

Newsletter

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



"Learning together... aiming high"

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Ted (Ash)
Emily (Hawthorn) Finley (Poplar)
Xaffi (Beech) Cleo (Fir)
Paul (Rowan) Alex (Willow)
Daisy & Natalia (Maple) George & Lara (Sycamore)

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

This morning in collective worship, Mrs Marsland announced the winners of the Postscript & St John's School Christmas Card Competition. The winners were presented with certificates in front of their parents – who had been helping us keep the results secret for the last few days – and the rest of the school.

Congratulations to the following children whose designs will be included in the St Johns Christmas Card pack. Evie's card will be in the school pack, but will also be the one used in Postscript when customers buy gift vouchers in store this Christmas. Toby's card will be the one that we send to our colleagues in other schools, to our suppliers and to everyone who is a friend to St John's.

School Winner: **Toby** in Oak

Postscript Winner: **Evie** in Maple

Year Group Winners:

Matilda - Ash, **Summer** - Hawthorn,
Ruby – Fir, **Lilja** - Willow, **Sophia** - Maple

If you would like to order more of your own child's design, or any of the school pack, please order at the front desk.

MISS HOLLOWAY

We are very sad to be saying farewell to Miss Holloway, who has worked in school for a number of years now. Her last day at St John's will be Friday 14th December. However, we are really pleased that she will be taking up a new position within the Frome Learning Partnership, which means she will still be working closely with us, as well as other schools in Frome. We all send our very, very best wishes for this new challenge.

CHRISTMAS NON-UNIFORM



you like!) instead of school uniform. We will be making a collection as usual.

Save the Children

MONEY FOR GOOD CAUSES

Our final total for Children in Need was a huge £590.53!
Thank you for always helping us to help others.

SHARED READING NEWS

We have Christmas play rehearsals happening constantly at the moment, as well as many other things to fit into each school day, so next week will be the last week of shared reading across all Year Groups.

We will also be reviewing these sessions for the Spring Term with a view to offering something more meaningful for both the children and the parents. We will keep you informed.

Ideally, when we plan this kind of review, we would like to consult parents directly too, and find out their views. We would like to find a group of interested parents, from across the school, who would be willing to meet regularly with Mrs Marsland (approx. once every half term) to support our school improvement by providing a parent voice.

If you are interested, please email the main school inbox on:

stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk

WINTER BUGS

As winter approaches and the usual viruses are going around, please can we ask you to make sure you let us know if your child comes down with illnesses other than the usual colds, such as chicken pox, scarlet fever, hand, foot and mouth, slapped cheek virus? As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, we currently have a child in school whose sibling has a compromised immune system. It's really important that we can let the parents know if we have had any cases of such illnesses in school, so they can let the hospital know.

BOOK FAIR

Monday is the last day of the Book Fair!
It's open in the school library from 3.15.

PE SAFETY

Please can you ensure your child has their hair tied back for PE. Also, that they have a few hairbands as part of their kit in their PE bag to do it themselves, if they are able to.

Could you also ensure that they do not wear earrings on PE days, or if they are able to remove their earrings themselves, that they have a small box to put them in for safety until the lesson is over.

We will be monitoring this closely across every Year Group, in order to keep all children safe from potential injury.

CAN YOU HELP?

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

IN THE NEST

SMSC - To continue with our Dreams, Hopes & Aspirations theme, we will be sharing what we would like to be when we grow up.



English - We will listen to "The Darkest Dark" and then talk about the story and ask questions.

Math - We will play various board games.

Music - We will use Charanga to listen to a piece of dream music and play along with an instrument of our choice.

OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our focus in Collective Worship will be Advent and The Christmas Story.

Reception

Maths - Counting. One more, one less.
English - Play practice.
Phonics - Learning ng, nk. Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

Maths - Continuing with addition and subtraction.
English - Inventing our own characters for our Gruffalo - inspired story.

Year 2

Maths - Making totals above £1 with notes & coins.
English - Using verbs and adverbs to describe how penguins move.

Year 3

English - Continuing Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.
Writing a "Hogwart's Prospectus".
Maths - Solving word problems using column addition and subtraction.

Year 4

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

PERFORMANCES IN SCHOOL

Due to Health & Safety guidance regarding the number of people in the school hall at one time, we always issue tickets for plays etc. in school. Today, children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 will be bringing home two tickets for each of their two Christmas performances. Please keep them somewhere safe – they will be collected on the door on the day.

Please return any tickets you don't need as soon as possible. If you need more, please request these directly from the front desk. Returned tickets will then be issued by Mrs Alexander when they become available.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Tuesday 18th December

We have emailed all parents the details of this year's Christmas lunch. It's free for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 but **we still need to know their choices please!** The price is £2.80 for children in Years 3 and 4.

If you would like to order one, please return your child's choices and make payment on ParentMail by Friday 30th December. If you do not return your child's choice, they will need a packed lunch on that day.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please keep bringing in ticket stubs and payment. If you haven't sold (or bought!) yours yet, there is still time. They need to be back in school by Wednesday 12th, in time for the draw on Thursday 13th. They are only £1 each and there are lots of prizes to be won. Spare books are available from the front desk.

DIARY DATES

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
Tues 8 Jan	School restarts
18 – 22 Feb	Half Term
March 20, 21, 22	Liddington Residential – Year 4
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school

FROM CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

At the Market Place Friday 30 November from 5pm. Live music and carol singing, festive food, late night shopping, children's Christmas craft activities, mulled cider and a candlelight procession. Bring your own decorated lantern and join in!

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.