

Newsletter

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



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FROM MRS MARSLAND

It is hard to believe that another year has ended and the Christmas holiday has come around again. It's been a very busy and exciting term, which has only been made possible by my brilliant staff team and governors, you the parents, and most importantly your fantastic children; I want to thank each and every one of you!

I want to thank the children for all their enthusiasm, great work, beautiful singing and fantastic Christmas performances, and the staff for all their hard work, patience and good humour, making this year so happy and productive. I would also like to say a big thank you from everyone here for all the generous gifts brought into school this week.

I wish you all a joyful, peaceful Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH

We have so much enjoyed celebrating Christmas with you all during the last few days! Everyone has enjoyed the beautiful singing and the sight of so many glittering angels. It will be good to welcome you to our own Carol Service on Sunday 22 December at 6.30 pm, when the choir will be singing and Mrs Marsland and two of the children will be reading lessons.

We hope that you will be able to find some money to put in the Children's Society envelopes and tubes. These will be presented at our Christingle Service on Sunday 12 January when the Bishop will be with us, and once again the school choir and readers will be taking part.

Meanwhile a very Happy Christmas to you all from everyone at St John's Church.

Janet Caudwell

SCHOOL COUNCIL RAFFLE

We drew the winners of the soft toy raffle today, and prizes have gone to Esmee-Rose, Indigo, Ruby A, Ariana, Chloe P, Mandy, Matilda F, Cleo, Charley S, Harriett and Mrs McCarthy.

Thank you for buying so many tickets! We will let you know the final total raised in the first newsletter of the New Year.

WINTER WEATHER

It's that time of year when we need to make sure all parents know our school closure procedures, should we have any "snow days". If the decision is ever taken to close the school, it will be posted immediately on the website, as in previous years, but everyone will also be notified by email.

Please make sure we always have your current email and mobile phone number, and please update office staff if ever you change them, so we can always contact everyone quickly and easily.

CHURCH SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

Tuesday 24 December

Crib Service - 3pm

(Come dressed as someone in the Christmas story.

There are plenty of costumes in church too!)

First Communion of Christmas - 11.30pm

Wednesday 25 December

Family Communion - 9.30am

Sunday 12th January

Christingle Service - 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.

Christingle tubes and envelopes were given out in school this week; we hope that you will be able to put in some spare cash to support the work of the Children's Society.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

From all the staff and governors at St John's:

*"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;
the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of
Christmas which is love."*

Monday 6th January is an INSET day.

The new term begins on **Tuesday 7th January 2020.**



SOMERSET SENDIAS NEW WEBSITE

Somerset Sendias – a confidential and free advice service for parents/carers and children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities - has a new website. And they'd like you to have a look and let them know what you think! Somerset Sendias provides impartial advice and support on a range of SEND educational issues. This includes information, advice and support through the education, health and care plan process, mediation, Sendist tribunals, and general SEND. Information, advice and support could be by phone, email support, one-to-one, support at school meetings and annual reviews. The team is currently working on the interactive referral forms so they are mobile friendly....coming soon!

The new website can be found at sometersend.org.uk Somerset SENDIAS looks forward to hearing your comments. Telephone 01823 355578 or email sometersendias@somerset.gov.uk

For all of the latest Somerset SEND news, access our latest newsletter using this link: choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/

THE NEST

Art - We will use the craft box to make a craft of our choice.



SMSC - We will talk about our New Year's Resolutions and our new targets.

SMSC - We will play puzzles and games with adult support.

OUR LEARNING NEXT TERM

Our Values are Aspiration and Hope

Reception

- Maths - Introducing subtraction.
- English - Introducing our new topic.
- Phonics - Sound review. Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

- Maths - Place value.
- English - Beginning our new text, 'Funnybones'.

Year 2

- Maths - 2x and 10x tables.
- English - Writing questions about our new text, "the Smartest Giant in Town", using question marks.

Year 3

- Maths - Multiplication.
- English - Beginning our Romans topic with the story of Romulus and Remus.

Year 4

- Maths - Times tables.
- English - Beginning our new text, 'How To Train Your Dragon'.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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Christmas Joy!

Huge thanks to all who came to our Christmas event on Monday, we hope you all felt suitably festive! We are so grateful to Mrs Marsland and the wonderful choir who sang so beautifully, to everyone who helped to prepare for and run the event and to all of you who donated so many amazing stockings and items for the chocolate tombola. Thanks also to those who baked such delicious cakes. Huge congratulations to all the Bake-Off winners who were presented with their Star Baker badges.

We also opened the Secret Shhhop again at lunchtime yesterday so more children were able to buy special gifts for their families. All stockings left have now been donated to Fair Frome to be included in Christmas parcels for local families.

All winners of the Christmas raffle should now have been contacted and/or prizes sent home with the children. Congratulations to all our winners - a full list will be posted on the Friends facebook page over the next few days. We would like to thank all the businesses, organisations and individuals who donated over 80 amazing prizes! We don't yet have a final figure for our Christmas fundraising, as money is still coming in, but we'll let you know in the New Year!

Save the date ...

We are delighted to announce that there will be a school disco on Friday 17th January - something for all the children to look forward to as they start the New Year! More details to follow.

Many thanks for your continued support and enthusiasm. We wish you all a very happy Christmas!

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021-22

The consultation period on St John's CE VA First School's 2021/22 admission arrangements is from 9th December 2019 until 31 January 2020. Our proposed admission arrangements can be found on our website.

If you wish to comment on these arrangements please e-mail admissionsconsultation@somerset.gov.uk A final copy of the determined admission arrangements will be displayed on the website by 28th February 2020. After this date objections can be made to the Office of the School's Adjudicator.

For further information on how to make an objection please visit their website: education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator/ or phone the office on 01325 735303.

DIARY DATES

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
28, 29, 30 April	Life Bus in school
16 - 22 June	Book Fair in School



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.