

Newsletter

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



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WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

This first newsletter of the year is an opportunity to give a particularly warm welcome to all our new families. These are not just in Reception as we have new children in other year groups too. We hope you will all be very happy at St John's and that you feel part of our school community very quickly.

Thank you to my fabulous staff for working hard in their own time to ensure their classrooms were bright and cheerful, ready for the children's return.

There is a lot to take in if you are new, and we hope that our weekly newsletter will be helpful. It will keep you up to date with school and community events and may well have specific information relating to your child's year group. You will also receive a curriculum newsletter to outline the children's learning for the coming weeks.

Our value that we are particularly focussing on this term is 'Compassion'. Children and staff have already been thinking about what compassion means. It would be helpful if you could talk about this at home too, to help your children understand what it means to be compassionate.

I am looking forward to working with you, in partnership, in the coming year.

With very warm wishes for the year ahead,

Mrs Marsland

DAHLICIOUS DRESS-UP DAY Thursday 13th September

We will be joining in with the Roald Dahl Dress-Up Day again this year. Children and staff may all come to school next Thursday dressed as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book, and make a donation for "Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity" if you would like to.

NEW TERM

Please could we remind parents and carers of a few things to help all children and staff during this new school year:

St John's is a nut-free school. Please ensure your child does not have nuts of any kind in their lunchbox.

Please send your child to school with a water bottle; they will be encouraged to drink plenty of water, and to refill it often.

All children need to keep a school PE kit on their peg **at all times** please. They should only need to be taken home and washed at the end of term. PE kit should also include a hairband to tie long hair back. If your child is unable to do it themselves, please tie their hair back before school.

Please do not send children to school with birthday sweets or treats. We took the decision two years ago to change this as a result of concerns raised by a small number of parents. However, you may bring them after school so that children are able to share them with their friends in the playground.

Please name everything clearly so that we can return lost property quickly. During the summer holiday, **four** large bags of unnamed and unclaimed uniform were sent to charity and/or recycled!

Please make sure your child has a coat in school.

If your child is asthmatic, they must have a prescribed inhaler in school at all times. Please ensure it is in date and named.

Lastly, thank you for the effort you have all put in to ensuring the children look so smart for the new school year! Your children are a credit to you all.

LIDDINGTON

Just to remind Year 4 parents that the next instalment for their residential trip is due next Monday 17th. There is still time to sign up if your child has changed their mind and would like to come. Please speak to any Year 4 teacher or to staff on the front desk.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

There will be another Bag 2 School collection on Friday 25 September. If you have any clothes, bags, shoes or belts you need to get rid of, please bring them in that morning. There are collection bags available on the front desk, but carrier bags and bin liners are fine too.

THE NEST
Roald Dahl Week



We will be listening to, and watching "The Dentist and The Crocodile" poem.

ART – We will be creating a crocodile collage as a group.

ENGLISH – We will be using speech bubbles to think about what a crocodile might say!

We will finish our week by inviting our Nest parents to our tea party on Thursday 13th September from 2.30pm.

LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Everyone's English learning will be linked to a Roald Dahl text. Each Year Group will be exploring a different story or poem.

Everyone's Maths learning will be numbers, counting and place value.

PARKING

As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind all parents, especially those of you who have just joined us, that there is no parking permitted in the staff car park, or the car park on Blindhouse Lane (opposite the entrance to Oak and Ash classes) which is **for residents only**. There is also no parking permitted on the lane itself, or on the road outside school.

To ensure the safety of all children, please do not bring your car to school. Thank you.

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If you have a child who was born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015, they are eligible to start school in September 2019. You should have already received information from the Local Authority regarding how to make your application. Even if you currently have an older child on roll at the school, you **must** still make an application; you will not gain a place automatically and a place is not guaranteed.

If you require more information about how to apply for a school place please call Somerset Direct 0300 1232224

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Jan 15th 2019**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

At Frome Library

Did you sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at the library? Have you read all your books yet? You have until tomorrow, Saturday 8th to complete the challenge if you haven't yet. Staff from the library will be delivering the certificates and medals this month for us to present to the children in collective worship.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All our after school clubs start up again next week:

SCHOOL CHOIR

Runs every Monday from 3.15 – 4.30 in the hall. It is open to children in Years 2, 3 and 4. Sign up at the front desk, or email stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk

ELLIART

Art Club runs on Mondays and Tuesdays – 3.15-4.30pm. Tuesdays are fully booked, but there are **still spaces on Mondays** – you can book now on ParentMail.

CHESS CLUB

...for Year 4 will begin again next Wednesday, and runs every Wednesday from 3.15-4.15pm. Please return your child's slip asap.

MULTISPORTS

Book now on ParentMail, or at the front desk:

Thursdays – Years 1&2 3.15-4.15pm

Fridays – Years 3&4 3.15-4.15pm



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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Happy new school year and welcome to the new children and families - we really look forward to meeting you all over the coming months.

Thank you again to everyone for your support and enthusiasm last year, which has enabled the Friends to contribute towards playground games and new computers and to purchase the mobile cookers. We are delighted that the cookers will be used by the children to cook up some seasonal feasts through the year. We are already thinking about ideas for fun events and fundraising goals for this year, but we'd love to hear your suggestions!

Open meetings will take place throughout the year and our AGM will be held at school within the next six weeks - do look out for details on parentmail and on posters. We'd love to see you all there! And if you'd like any more details about the Friends, have ideas you'd like to suggest or would like to find out about roles on the committee then please get in touch via email. Many thanks!

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DIARY DATES

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| Thurs 13 Sept | Roald Dahl Dress-Up Day |
| Tues 25 Sept | Bag 2 School Collection – AM |
| Weds 26 Sept | Year 4 Chess Club starts – 3.15-4.15pm |
| Thurs 25 Oct | Flu Immunisations |
| March 20, 21, 22 | Liddington Residential – Year 4 |