

# Newsletter

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



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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Ryley (Hawthorn) Jacob (Poplar)

Rocco (Fir) George & Lola (Rowan) Anish & Sophie (Willow)

Oliver J (Maple) Logan & Sol (Sycamore)



## SAFEGUARDING

### End of School Arrangements

In order to increase safety at the end of the day, starting from Monday, no siblings will be sent to other classes at the end of the school day. All children will be dismissed by their own teacher from their own classrooms and we request that all parents collect each child from their own playground. We appreciate this may cause some inconvenience, but please be assured your child will not be released and will be safely supervised until you collect them.

### Tiger Mulch

The governors have had to make the difficult decision to close off the Tiger Mulch area, including the pirate ship, while the appropriate experts decide how to make the copper beech tree safe.

## BEST IN LINE

Beech Class and Rowan Class

## CHRISTMAS PLAYS

We have decided this year to try having two afternoon play performances rather than one afternoon and one evening, as the children are so tired by the end of term. We hope that by giving you the dates now, you will have plenty of time to arrange any necessary time off work.

Dates and times for Years 1 and 2 are on the Diary Dates below; Reception's dates will be confirmed as soon as possible. Tickets will be issued in the same way as usual.

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Board of Governors would very much like to share the priorities that we are working on in the coming year. They are:

- Reviewing and developing our School Vision
- Developing our "growth mindset" culture
- Developing our working partnership with parents

We would like to find a group of interested parents, from across the school, who would be willing to meet regularly with us (approx. once every half term) to support our school improvement by providing a parent voice.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

From next week, we are committed to giving parents four weeks' notice for any payments required for trips or activities. We will also ensure the deadline for payments is two weeks' prior to the trip/activity going ahead. This is for two reasons – one is to ensure parents have ample warning, the other is to give us time to cancel if we have not received enough voluntary contributions for the trip to go ahead.

ALL payments are always voluntary, but they are also vital for trips to go ahead.

## COMPASS PROJECT – YEAR 4

In addition to the list in last week's newsletter, we would like to open up the request to include people in all jobs. We would like to broaden the children's understanding of different jobs they may aspire to, and to challenge any stereotypes they may have. If you would like to come and help us with this special lesson, and have a spare half hour when you could come to speak to the children, please speak to a member of staff.

## NEW INTAKE OPEN MORNINGS

Thank you to those Year Fours who showed new parents around school during this week's first Open Morning. We received a lot of positive feedback on the day from visitors, who were impressed by their good manners and knowledge of the school.

If you have a younger child starting school in September 2017, you may like to come along to our next Open Morning and have a look around school. Even if you've been here for a year or two already, you are still welcome to come along! You will be able to meet other parents and will be shown around school by our new House Captains.

## MRS CHRISTINE GRANT

We are sad to announce that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Grant, one of our lunchtime supervisors, after 12 years. We are sure all the children and parents will join us as we wish her all the best for the future.

There is no need to book – just call in any time between 9.30 and 11.30 next Wednesday 3rd October.

### THANK YOUS

Thank you too, for all the Harvest gifts the children took to church last week. They were taken to the Food Bank and the YMCA on Monday, where they were gratefully received. We also put together and delivered a box of Harvest goods to Keyford Heights Residential Home, who also send grateful thanks.  
Mrs Caudwell

Thank you, too, to staff at The Old Bakehouse for baking traditional Challah bread for Year 2. This week, children in Beech and Fir classes have learned about Rosh Hashanah – the Jewish New Year – when the special plaited loaves are baked and eaten.

### YEAR 4 EGYPTIAN DAY Thursday 4th October

Children in Maple and Sycamore classes will be dressing up as Egyptian characters next week – gods, goddesses, pharaohs, cats etc. We can't wait to see what everyone looks like on Thursday... Look out for photos on the Year 4 blog next week.

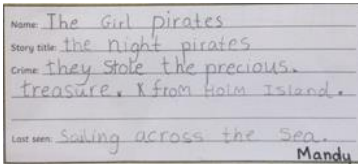
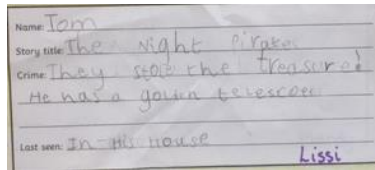
### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We have booked the children's Christmas lunch for Tuesday 18th December. The special festive menu will follow nearer the time.



### A Child's Voice

Children in Year 2 have been designing "Wanted" posters to catch pirates who have been up to no good...



### CLUBS & TRIPS PAYMENTS THIS HALF TERM

The following can be booked and/or paid for on ParentMail:

- Y1 – Swimming on Fridays £42
- Yrs 1 & 2 - Multisports on Thursdays £21
- Yrs 3 & 4 - Multisports on Fridays £21
- Y3 – Cheddar Caves Trip Tuesday 9th Oct - £17
- Y4 – Third Liddington instalment - £30 due Mon 5th Nov  
(The second instalment of £35 was due on Sept 17th.)

For those children having piano, drumming or guitar tuition – please arrange to pay your teacher online for the Autumn Term. Banking details have been emailed already. Thank you.

### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For the first time, Somerset School Admissions will **not** be sending letters to children due to start or transfer school for September 2019 to inform them to apply.

Parents can apply online at [somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://somerset.gov.uk/admissions) or phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224 for a paper copy of the application. Information for parents is also available on:

[facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/](https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/)

The closing date for Primary Phase Admissions (including first to middle) is 15/01/2019.

### BAG2SCHOOL

What an enormous mountain of bags there was in the playground on Tuesday morning! The weight of this term's Bag2School collection was 450kg, which amounts to an amazing £180 raised for school. A big thank you to everyone.

### OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our Value is Compassion

#### Year 1

- Maths - Place value - one more one less.
- English - Starting our text "The Tree".

#### Year 2

- Maths - Adding and subtracting 1s and 10s.
- English - Writing sentences using adjectives and nouns.

#### Year 3

- Maths - Column addition using partitioning.
- English - Learning to use paragraphs.  
Retelling the story, "The Stone Age Boy"

#### Year 4

- Maths - Place value – Egyptian number system.
- English - Story writing combining Ancient Egypt with a traditional tale.

### DIARY DATES

Tues 2 Oct	Flu Immunisations – Year 3
Weds 3 Oct	Open Morning 9.30 – 11.30
Weds 3 Oct	Friends AGM – 7pm in school
Thurs 4 Oct	Egyptian Day – Year 4
Tues 9 Oct	Cheddar Caves Trip – Year 3
Tues 9 Oct	Flu Immunisations – Rec, 1, 2 & 4
17 & 18 Oct	Parents' Evenings
Thurs 25 Oct	Pirate Day – Year 2
29 Oct – 2 Nov	Half Term
Mon 5 Nov	INSET Day – School closed
Weds 7 Nov	Individual School Photos
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
Tues 18 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 21 Dec	Last day of term

#### 2019

Mon 7 Jan	INSET Day – School closed
18 – 22 Feb	Half Term
March 20, 21, 22	Liddington Residential – Year 4

*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.*