

# Newsletter

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

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"Learning together... aiming high"

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Eliza (Oak)

Brayden (Hawthorn) Kylie (Poplar)

Ava (Beech)

Elina (Rowan) Łucja (Willow)

Iris (Maple) Phoebe (Sycamore)



## THE SCHOOL COUNCIL AT CHRISTMAS WIN A SOFT TOY

We are organising our own draw to win these soft toys knitted and kindly donated by a friend of Mrs Marsland's. We will be going into classes every day next week selling tickets for 20p each and all the money we raise will be for our classrooms.



## CHRISTMAS POST

Our Christmas Post Service is now up and running! The postbox is by the front desk. Children can post Christmas cards to their friends (and to staff) and elves on the School Council will sort them and deliver them to classes. It's very important that the envelope is clearly addressed with the name and the class please.

## BOOK FAIR

Our final total for The Book Fair was a *phenomenal* **£937.27!** This means we have been able to choose lovely new books for the school library to the same value, which really is amazing.

Thank you so much to everyone for your support - to families for shopping and to staff who stayed on to run it each afternoon.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have all been sent home yesterday or today. If you have not received yours, please check book bags!

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 12th January at St John's Church at 10am  
All are welcome to join us in church for the Christingle Service at 10am, which will be led this year by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. St John's children will be reading, and the school choir will be singing. Please come along - it should be a very special morning.



## FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES! A few festive dates for your diary...

### Christmas Jumpers for mini stockings Fri 13 December

Next Friday (13th) everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumpers, or non-uniform and Christmassy accessories to school. In return we are asking if you could bring in a mini filled 'stocking' for our Secret Shhhop. For the 'stocking', all you need to do is find an old (clean!) child's sock and fill it with a few tiny treats (small unwanted toys, stationery items, sweets, chocolates - but no nuts!). If you'd like to add a little festive pizzazz to your stocking please feel free! We'll collect them at the front desk on the morning of 13th. As an alternative to the stocking, we are very happy to accept donations for our chocolate tombola.

### St John's Festive Bake-Off Deadline 9.30am Mon 16 December

Calling all star bakers! This is a chance for you to create your own Christmas Showstopper, to be judged by Mrs Marsland. Competition open to both children and adults. Please leave your entries at the front desk by 9.30am on 16 December, and provide your name, class and list of ingredients. Remember: we are a nut-free school. Winners will be announced during our Christmas event, after which all entries will be available to buy.

### Cakes, Carols & Secret Shhhop After school, Mon 16 December

We are delighted to invite everyone to our special seasonal event. Carols by the choir, Bake-Off goodies for sale, festive treats on offer and the Secret Shhhop! (where children can spend their pocket money on low-cost handmade gifts) - it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

### Spelliarmus: Magical Tales from Children of St John's School

There are still a few copies of this wonderful book available at the front desk and in the children's section of Hunting Raven bookshop. You can also find it at our event on 16th. It will make a great stocking filler or gift for the grandparents! £5.99 for one, £10 for two.

And don't forget to sell those **Christmas Raffle** tickets to friends, neighbours, colleagues and families - there are more books available from the front desk. We have some wonderful prizes already, with many more to come. The draw takes place on Tuesday 17th December.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you all. Many thanks!



### MONEY FOR GOOD CAUSES

Our final total for this year's Poppy Appeal was **£279.82**  
Thank you for always helping us to help others.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Thank you to all Year 3 and 4 families who have paid for this term's school lunches. If you have not yet paid, please remember that the deadline for payment is today, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

You can check your balance by logging in to ParentMail, then going to the 'Accounts' section. If a minus figure is showing then you owe that amount. If a positive figure is showing then your account is in credit.

To make a payment, go to your account and click on 'Top Up'. You can then type in the amount you wish to pay and check out in the usual way. As for all payment items, you can pay by card, PayPal or print a barcode to pay by cash at a local PayPoint.

### BAG 2 SCHOOL

Your unwanted clothes, soft toys and shoes weighed 140kg, which earned £56 for school. Thank you for getting them all here.

### SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you have a child moving on from Year 4 to middle school next summer, or a little one starting in Reception next September, don't forget to get your application in on time. The deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Even if you currently have an older child on roll at the school, you must still make an application; you will not gain a place automatically and a place is not guaranteed.

To make an online application, or for more info, go to: [somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://somerset.gov.uk/admissions) and choose the page "**Apply to Start School**" or "**Starting at a Junior or Middle School**".

### THE NEST

SMSC - We will complete an activity of choice from our Winter Activity Booklet.



SMSC/Art - We will make a reindeer decoration to take home for Christmas; we will make and decorate a Christmas card for our chosen ones; we will decorate an angel for a table place name for our Christmas Party.

### OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Collective Worship theme is Advent.

#### Reception

- Maths - Introducing 'part, part, whole' model.
- English - Thinking about a present we would like to unwrap at Christmas.
- Phonics - Recap sounds taught. Practising CVC word segmenting and blending

#### Year 1

- Maths - Finding the difference between two amounts using 'more than' and 'less than'.
- English - Consolidating our phonics learning.

#### Year 2

- Maths - Adding money in pounds and pence.
- English - Sequencing and writing the Christmas story.

#### Year 3

- Maths - Solving Christmas problems using column subtraction and addition.
- English - Exciting writing. Writing up our Hogwarts prospectus in neat.

#### Year 4

- Maths - Recapping column addition and subtraction with exchanging; multiplying and dividing by 0, 1, 10, 100.
- English - Spelling Punctuation and Grammar, and comprehension end of term assessments.

### DIARY DATES

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
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Non-Uniform
Fri 13 Dec	Choir Singing for Frome 3A
Mon 16 Dec	Cake, Carols and Secret Ssshhhop - 3.30
Tues 17 Dec	Flu Immunisations in school
Tues 17 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 20 Dec	Last Day of Term
Sun 22 Dec	Choir Singing at Church Carol Service
Mon 6 Jan 2020	Inset Day - School closed
Thurs 9 Jan	Carymoor Viking Day Trip - Y4
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

### BLUE PETER MUSIC BADGE

There's a new Blue Peter Music Badge, designed by Ed Sheeran, which children can earn by telling Blue Peter how they enjoy making music. You could try a new instrument; be part of a performance; tell BP about your favourite instrument, and why you love playing it, or ask a relative or teacher about their musical memories, for example...

[bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge](http://bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge)



### BLACK SWAN ARTS YOUNG ART COMPETITION

Are you aged 8 and over? Would you like to enter an Art Competition? Black Swan Arts Young Open is the largest arts competition in the South West, solely for young people. If your work is selected it will be exhibited at Black Swan Arts. Prizes include workshops with professional artists and vouchers from Postscript and Studio Prints.

[blackswanarts.org.uk/competitions/young-open-2020](http://blackswanarts.org.uk/competitions/young-open-2020)

*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.*