30pm.

Please email [stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk) if you would like to come along, so that we can put out enough chairs.

## A MESSAGE FROM CHILDREN ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL



The School Council and House Captains would like to set up a Cake Sale on the day of the School Fair. The cakes will have their ingredients written down in case of allergies. All money will go to playground equipment.

## A Child's Voice

Tilly in Rowan has written a book review for Hunting Raven Book's Fledglings page on facebook:

*"When I started reading the book I didn't like it, but I liked it by the middle, then at the end I couldn't stop reading it! But then I'd got to the end of the story. I think the story was the right length but the dragon didn't come up until chapter 16!"*

*I think it was a good book because the people who like wizards, dragons and spells would like it. My favourite character was Alita because she's a very good trainer for Dogon, Dogon is half dragon and half dog.*

*I found the book very gripping from Chapter 17, which was called 'Salt: Master of the Library'. I was worried about the main characters and what Salt was going to do to them, so I had to keep reading and finish the story so I could find out.*

*I like the cover because I like the tail on the cover and I hope it will stay like that when it comes out. The illustrations were amazing that I loved the book so much! There were a few mistakes but I sorted them out and I hope lots of people love it! I would like to read more of Louie Stowell's books more often."*

## THE NEST

Cookery - We will be making butterfly cakes.

SMSC - We will share, and draw pictures of, our holiday news.

Science - We will use Play-doh and laminated butterflies to create a symmetrical creature.



## OUR LEARNING AFTER HALF TERM

Our value is Wisdom

### Reception

Maths - Thinking about more and less.  
English - Introducing 'Our Garden' topic.  
Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

### Year 1

Maths - Position and direction.  
English - Phonics.

### Year 2

Maths - Measuring length and height in centimetres and metres.  
English - Writing a diary entry based on 'The Great Fire of London'.

### Year 3

Maths - Telling digital time.  
English - Learning about the role of gladiators and writing our own gladiator stories.

### Year 4

Maths - Money.  
English - Middle School project about Sir Chris Hoy.

## CHARITY EVENTS

Several children have requested that we fundraise for Maisha in Sycamore class, who is currently very poorly in hospital. Henry in Willow has come up with a sponsored event for children to take part in if they wish. He and his mum have written a letter, including details of his idea, and a sponsorship form. You will all have received it as an attachment with this newsletter.

During June, we will also be fundraising for We Hear You. More details to follow after the half term break.

Alongside this week's Travel Challenge, these two events and the forthcoming Summer Fair, we appreciate that we are asking for lots of money. However, please don't feel obliged to support all of the events. We would just be grateful for anything you feel you could spare.

## SOMERSET LITERACY NETWORK POETRY COMPETITION 2019

Children in Y4 entered their own poetry into the 'Tip Top Trees' Poetry Competition organised by Somerset Literacy Network. There were over 1300 entries and the standard was very high. The final results included four of our children! Well done to the following:

**HIGHLY COMMENDED** - Sophia

**COMMENDED** - Dora

**SHORT-LISTED** - Charlotte & Chase

## FAMILY PRAYER ADVENTURE MAP

Children in Year 4 have been given a map and stickers to take home today. It is part of an 11-day initiative called 'Thy Kingdom Come', which was set up to encourage everyone to pray for their family, friends and communities during Ascension and Pentecost.

These resources have been sent to Years 4, 5 and 6 in all church schools by the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

## DIARY DATES

27 - 31 May	Half Term
Tues 4 June	Fire Station Visit - Fir Class 9.30am
Weds 5 June	Fire Station Visit - Beech Class 9.30am
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	Leavers' Play to Parents Time tbc
Thurs 11 July	Bristol Zoo Trip - Y2
Fri 12 July	Summer Fair - 3.30pm
Weds 17 July	Bowood Trip - 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.*