

Newsletter

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



"Learning together... aiming high"

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Orla (Ash) Rubus (Oak)
Ruby (Hawthorn) Logan (Poplar)
Khadija (Beech) Ruben (Fir)
Ava (Rowan) Teddy (Willow)
Jude (Sycamore)

CHILDREN IN NEED 2018

Look at our amazing Pudsey! The children all added their small change, one coin at a time, to the outline and had already made his face by morning playtime. Mrs Jenkins had to add his body a bit quickly because the money just kept coming. Thank you everyone!



The School Councillors were on BBC Radio Somerset this morning to present the money raised to Pudsey himself. The total at that point was £472 but it has kept rising all day today. Thank you for helping us to support this wonderful cause; we will announce the total in next week's newsletter, along with the Poppy Appeal total.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Thank you to all those parents and children who came along to represent St John's in Frome's Remembrance Service last weekend. Thank you too to those children from our school choir who sang so beautifully with children from other FLP schools as part of a Frome Children's Choir; to those children who attended with Brownies, Beavers and other groups; to Leo, who laid a wreath in remembrance of animals who fought and died during the wars; to Oliver J, who bravely sang a solo in front of the enormous crowd, and to Sonny who laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school.



FROME SCHOOLS' ANTI-BULLYING MARCH

This week, children in Frome schools organised an Anti-Bullying March in response to a suggestion from one of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in our schools. The children wanted to promote the anti-bullying messages they hear in school to parents and the wider Frome Community.

The March took place on Wednesday, which was in the middle of the national Anti-Bullying Week. Children and adults from each of the schools made their way to Victoria Park where they were welcomed by the Mayor and members of the Town Council.

At the park, all the children marched with the anti-bullying placards that they had designed and made, took part in activities to promote kindness and pledged to stamp out bullying in Frome.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Children have all brought home their school photos this week. Please hand any orders to staff on the front desk by Tuesday 20th November. If you are paying cash, it would be helpful if you could make sure you have included the right amount and sealed the envelope securely. Thank you.



SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you so much to all those who have brought in shoeboxes of gifts for this year's charity appeal. There's still time to fill one if you would like to; we kindly ask if you could take them directly to St John's church tomorrow, Saturday 17th.

CAN YOU HELP?

Bertie, 3, is the brother of Gus in Beech Class. He was diagnosed with Leukemia just last week and is currently in Bristol Children's Hospital, receiving treatment which is likely to continue for over three years. His parents have to travel back and forth daily, taking it in turns to be with Bertie or at home with the rest of the family.

Sadly, this means that his parents won't be able to continue working their normal hours and will be spending a lot of money on travel and other expenses. Friends of the family would like to ease some of this financial burden so that his parents can concentrate on being with their family at this stressful time. They have set up a Go Fund Me page for people to donate, and we hope that our extended St John's family will help support the family at this difficult time.

Anything you can give, no matter how small, would be so greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help in other ways – meals, dog-walking, laundry, childcare etc – please speak to Dtan, mum of Jay in Fir class, or leave a message on the front desk and we will pass it on.

[Gofundme.com/bertiesarmyofsupport](https://www.gofundme.com/bertiesarmyofsupport)

PE KIT

Please remember that your child needs to have the correct PE kit - red T-shirt, black shorts and daps – in school with them at all times. They may also wear black tracksuit bottoms and a red sweat top in colder weather.

OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our Value is "Respect"
as we think about anti-bullying.

Reception

- Maths - Counting sets. Comparing height and length. Using mathematical language.
- English - Retelling the Christmas Story. Play practice.
- Phonics - Learning the letters ch, qu and x.

Year 1

- Maths - Addition and subtraction.
- English - Gruffalo sentence writing.

Year 2

- Maths - Making totals above £1 with notes & coins.
- English - Writing descriptions of Emperor penguins and writing questions.

Year 3

- Maths - Continuing column subtraction.
- English - Continuing with our new text, "Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone".

Year 4

- Maths - Multiplying and dividing.
- English - Looking at famous inventors & scientists.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents, again, that there is no parking, stopping or waiting outside school. This includes the school car park and the zig-zags. We need to clarify that nobody is entitled to stop on the zig-zags for any reason, even with a Blue Badge.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Could we please encourage as many of you as possible to buy (or sell) the St John's Christmas Raffle tickets that came back with the children today? They are only £1 each and there is over £1000 worth of prizes to be won, with more to come too. Should you need more, there are spares available from the front desk.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who has helped make our lunchbox checks go smoothly so far. Parents (and children) are taking great care to keep packed lunches free from anything that contains nuts, and we appreciate your support.

We have only had to remove a very small amount of items, but they are very often "Kinder" products. Some are ok, but many contain hazelnuts. Please could you check those products very carefully? Thank you.

DIARY DATES

20 – 27 Nov	Book Fair in School – 3.15pm every day
Weds 21 Nov	Gymnastics Festival - Year 3
Fri 30 Nov	Christmas "Light the Night" Town 5pm
Fri 7 Dec	Festive Fayre
Mon 10 Dec	Christmas Play to Y2 Parents 2pm
Tues 11 Dec	Christmas Play to Y2 Parents 2pm
Weds 12 Dec	Christmas Play to Y1 Parents 2pm
Thurs 13 Dec	Christmas Play to Y1 Parents 2pm
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Non-Uniform
Tues 18 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Weds 19 Dec	Christmas Play to Rec Parents 2pm
Thurs 20 Dec	Christmas Play to Rec Parents 2pm
Fri 21 Dec	Last day of term
Mon 7 Jan	INSET Day – School closed
18 – 22 Feb	Half Term
March 20, 21, 22	Liddington Residential – Year 4

FROME TOWN BAND NEEDS YOU

Are you a great musician but you haven't got an instrument? Would you like to have fun whilst enjoying music? Why not come and join Frome Town Band! We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm for beginners or 7-9pm if you are an experienced player. Please email contact@frometownband.uk or visit frometownband.com for more information.

See us perform at: Frome Christmas Lights Switch-On on Nov 30th; Christmas Concert, Wesley Church on Dec 15th.

*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.*