

# Newsletter

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



"Learning together... aiming high"

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Mohamed (Hawthorn) Patrick (Poplar)  
Lily (Beech) Ellie (Fir)  
Tilly (Rowan) Tabby (Willow)  
Dora (Maple) Trinny (Sycamore)



## Year 2 Pirate Day

Thursday 25th October

Children in Beech and Fir will be having a Pirate Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October as an exciting ending to their Land Ahoy! topic. We would like them to dress up as pirates for the day and we have lots of fun activities planned. Costumes can be very simple – old clothes and a home made eye patch are fine. Or be as adventurous as you like...!

## NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, a group of 7 local men, including the dad of Alfie in Willow, will begin a huge challenge. They will be climbing to Everest Base Camp to raise money and awareness for "The Nick Jones Foundation for Bereaved Children". There will be many challenges ahead for the team, including extreme weather and the possibility of altitude sickness

The foundation has been set up by one of the climbers, who lost his mum at the age of 11 and felt there wasn't enough support or counselling offered to him. He now has a terminal illness and does not want his, or any other children, to feel the way he did. The foundation aims to offer support, counselling and days out to young bereaved children to help them at all stages of the grieving process.

We will be having a non-uniform day next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> for the Foundation. Children and staff may wear their own clothes to school, and we will be making a collection.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school during the first week back - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - taking individual photos. We will also make sure brothers and sisters have a photo taken together.

If you have pre-school age children and would like a family photo taken, please come to the front desk at 8.30am; these photos will be taken before school starts.

## BEST IN LINE

Fir Class and Willow Class

## A Child's Voice

"Where Do I Belong?" – by George T.

I belong to St John's School in Frome, Somerset.

I am in Rowan Class.

I am in the house Kingfishers.

I go to 5 clubs – Multisports, Choir, Climbing, Elliant and Swimming.

## Community

St John's School joins in with lots of community projects. Frome Lantern is one of these community projects.

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Frome does an epic parade with all sorts of lanterns, trees, reindeers and Santa. These people came to our class. Just our class. I know – awesome right?



### COATS

Just a reminder – please send your child to school with a coat every day. Please name it too; there are lots of coats in lost property that cannot be reunited with their owners.

### SCOOTERS

Please could you check that your child has not accidentally brought home the wrong scooter? There is a pink one missing, and a similar-looking pink one left behind. The child who has lost theirs is very upset, as it is quite new. Please could you check, and name yours clearly at the same time to make sure no more get muddled. If you find the missing one, please could you let a member of staff know – nobody will get into trouble! Thank you.

### FROM MRS MEAD – SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Please, please do not put water bottles in your child's book bags! You will be asked to pay for any damaged books, at a cost of £7 each.

### IN THE NEST NEXT WEEK

PE - We will be using the parachute to work effectively as a group.

Science - We will continue to talk about Autumn.

Art - We will be making an Autumn booklet.

Maths - We will be looking at place value and ordering, and problem solving.



### OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our Value is Compassion

#### Year 1

English - Consolidation of our phonic knowledge.

Maths - Number bonds within 10.

#### Year 2

English - Continue our Night Pirates story re-telling. Using adjectives and nouns to describe Captain Patch.

Maths - Adding 2 digit numbers using our knowledge of tens and units.

#### Year 3

Maths - Continuing column subtraction.

English - Turning our comic strips into a written story. Planning a seasonal recipe.

#### Year 4

Maths - Column addition and subtraction reasoning and problem solving.

English - Non-chronological reports and Ancient Egyptian exciting writing.

### PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE

We are concerned that a few children are persistently late, which is affecting their learning time.

School is open at 8.45AM, which gives everyone plenty of time to arrive before the register is taken. Registration is at 8.55am and the register closes at 9am.

Children arriving at 9am are already 5 minutes late and are recorded with an L code. Children arriving after this time have to be recorded with a U code, which is counted by the Local Authority as one whole unauthorised morning session, and which will affect your child's attendance percentage.



### FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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

**Design your own Christmas card to enter the school competition!**

Templates for designs now available from the front desk - £1.

Draw your own card, which can then be purchased in packs of 6. Every design will be entered into the competition for the School Christmas cards: one winner per year chosen by Postscript, and one school winner chosen by Mrs Marsland. You do not have to place an order to enter the competition.

Templates can also be bought for siblings if you order their card pack, but they will not be entered into the competition.

Deadline for designs, and payment for any cards ordered:

Tuesday 6th November (day back after half term)

### Next Friends Meeting

Mon 22 October, 7.30pm, Three Swans. Everyone is welcome. Many thanks.

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### DIARY DATES

Thurs 25 Oct	Pirate Day – Year 2
Fri 26 Oct	Non-Uniform Day
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
Fri 30 Nov	Christmas “Light the Night” Town 5pm
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.*