

# Newsletter

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



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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Evelyn (Ash) Stephanie (Oak)  
Nancy (Hawthorn) Charlie (Poplar)  
Oleander (Beech) Bobby & Josh (Fir)  
Hannah (Rowan) Frank & Riley (Willow)  
Kaylan (Maple) Sienna & Maisha (Sycamore)



## FROM MRS MARSLAND

It was lovely to see children from Ash and Oak classes joining staff and the older children in Collective Worship for the first time this week. This morning, we also welcomed some very proud Ash and Oak parents to the hall, who came to see their children being given their first Headteacher's Awards.

It's been a long half term, and a very busy one too!

We have welcomed all our new children and parents, chosen our new House Captains, School Councillors and Librarians... Year 4 have dressed like Egyptians on their Egyptian Day and Year 2 have dressed like pirates on their Pirate Day... Year 3 visited Cheddar Caves and we all visited church for our Harvest Service... We raised £180 for school with old clothes, £76 for charity by dressing Dahliciously and well over £300 for charity by wearing our own clothes today... We have also enjoyed Archery Club, Tennis, Choir, Elliant, Multisports, the "Restart a Heart" training, two Open Mornings, lots of new parents' visits, a lantern workshop and a lot of hard work!

We celebrated some of that hard work this morning, recognising achievements and giving out Headteacher's Awards for: writing a story on their own, learning letter sounds, great writing, using phonetic knowledge, perseverance, great focus and friendship.

Thank you to every one of you for all your hard work and continued support – parents, children and as always, my fantastic staff.

Don't forget Monday 5th is an INSET day.  
School restarts on: **Tuesday 6th November.**

**I wish you all a happy Half Term!**

## BEST IN LINE

Beech Class and Willow Class

## OAK & ASH CHRISTMAS PLAY DATES

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December 2pm.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Children in Year 2 will be doing some basic sewing on Thursday afternoons after half term and would love some grown-up helpers. If you are able to spare any time, please speak to Year 2 staff, or anyone on the front desk.

## RESTART A HEART

Children in Year 4 took part in World Restart a Heart Day on October 16th. They took part in a session led by a NHS Resuscitation Trainer.

They were shown CPR, how to call 999 and get help safely, how to help someone who is choking, and how to put someone into the recovery position.



## A MESSAGE FROM FROME LANTERNS

"We just wanted to say how lovely it was to come to St John's for the workshop last week - everyone was very welcoming, and the students so conscientious and great fun! We had a lovely time, so thank you very much for having us. All the best and thanks again. Emily"

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school during the first week back - Wednesday 7th 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.

### CHRISTMAS BOX APPEAL 2018

If you would like to fill a shoebox for the FSCI (Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion) Christmas Box Appeal this year, the information is available now from the front desk. Filled boxes can be taken either to St John's Church, or brought in to school by November 17th. There are a few spare boxes in church if needed.

You can also find the information and print the labels online:  
[fscinet.org/christmas-box](http://fscinet.org/christmas-box)

### FREE TENNIS

Tennis FREE every Saturday at the Mary Bailey courts from 2.30-4pm. Equipment and one to one support will be available. More information can be found at:

[frometowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/health-and-wellbeing/healthy-lifestyles/tennis-for-free-in-frome/](http://frometowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/health-and-wellbeing/healthy-lifestyles/tennis-for-free-in-frome/)

### IN THE NEST AFTER HALF TERM

SMSC - We will listen to "Laura's Secret" and talk about it. We will make a dream bottle.



We will also watch "Laura's Star" and talk about it.

### OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our Value for the first week back is "Remembrance".

#### Year 1

Maths - Addition and subtraction.  
English - Bonfire Night poetry. Making chocolate apples and writing instructions.

#### Year 2

Maths - Subtracting 2-digit numbers.  
English - Firework poetry.

#### Year 3

Maths - Continuing column subtraction.  
English - Creative writing inspired by reading "Stig of the Dump".

#### Year 4

Maths - Perimeters of shapes.  
English - Focusing on comprehension.  
Starting our new topic: "Investigate!"



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### FESTIVE FAYRE - FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 3.30PM

The Friends of St Johns invite you to a Festive Fayre on Friday 7th December, featuring the return of the popular Bake-Off judged by 'The BakeMonger' of Frome. This year there are categories for both Children and Adults, so get your baking hats on. We want to see your (nut-free) festive showstoppers!

We would also like to invite you, friends or family to hold a stall of your fabulous products or crafts at the event for a £10 contribution. Please contact us at [friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com) by Friday 9th November if you wish to book a space.

Come along and enjoy some delicious treats and festive fun!

### PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DESIGN COMPETITION!

Don't forget, the deadline for designs and payment for any personalised Christmas cards, is Tuesday 6th November, the day we come back after the holiday. If you haven't yet picked up your template (£1 from front desk) children can use a blank piece of A5 size paper to create their design over the holiday and you can buy your template on Tuesday 6th to stick on their design and fill in your details. Remember, every design will be entered into the school Christmas Card Competition!

Wishing you all a happy (and spooktacular) half term!

### DIARY DATES

29 Oct – 2 Nov	Half Term
Mon 5 Nov	INSET Day – School closed
Weds 7 Nov	Individual School Photos
Sun 11 Nov	Remembrance Parade
12 - 16 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 13 Nov	Westonbirt Trip – Year 1
Tues 13 Nov	Parents' Meetings PM - Rec
Weds 14 Nov	Parents' Meetings AM - Rec
Fri 16 Nov	Children In Need
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
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

### 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.*