

Newsletter

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"Learning together... aiming high"

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Ariana (Ash) William (Oak)

Romilly (Hawthorn) Otilie & David (Poplar)

Mohamed (Beech) Bella (Fir)

Aimee (Rowan) Meg & Gus (Willow)

Anish (Maple) Elsie & Finley (Sycamore)



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Thank you to all those parents and children who came along to represent St John's in Frome's Remembrance Service last Sunday. Thank you too to those children from our school choir who sang so beautifully; to those children who attended with Brownies, Beavers and other groups; to Charley and Ruby who laid wreaths on behalf of the whole school and the FLP, and to Sophia, who bravely sang a solo in front of the enormous crowd.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for helping us to support this wonderful cause again this year. The total raised so far is **over £300!** We will announce the final total in next week's newsletter, along with the Poppy Appeal total.



JOIN US AT CHRISTMAS

We will be having our usual **End of Term Service** in church at 9.15am on Friday 20th. Family and friends are all welcome to come along and join us.

Children in the School Choir will be singing in the **Carol Service** at St John's Church on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30-7.30pm.

They will also be singing at the **Cakes, Carols & Secret Ssshhop** event on Monday 16th December. More details of this event to follow next week.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be in school again next week, just in time for early Christmas shopping maybe? Come along and have a look after school every day from Tuesday 26th to Monday 2nd. For every £1 you spend, we will receive the same amount in new books for school, so we'd love you to come and do some festive shopping.

Last time the Book Fair was here, we received an enormous £522 worth of lovely new books for the school library!

YEAR 1 PARENTS & CARERS - CAN YOU HELP?

As part of our RE provision, Y1 are going on a walk around town on Thursday 21st 9 - 10.30am to look for signs of Christmas. Are any Y1 parents or carers able to come with us and help walk the children? Please could you also talk to your Y1 children about your favourite toys when you were children. We are exploring the differences of toys over time. If anyone feels able to allow their child to bring in a toy from their parent/grandparent, or a photo of it, we would love to share them in class on Monday.

CHESS NEWS

On Sunday there were 5 Year-4 pupils taking part in the Under 9 section of the second Somerset Junior Chess Grand Prix event of this season, held at Bristol Grammar School. This was the biggest tournament yet, with 28 players in this Under 9 section. Well done to Fin, Frank and Lilja (who was playing her first ever tournament and won 3 of her 6 games). Anish played extremely well, winning 4 and earning himself a medal. Huge congratulations to Sam, who won 5 games and came clear second overall, winning a trophy. Being placed number 2 of 28 is a big achievement and well deserved. All in all, it was an impressive performance by St John's.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Children have all brought home their school photos this week. Please hand any orders to staff on the front desk by Friday 22nd November. If you are paying cash, please could you make sure you have included the right amount in the envelope (and sealed it securely) as there will not be any change in school. Thank you.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you so much to all those who have brought in shoeboxes of gifts for this year's charity appeal. They were all collected this morning and taken down to St John's church, ready to be distributed in UK and overseas. There's still time to fill one if you would like to; we kindly ask if you could take them directly to St John's church tomorrow, Saturday 16th.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are having to waste a lot of food at lunchtime, which is a big concern. Please can you speak to your children to make sure they actually like their menu choices? If you need to change anything, it's very easily done. Please put any changes in an email to:

paymentsstjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk

'THE BIG DRAW'

Our Parent Partnership sessions this half term will be an opportunity for parents to come in to school to take part in 'The Big Draw' with their children. The Big Draw is an annual celebration of the power of drawing, and hundreds of schools from all over the world take part. You don't have to be an artist to draw. This is what The Big Draw organisers mean by their motto, "drawing to learn, not learning to draw!" Come along and join your children on the following dates:

Tuesday 26 November

Year 2 9.15-10.15

Year 1 10.45 - 11.45

Reception 2.15 - 3.15

Thursday 28 November

Year 4 9.15 -10.15

Year 3 10.45 - 11.45

THE NEST

Art - We will make a winter booklet, choosing an activity to complete.



SMSC - We will use scissors carefully and appropriately to cut out a variety of shapes and patterns. We will also have a puzzle afternoon.

Cooking - We will make banana pudding with adult support.

OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our value is Kindness

Reception

Maths - Comparing sets using more and fewer.
English - Writing about our bouncy egg experiment.
Phonics - Reading and writing CVC words and captions.

Year 1

Maths - Addition and Subtraction
English - Writing about old and new toys.

Year 2

Maths - Subtraction.
English - Writing facts about emperor penguins.

Year 3

Maths - Column subtraction.
English - Continuing with our new text, Harry Potter.

Year 4

Maths - Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.
English - Biographical writing.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com

St John's Quiz Night School Hall Thursday 28th November

Doors 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Is your head full of interesting facts that you never get to use? Do you remember the lyrics to obscure songs from the 90s or the FA Cup winners of the last 10 years? Then have we got an event for you! Pit your wits against other parents and staff to win the Quiz Night trophy!

£12 per team of 6

or £2 per individual and we'll organise a team for you

Book and pay for your place at the front desk by Thursday 21st November to secure a table.

Bring Your Own Bottles, but food and refreshments will be available on the night.

For more information email us on:

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We look forward to seeing you all there!

DIARY DATES

Weds 20 Nov	Gymnastics Festival - Year 3
26 Nov - 2 Dec	Book Fair in School
Tues 26 Nov	'The Big Draw' Parent Partnership
	Year 2 9.15 -10.15
	Year 1 10.45 - 11.45
	Rec 2.15 - 3.15
Thurs 28 Nov	'The Big Draw' Parent Partnership
	Year 4 9.15 -10.15
	Year 3 10.45 - 11.45
Thurs 28 Nov	Quiz Night 7.30pm
Tues 3 Dec	Bag 2 School Collection 9am
Mon 9 Dec	Year 1 Nativity Service in church - 2pm
Tues 10 Dec	Year 1 Nativity Service in church -10am
	Year 2 Nativity Play in school - 2pm
Weds 11 Dec	Year 2 Nativity Play in school - 9:30am
	Rec Christmas Singing in school - 2pm
Thurs 12 Dec	Rec Christmas Singing in school - 9:30am
Mon 16 Dec	Cake, Carols and Secret Ssshhop - 3.15
Tues 17 Dec	Flu Immunisations in school
Tues 17 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 20 Dec	Last Day of Term
Mon 6 Jan 2020	Inset Day - School closed
Sun 12 Jan	Christingle Service
Feb 17 - 21	Half Term
Weds 4 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4

*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.*