

# Newsletter

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"Learning together... aiming high"

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Louie (Ash) Arlan (Oak)  
Thomas (Hawthorn) Mark (Poplar) Harry (Acorns)  
Callie (Beech) Hector (Fir)  
Cleo & Leo S (Rowan) Louis (Willow)  
Sophie (Maple) Orla & Hannah (Sycamore)



## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

This morning in the hall, Bridie and Garry from Postscript announced the winners of the Christmas Card Competition. The winners were presented with certificates in front of their parents – who had been helping us keep the results secret for the last few days – and the rest of the school.

Congratulations to the Year Group Winners, whose designs will be included in the St John's Christmas Card pack. Rafael's card will be in the school pack too, but will also be the one used in Postscript when customers buy gift vouchers in store this Christmas. Teddy's card will be the one that we send to our colleagues in other schools, to our suppliers and to everyone who is a friend to St John's.

School Winner: **Teddy** Maple Postscript Winner: **Rafael** Poplar  
Year Group Winners:

**Betty** - Ash, **Romilly** - Hawthorn,  
**Alexa** - Fir, **Indigo** - Willow, **Matilda** - Sycamore

If you would like to order more of your own child's design, or any of the school pack, please order at the front desk.



## AUTHOR VISIT

Year 2 children and staff would like to say a big thank you to author Michelle Robinson for visiting this afternoon. She shared interesting facts about space and Tim Peake and read her stories 'Goodnight Spaceman' and 'Ten Fat Sausages' which we really enjoyed. She also signed books for the children who had brought theirs in from home. 'Ten Fat Sausages' is nominated for the 2020 Laugh Out Loud book awards (lollies) and children and parents can still vote for it (or any other books) online.

## THE SUN - BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

We have signed up to 'The Sun Books for Schools' in association with Collins Big Cat. Tokens will be printed in the paper every day from tomorrow until January 18th. We need as many as possible to get free books! Please ask anyone you know who buys The Sun if they can save vouchers for you.

## NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT

We would like to say a very big thank you to the Friends of St John's for the amazing new sound equipment they have recently bought for the school. Mrs Marsland has set everything up in the hall and Year Two children have been using it already - rehearsing their Christmas Play. We know everyone will enjoy using it for all future performances in the hall, and that it will make a huge difference to the sound.



**Beech & Fir Narrators**

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Tuesday 17th December

Please keep an eye out for a Parentmail message with details of this year's Christmas lunch. It's free for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 but **we still need to know their choices please!** The price is £2.55 for children in Years 3 and 4. If you do not return your child's choice, they will need a packed lunch on that day.

## POORLY CHILDREN

We have had a high number of cases of sickness and tummy bugs this week, in children and adults. Please could you bear this in mind and keep your child at home on Monday if they present any symptoms over the weekend. Please also remind your children of the importance of hygiene and hand washing to prevent the spread of any bugs.

We ask parents to wait for 48 hours before sending their children back to school after sickness and tummy bugs. Also, please ensure they have eaten at least one proper meal before they come back.

## PERFORMANCES IN SCHOOL

Due to Health & Safety guidance regarding the number of people in the school hall at one time, we always issue tickets for plays etc. in school. Today, children in Reception and Year 2 will be bringing home two tickets for each of their two Christmas performances. Please keep them somewhere safe – they will be collected on the door on the day. Please return any tickets you don't need as soon as possible. If you need more, please request these directly from the front desk. Returned tickets will then be issued by Mrs Alexander when they become available.

### YEAR 3 GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

Children in Rowan and Willow went to a Gymnastics Festival this week, at Liberty in Frome. They had a fantastic morning using all the gym equipment, and the teachers took some great action shots!



### WRAPAROUND CARE ON PARENTMAIL

We have updated the payment items for Early Birds and Twilight clubs (Wraparound Care). To pay for a single session, please use the relevant Single Session item. To pay for multiple sessions, please use the Multiple Sessions item. It has a default amount set to £50, but this can be adjusted to pay a smaller amount. Just select the item, select 'Pay a Custom Amount', then type in the amount you need to pay. If you need to pay more than £50, please use the payment item more than once. These new items are now live and the old items have been removed.

If you have any queries, please contact the Finance Team at:  
[paymentsstjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:paymentsstjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

### THE NEST

Maths - We will use the counting activity from our Winter booklet.

SMSC - We will have a Lego and puzzle afternoon.

PE - We will be taking part in a Sports Festival.



### OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our value is Advent

#### Reception

Maths - Comparing non-identical objects.

English - Introducing the Christmas story.

Phonics - Reading and writing CVC words and captions.

#### Year 1

Maths - Subtraction. Fact families.

English - Writing 'Dogger' narratives.

#### Year 2

Maths - Adding money to make different totals.

English - Using verbs and adverbs to describe penguins

#### Year 3

Maths - 3-digit column subtraction with exchanging.

English - Using headings and sub-headings to write our Hogwarts prospectus.

#### Year 4

Maths - Dividing by 10 and 100.

English - Biographical research and writing.



**FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL**  
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### St John's School Quiz

Next Thursday (28th) 7.30 for 8pm start

Thanks to all those who have already booked in their teams - we look forward to seeing you next week. If you haven't yet managed to book, don't despair - it's not too late!

Remember that your team does not have to comprise solely of parents or teachers from St John's, so get your friends/neighbours/relations to join you. As it's only £2 a person (£12 for team of 6) and you can bring your own bottles, you'll have a great evening out with your mates without breaking the bank! Food and other drinks will be available on the night.

Book in at the front desk on Monday to secure your table.

For more details please email [friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com).

Many thanks!

### DIARY DATES

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

### FROME CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Frome Children's Festival are doing things a bit differently this year and running 3 Christmas parties, so it's easier for families to come to one close by. This means they need lots of helpers to make the parties run smoothly - can you help? If you want to go along and enjoy or can spare some time to help, keep these dates in mind: Sat 21 Dec at Trinity Church Hall, Sun 22 Dec at the Football Club, Mon 23 Dec at Christ Church School.

Parties are in the afternoon. Full details will be available nearer the time. Please get in touch on: [fromechildrensfestival.org](http://fromechildrensfestival.org)

*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.*