

# Newsletter

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



"Learning together... aiming high"

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Rowan (Hawthorn) Alexa (Poplar)

Pearl (Beech) Jay (Fir)

Telia (Rowan) Daisy (Willow)

Gideon (Maple) Charli, Mia & Sam (Sycamore)



## NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please can we remind all parents and carers that St John's is a nut-free school, as we have a child with a **severe** nut allergy. Previously we have depended on the compassion and understanding of parents to ensure lunchboxes do not contain nuts of any kind; this includes peanut butter and some cereal bars.

For this child, even touching a nut is life-threatening, causing anaphylaxis and, if not treated quickly, death.

Following legal advice from the Local Authority, we have taken the decision to strengthen our safety procedures surrounding this issue. From now on, staff will remove from children's lunchboxes **any** items containing nuts.

Please be vigilant. Check **all** labels.

Also, please check pockets for anything your child may have picked up, such as hazelnuts, walnuts etc. while out walking in wooded areas or gardens.

## KEY STAGE ONE MORNING ROUTINES

From next week onwards, teaching assistants from Hawthorn, Poplar, Beech and Fir will be on the gates to welcome Years 1 and 2 children into school in the mornings. Teachers will be in classrooms supporting children with morning learning activities. This will help all children to settle quickly and to have a calm, happy start to the school day. Please give any important messages to the support staff on the gates and they will pass them on to the teachers. Teachers will always be available to speak to at the end of the day.

## KEY STAGE 1

There will be no shared reading for Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday next week, due to the Parents' Evenings.

## BEST IN LINE

Beech Class and Rowan Class

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

As you know, during the summer holidays Somerset libraries encourage the children in local schools to keep up the reading habit through their annual Summer Reading Challenge. The theme this year was "Mischief Makers" and a grand total of 628 children participated in Frome.

In Collective Worship this morning, the children who took part in this year's Reading Challenge at Frome Library all stood up for a round of applause and a big well done.

This year forty-seven St John's children took part and they have all received a certificate. There were also medals for the children who completed the challenge by reading a total of six books.

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

...will be happening for Years 1 to 4 next Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18. Please bring your slip back if you have not arranged a time yet. If you have returned it already, please check book bags for details of your appointment.

## TREE UPDATE

Once again, we would like to thank those parents and carers who have kindly offered their support with regards to our tree. We would like to reassure you that the issue is not a financial one.

We are still awaiting appropriate permissions to resolve the issue, which we anticipate will take up to 6 weeks. From Monday, and until the situation is resolved, we will be staggering playtimes

### RESTART A HEART

A parent who works at a local hospital will be coming in to share the message of 'Restart a Heart' with Year 4 children on Tuesday afternoon. The age appropriate session will cover how to call 999 and get help safely, discuss choking help and how to put an adult into the recovery position.

From 2.30 - 3.15, a free session will be open to any parents of children in Years 3 and 4 who would like to come and learn about hands-on resuscitation techniques. If you would like to attend, please contact school to request a place.

### A Child's Voice

**JESS'S JUMPING POTION**  
(inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine)

One slop of jellyfish slime  
One scoop of salt  
Three lumps of foam  
Five handfuls of wood lice  
Ten teaspoons of mud and grass  
One bottle of shampoo  
One cup of pond water  
Five apples with worms in  
One rotten orange  
One rotten egg  
Five cups of octopus tentacles  
One splosh of an eyeball  
Two bottles of ketchup  
One box of slime  
One teaspoon of vinegar

Stir well then sprinkle on:

Grass and salt sprinkles

### OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our Value is Compassion

#### Year 1

Maths - Addition within 10.  
English - Making a bird feeder and writing instructions.

#### Year 2

Maths - Adding two digit numbers by adding the units first then the tens.  
English - Sequencing and re-telling the story of "The Night Pirates".

#### Year 3

Maths - Column subtraction  
English - We are learning to use speech marks to show direct speech in our writing.

#### Year 4

Maths - Column subtraction, including problem solving and reasoning.  
English - Non-chronological reports about Ancient Egypt.

### FLU IMMUNISATIONS

This week and last week, the School Nurses were here administering the flu immunisations. If your child was away that day, or you didn't return a consent form for any reason, there will be catch-up appointments at Frome Medical Practice over the coming weeks.

You will need to phone first:  
**SAINT 0300 3230032**

### LANTERN PARADE

Children will be bringing home a leaflet this afternoon, with details of free workshops to make lanterns for this year's Frome Christmas Lights Switch-On. Organisers will be visiting Year 3 and making lanterns in school next week too

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### PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CARDS & CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

With the support of local stationers Postscript again this year, we are delighted to offer the opportunity for you to buy packs of Christmas cards designed by your child. Every design will also be entered into a competition to select the St John's School Christmas cards for 2018.

Templates (costing £1) will be available from the front desk soon.

If you have any queries, suggestions or ideas, please contact the Friends via email:

[friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com)

### DIARY DATES

Tues 16 Oct	"Restart A Heart" CPR Training – Year 4
Tues 16 Oct	"Restart A Heart" – Y3 and Y4 Parents
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
Tues 13 Nov	Westonbirt Trip – Year 1
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.*