

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Isaac & Wilf (Ash)
Lily (Hawthorn) Honey-May & Harriet (Poplar)
Lily (Beech) Alexa (Fir)
Joshua (Rowan)
Lacey (Maple) Mair (Sycamore)



THE ST JOHN'S FAMILY TREE

Have you seen our new display? This enormous, colourful family tree is the end result of all the Big Draw parent partnership sessions - so each leaf represents a child and parent at St John's - and it takes up the whole wall opposite Acorns.

New parents visiting school often comment on it while being shown around school, as the House Captains have been pointing it out on their tours and explaining what it is. We loved the verdict from one visitor: "It's like a 'Where's Wally' of St John's School."

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in creating it, and to staff who spent time putting it up on the wall. It really does look spectacular!

PARENTS' EVENINGS

...will be happening for all Year Groups on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. Parents' Evening appointments will be set up on Parentmail, which makes the whole process a lot more convenient for parents, as you will be able to book the slots yourselves online.

Every parent will receive an alert when the appointments go live on Monday; please book early to avoid disappointment.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember that the deadline for school lunches payment is today. 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.

BLUE PETER BADGE

You may recall in December we told you all about the new Blue Peter Music Badge for viewers with a passion for music. Juliet in Fir class wrote to Blue Peter, telling them all about how she loves learning piano, and she was lucky enough to be awarded one of the special badges.

Juliet didn't know she had won one until this morning in the hall, when Ms Priddle presented it to her in front of the whole school!

VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Somerset Parent Carer Forum holds a library of resource books it can loan to parent carers, their families and practitioners. This includes a wide range of topics and disabilities. All loans are free of charge to forum members and the forum is free to join.

For more information, visit their website using the link:
choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/visit-our-virtual-library/

THE NEST

This week is children's Mental Health Week.



SMSC - We will read books and talk about feelings, bravery and courage. What does courage mean? What does bravery feel like? We will make up, show and discuss our Jar of Courage.

Art - Children will draw a situation where they were brave or showed courage.

SMSC - Each child will complete a message on a card to put into the jar.

YEAR 2 SPORTS FESTIVAL

Beech and Fir classes went to a Sports Festival at Selwood Academy on Wednesday. The children took part in various sports, such as football, golf and tennis, and had a lovely afternoon. The sun even came out for them!



OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Values are Aspiration and Hope

Reception

Maths - Numbers 9 and 10.
English - Asking questions about animals.
Phonics - Practising all our letter sounds.

Year 1

Maths - Subtracting through 10.
English - Writing an adventure story for the Skeleton Dog from 'Funnybones'.

Year 2

Maths - Describing properties of 2D Shapes. Looking at symmetry.
English - Using suffixes (est; ly; ed; ing) to describe the Troll.

Year 3

Maths - Bus stop division.
English - Writing about gladiators using paragraphs.

Year 4

Maths - Division. Problem solving using multiplication.
English - Poetry.

WINDOW WANDERLAND

Friday 28th Feb to Monday 2nd March 5.30 – 9pm

Have you signed up to decorate your windows as part of this year's "Window Wanderland" community event? There's still time:

windowwanderland.com

Many Frome families and businesses will be lighting up their windows and gardens again this year. If you go on an evening walk, you'll be able to see Frome in a whole new light... Maps will be available soon from the front desk, or from Black Swan, Cheese & Grain or the library. Make sure you walk past school too; we will be making displays for some of the first floor windows.

DIARY DATES

Weds 12 Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thurs 13 Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 14 Feb	Author Visit at Cheese & Grain - Year 4
Feb 17 - 21	Half Term
Feb 28 - March 2	Frome Window Wanderland
Weds 4 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
Fri 6 March	Family Story Time 2.45 - 3.15pm
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

FROME TOY LIBRARY

The Toy Library will be running a special offer during February - any family on benefits can get a free annual membership! Membership enables families to borrow from our extensive range of toys, games and themed play sacks. To join, come along to a session - Tuesdays at Vallis School 9.30-2.15pm or Wednesdays at Frome Library from 1-3pm.

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