

# Newsletter

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



"Learning together... aiming high"

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Aleyna (Ash) Pepi (Oak)  
Tyler (Hawthorn) Juliet (Poplar)  
Amelia (Beech) Thomas (Fir)  
Edward (Rowan) Herbie (Willow)  
Noa (Maple) Kailan & Teddy (Sycamore)

## THANK YOU

I write to extend my sincere thanks to you for the contribution that the children from St John's School and the Frome Learning Partnership made to the Remembrance Parade and Service in Frome on the 11th November 2018, one hundred years to the day of Armistice, which brought to an end the fighting of WW1.

Of note was Oliver's solo of "We Will Remember"; also the poppies made by the children of the school under Mr Bowman's supervision. I hope you saw that they were in the listings boards either side of the Memorial Theatre for all to see on the Sunday.

Please extend this thanks to all, in recognition that Remembrance crosses the generations, no matter what age or experience. It is poignant that a service and parade continues to take place in November at the Frome Memorial Theatre that was built as a memorial to the fallen from Frome and surrounding villages. It is also important that the service and sacrifice that animals have made is recognised, and of course their essential role in human recovery in both body and mind. Leo your school dog laid the wreath for Animals Remembered. Please make sure he is thanked!

So many came together on 11/11/2018, for so many, "Lest We Forget".

With sincere best wishes,

Jane Norris and Committee. Royal British Legion, Frome

## MONEY FOR GOOD CAUSES

Our final total for this year's Poppy Appeal was **£225.86**.  
Thank you for always helping us to help others.

## CHRISTMAS TREE

This year, we have been given a beautiful Christmas tree free of charge by Mole Valley. We are really grateful for such a kind donation. We put it up today ready to be decorated next week. Christmas is coming!



## BOOK FAIR

Our final total for The Book Fair was £403.25 which means we have been able to choose lovely new books for the school library to the same value. Thank you to everyone for your support.

## JOIN US AT CHRISTMAS

We will be having our usual end of term service in church at 9.15am on Friday 21st. Family and friends are all welcome to come along and join us.

Also, the School Choir will be singing in the Candlelit Service at St John's Church on Sunday 16th December at 6.30-7.30pm. Please come along if you can.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS' AUCTION

We are organising a "sealed bid" auction to buy these soft toys knitted and kindly donated by a friend of Mrs Marsland's. We are doing it this way, because last year so many parents asked if they were for sale. We wanted to make it easier to get the one you wanted!

We will accept secret, sealed bids for the whole of next week – please call in to see them on the front desk, and to leave your bid. We don't need money at this point. (Sssh! Don't tell anyone how much your bid is.)



The auction will end on Friday 7th. We will check all the bids and the highest on each toy will win it. We will notify the winners and ask them to collect and pay what they pledged.

If there are any left unsold, we raffle them at 20p a ticket.

All the money we raise will be for our classes.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 18th December

Thank you for all the orders already returned for 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 £2.55 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 November. If you do not return your child's choice, they will need a packed lunch on that day.

### CHRISTMAS NON-UNIFORM



We want to raise money for Save The Children and are asking children and staff to come into school on Friday 14th December wearing their own clothes (as Christmassy as you like!) instead of their school uniform. We will be making a collection as usual.

### Save the Children

### IN THE NEST

English - We will choose and listen to Polar stories.

Art - The children will make a Polar animal using playdough and we will create a penguin collage as a group.

Fine Motor Skills - We will use scissors and tweezers to practise small motor movements.



### 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 - Blending and segmenting. Revision of sounds.

#### Year 1

Maths - Continuing with addition and subtraction.  
English - Writing our own version of "The Gruffalo".

#### Year 2

Maths - Making totals above £1 with notes & coins.  
English - Writing a fact file about Emperor penguins.

#### Year 3

Maths - Perimeter and measuring accurately.  
English - Completing our "Hogwart's Prospectus".

#### Year 4

Maths - Multiplying and dividing.  
English - Grammar.



**FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL**  
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### Festive Bake-Off + Secret Shop!

Friday 7th December

The Bakemonger of Frome wants your Christmas showstoppers for a special festive bake-off and cake sale.

There will be a prize for every year group and an adults' category too, so we hope to see lots of exciting creations!

All entries should be left at the front desk by 9.30am on Friday 7 December for judging. Please remember we are a nut-free school, and we will need a list of ingredients with your entry, which should be clearly named with class or contact details.

The Friends of St John's would then like to invite you to join us in the school hall from 3.30pm for a festive afternoon of cakes, carols and more...

Bake-Off prize-giving, after which all cakes can be bought.

Auction of an artisan cake specially created by the Bakemonger.

Christmas music and carols.

Our Harry Potter "Magical Stories" anthology will be on sale.

And we invite all children to enter our special SECRET SHOP (no adults allowed). This is a chance to buy unique, low-cost gifts for family and friends, so bring your 50ps and £1s!

We look forward to celebrating the season with you all - and to seeing (and tasting) those fabulous festive cakes!

Many thanks,  
Friends of St John's School  
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### DIARY DATES

Fri 7 Dec	Festive Bake-Off + Secret Shop 3.30pm
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
Sun 16 Dec	Candlelit Service – in church 6.30pm
Tues 18 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Weds 19 Dec	Science Fair – Y4 9.15 – 11.30am
Weds 19 Dec	Christmas Play to Rec Parents 2pm
Thurs 20 Dec	Christmas Play to Rec Parents 2pm
Fri 21 Dec	Carol Service - in church 9.15am
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

*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.*