

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Jasper (Ash)
Chloe (Hawthorn) Retaj (Poplar)
Betty (Beech) Arabella (Fir)
Jay (Rowan) Riley (Willow)
Tolly & Barbara (Sycamore)

NON-UNIFORM DAY TODAY

Thank you to everyone for supporting the non-uniform day today. So far, the total raised for the Australian Red Cross is a fantastic

£367.50!

We will put the final total in next week's newsletter.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We thought you should see this! Thank you so much for everything - especially *Away in a Manger* which made my day! Your readers were stars.

Janet Caudwell, St John's Church

STAFFING UPDATE

Today we wished Mrs O'Loughlin (Mrs O) a sad farewell as she leaves us after nearly 14 years. Being the wonderfully kind person she is, she asked for any collection we made to go to Frenchay After Burns Club, as it is a charity close to her heart. She has given her consent to let you know that her collection was £110. We are sad to see her go, but all wish her the very best for the future.

We would also like to welcome to the team:

Mel Tomkins and Ian Leak, Teaching Assistants; Thomas Morgan, Apprentice TA, and Alain Jackson, Bath Spa Teacher, who will be working in Sycamore alongside Mr Bowman. We are also in the process of recruiting a new HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant).

CHESS

After being selected to play for the Somerset Under 9 chess team, Sam went to Chepstow with the rest of team on Saturday to take part in the annual West of England and South Wales Jamboree. Sam was playing on board four of twelve, which means he is considered the fourth strongest player in the team, and means he faces tough opponents. The team all played four games each, with Sam's two wins contributing to Somerset's overall tally of points that placed them first, winning the trophy shield and a gold medal for each player in the team.



Congratulations to both Sam and the team!

THE SUN - BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

We have signed up to 'The Sun Books for Schools' in association with Collins Big Cat. Tokens have been printed in the paper every day for the last few months and the last day is tomorrow, January 18th. Please bring in any vouchers you may still have at home, and we will send them off to get free books!

YEAR 4 LIDDINGTON RESIDENTIAL TRIP

There will be more information coming home in the next couple of weeks, including medical information, kit lists and what to pack etc. Please ensure you read it all carefully and return the signed Child Information booklet by Friday 7th February.

Please make sure you are paid up too - the last payment was due on Friday last week. Failure to pay could result in your child being unable to attend.

Peter Hancock @bathwellsbish · 1h
Warm welcome today from @FromeStJohnBap. Lovely to meet the congregation and especially all those who came from the school to be part of the service. @BathWells



Peter Hancock @bathwellsbish · 1h
Wonderful to be with St John's in Frome for their Christingle and to dedicate this new stone with Bishop Ken's prayer inscribed on it @BathWells



A Child's Voice

Beech and Fir classes have had lots of fun learning about the story, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We found his clothes in the garden, dotted around all over the place. We found his trousers in a tree and his tie under a bench! We brought them in to school and then wrote to George the Giant, asking him lots of different questions:

"Are you 10 feet tall?"
"How did you get to Frome?"
"Did you climb a ladder?"
"Are you cold because you left your clothes here?"
"Is your head bigger than my head?"
"Can you reach the sky?"

THE NEST



Cookery - We will use the cress we have grown to make our own cress sandwiches.

Music - We will choose an instrument and play along to music.

PE - We will use chalks to map out and follow our own treasure course outside.

We will watch Newsbite on Espresso and talk about what news is. Children will share their own personal piece of news.

OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Values are Aspiration and Hope

Reception

Maths - Positional language
English - Reading sentences.
Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

Maths - Place value up to 20.
English - Writing questions.

Year 2

Maths - 5x tables.
English - Writing out our own story based on "The Smartest Giant in Town".

Year 3

Maths - Multiplication word problems.
English - Writing a newspaper report about Boudicca.

Year 4

Maths - Factor pairs.
2/3 digit number x 1 digit number.
English - Non-chronological report about dragons.

MUSIC LESSONS

Piano, guitar and drumming lessons have all now started again for the Spring Term. Please arrange payment as soon as possible. Lessons are all paid direct to the teacher online and their bank details have already been emailed to you. Thank you.

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!

BLACK SWAN ARTS YOUNG OPEN 2020

If you enjoy painting, sculpture, jewellery, pottery, modelling, drawing, digital media or any other form of creative art, you may like to enter the Black Swan Arts Young Open Exhibition – an art competition specifically for young people.

You could have the chance to have your artwork displayed at Black Swan Arts gallery or win a one to one creative master class with a practising professional artist.

This is the seventh annual Black Swan Arts Young Open and artwork selected will be shown at Black Swan Arts from Saturday 21 March to Saturday 25 April. Entries will be accepted until 28 February in three age categories: 8-11, 12-15 and 16 -19 years.

All details are on their website: blackswanarts.org.uk

DIARY DATES

Feb 17 - 21	Half Term
Fri 24 Jan	Reception Heights & Weights
Weds 29 Jan	Sports Festival at Selwood - Year 2
Fri 14 Feb	Author Visit at Cheese & Grain - Year 4
Weds 4 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Year 4
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
w/c Mon 1 June	Sports Week - details TBC
Tues 2 June	Class Photos
16 - 22 June	Book Fair in School
Fri 17 July	Last day of term
Mon 20 July	Inset Day