

Newsletter

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



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FROM MRS MARSLAND

Welcome back to another brand new year at St John's.

There was a lot of flu-type illness amongst children and staff during the last two weeks of term. I hope everyone recovered quickly enough to be able to enjoy time with family and friends over Christmas.

Breaking up so late in the month always makes the last week in school feel very festive. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say thank you once more for your kind gifts and cards, and for making school such a special place always – not just at Christmas.

I would also like to say thank you to all those children who gave up their time on a Sunday evening, after we'd broken up, to sing in church at the Carol Service. You all sounded magical!

SCHOOL EMAIL

We would just like to remind everyone that the main school email address is stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk

A small number of parents still use the old one - 'enquiries@' - which still works, but which will be deleted later this month. Please make sure you delete the old one from your email address book.

CHRISTINGLES

Thank you to everyone who has already brought in money for the Children's Society. You can bring back your Christingle tubes or envelopes next week - it's not too late!

This year the Bishop of Bath & Wells will be leading our annual Christingle service in St John's Church on Sunday 12th January at 10am. Everyone is very welcome.

Janet Caudwell

MAY BANK HOLIDAY CHANGE - FRIDAY 8 MAY

Back in June, the government announced the early May bank holiday for this year, originally set for Monday 4 May, would be changed to Friday 8 May. The reason for this unusual change in calendar dates is to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It is only the second time in history the early May bank holiday has been moved. The first time the date was changed was in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of VE Day.

The school calendar has been updated on the website and on the main school system. If you have printed out a paper copy to stick on the fridge, or have made a note on your calendar, please remember to update them!

READING AT HOME

Please can you encourage your children to read to you at home every day, even if it's only for five or ten minutes. It could be their school reading book, another book, a newspaper, a menu or a till receipt from the supermarket. Anything and everything is good!

YEAR 4 LIDDINGTON RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Just a reminder that the final instalment for the Liddington trip is due by next Friday 17th January; ParentMail will also send a reminder two days before. If you are not up to date with instalments so far, please could you ensure that you have paid in full by Friday, in order for us to make our final payment.

Full details will then be sent home - kit lists, medical forms etc. - which have to be given to Liddington staff ahead of our visit.

CAR PARK

We understand the frustration of there not being enough parking in and around school. Our car park is not big enough even for the staff, and spaces are in fact allocated to staff members according to how far they have to travel from home. It is essential that parents do not use the car park **at any time**, due to health and safety reasons. Previously, traffic has been forced to stop on Christchurch St because parents' cars are in the staff car park and staff cars have to wait on the road. We have also had near-misses with children on the pavement when parents' cars pull out.

There is also no parking or waiting permitted on the double yellow lines on Christchurch Street East; on the residents' parking either side of school; or on Blindhouse Lane alongside the entrance to Oak and Ash classes.

The safety of all children is our primary concern. We appreciate your co-operation in keeping the area surrounding school safe – please walk to school whenever possible!

SWIMMING

Children in Reception started their swimming lessons today and Mrs Hiscott and Mrs Moss were very pleased with how the first session went. All of the children got in the water, behaved well in the changing rooms and were respectful to the swimming teachers. The children's verdicts?

"It was really, really good."

"It was brilliant!"

"I loved it and I swam under the water."

HEADLICE

The nasty nits have come back from their Christmas holidays too and have started to reappear in school.. Please try to make a hair check part of your weekly routine so that we can help prevent them from being picked up and passed on.

A Child's Voice

Year 4 visited Carymoor Environmental Centre this week to take part in a Viking Day experience:

"We made Viking long houses out of clay. We walked through the mud to the round house and put bread dough on a stick. After that, we went to the field and lit a fire. The teacher said it took two hundred tries. It took ten for me! We used a flint and a cotton wool. We put the fire in a metal bin lid. We needed fuel and oxygen. The bread tasted delishus." **Kian - Maple Class**

SOMERSET SEND Short Breaks Activities

The Short Breaks Team are now known as the **Community Inclusion and Activity Team**. Their calendar for **February Half Term** activities is now available to view and download from the Children with Disabilities website at somersex.gov.uk/cwd/, or by using the following link: online.pubhtml5.com/fuxz/kpmy/

THE NEST

- PE - We will play a range of group games, such as 'hot potato'.
- Science - We will sow cress seeds to observe. We will discuss what they need in order to grow healthily.
- SMSC - We will make a new poster about our rules and expectations about being in the Nest.



OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Values are Aspiration and Hope

Reception

- Maths - 2D shapes.
English - Writing about how to look after a pet.
Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

- Maths - Place value up to 20.
English - Continuing our new text, 'Funnybones'.

Year 2

- Maths - 2x and 10x tables.
English - Planning our own story based on our new text, "the Smartest Giant in Town".

Year 3

- Maths - Multiplication.
English - Retelling the story of Romulus and Remus.

Year 4

- Maths - Multiplication.
English - Descriptive writing using similes about dragons.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
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Happy New Year to everyone!

We're delighted to announce we took well over £1000 last term through all our various events (Apple Day, Quiz, Christmas Cards, Raffle, Secret Shhhop etc)! Much of this money will go towards replacing the older iPads for the children. A huge well done and thank you to all of you for taking part, and donating, baking, making and helping us to run all the events!

And now it's the new year, it's **DISCO** time!

NEXT FRIDAY - Friday 17th January - in the school hall

RECEPTION/KEY STAGE 1/FAMILY DISCO - 4.30-5.30PM

We're asking for a responsible adult to remain with children during this first disco, so it can become a fun family time.

KEY STAGE 2 - 6-7.15PM

Children in Year 2 can decide which disco they would like to come to.

Tickets £2 per child
Available to book and pay on Parentmail on Monday
Look out for an email with a form to fill out.

There will be a pocket money tuck shop and glow sticks will be available to purchase.

Huge thanks to 'resident St John's DJ' Ben Waller for manning the decks. We can't wait to see you all busting your moves on the dancefloor!

Many thanks,

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DIARY DATES

Sun 12 Jan	Christingle Service
Fri 17 Jan	School Discos 4.30-5.30pm 6-7.15pm
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
Fri 3 April	Last day of term
6-17 April	Easter Holiday
28, 29, 30 April	Life Bus in school
Fri 8 May	May Bank Holiday
25-29 May	Half Term
Tues 2 June	Class Photos
16 - 22 June	Book Fair in School
Fri 17 July	Last day of term
Mon 20 July	Inset Day