

# Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



...the roots to grow and the wings to fly."

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

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Lana (Ash) Jasmine (Oak)  
John-Arthur (Hawthorn) Renesmee (Poplar)  
Sophia (Beech) Toby (Fir)  
Nancy (Rowan) Jaina (Willow)  
Aimee & Billy (Sycamore) Gus (Maple)

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND ODD SOCKS



On Monday this week, lots of us wore odd socks to school as part of Anti-Bullying Week; some of us have even worn odd socks all week! It helped us all to understand the meaning of the anti-bullying message: "All Different, All Equal".



Children in Year 2 also made Anti-Bullying Week posters.



## CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Each class will have their own post box, which they will be making together in school. Children may only post cards to children and staff in their own class this year, although there will be a post box behind the front desk for children to post to those staff who are not based in classes. If they wish to give to children in other classes, please could parents organise this out of school. All cards need to be posted by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December so that post boxes can be sealed and quarantined. (Please avoid licking envelopes!) Nearer the time, we will announce a card opening day.

## NATIVITY / CAROL SERVICE

We will be performing 'Children of the World'. Each class has been given a song to learn together and children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will also be preparing a reading. We will arrange props and costumes, and the end result will be available on the school website before the end of term.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We have managed to arrange a bubble-friendly Christmas lunch with our lunch providers, Edwards and Ward. This year, it will be over two days:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch for Y3 & Y4 (two sittings)



Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch for Reception, Y1 & Y2  
(three sittings)

Please keep an eye out for a Parentmail message with details of this year's menu. It's free for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 but **we still need to know their choices please!** The price is **£2.55** for children in Years 3 and 4. If you do not return your child's choice, they will need a packed lunch on that day.

## OAK AND ASH IN THE COUNTY GAZETTE

If you are in Sainsbury's over the weekend, or just passing, pick up a copy of this new free paper from the foyer; you'll find our new Reception classes in their 'Starting School' supplement inside.

## STAFF UPDATE

We are sad to announce that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Hiscott, one of our long-standing teachers, who is retiring at Christmas. She has been a part of the St John's family for 17 years, and has taught every Year Group! We will all miss her very much.

We are sure all the children and parents will join us as we wish her all the best for a happy retirement - full of grandchildren and new adventures!

We all send our best wishes to Mrs Rylatt and Mrs Porter, who are both still out of school unwell. We also send our grateful thanks to Mrs Moore, another of our long-standing teachers who recently retired, who is helping us with cover.

## YEAR 4 EGYPTIAN DAY

On Wednesday 2nd December, children in Maple and Sycamore classes will be having an Egyptian Day. They will spend the day doing lots of Egyptian-themed activities and learning, and may dress as Egyptian characters all day – gods, goddesses, pharaohs, cats etc. We can't wait to see what everyone looks like!

### CAN YOU HELP?

Please could you save any postage stamps on letters and parcels you receive over the next few weeks? Mrs Fear is collecting them to raise money for the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

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See differently

Please cut them off their envelopes, leaving approx. 1cm border around them. Keep them safe at home, until Thursday 17th December, when there will be collection boxes by the school entrances to drop them into.

[rnib.org.uk/donations-and-fundraising/fundraising-your-community/stamps-appeal](http://rnib.org.uk/donations-and-fundraising/fundraising-your-community/stamps-appeal)

### 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 15th 2021.

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: [someset.gov.uk/admissions](http://someset.gov.uk/admissions) and choose the page '**Apply to Start School for the First Time**'.

### RAINBOW

Thank you to Juliet and Betty's mum for sending us this beautiful photo of school. It looks we have our very own rainbow, possibly with a pot of gold in the garden AND one in the front playground!



### DIARY DATES

Weds 2 Dec	Egyptian Day
Mon 14 Dec	Christmas Lunch - Y3 & Y4
Tues 15 Dec	Christmas Lunch - Rec, Y1 & Y2
Fri 18 Dec	End of term
Mon 4 Jan	Inset Day - School closed
Tues 5 Jan	First day of term

### LEARNING NEXT WEEK

#### Reception

Maths - One less than, up to 10.  
English - Comparing quantities.  
Phonics - sh, ch, ng Tricky words 'we', 'be', 'me'.

#### Year 1

Maths - Place value within 20.  
English - Continuing the story, 'Dogger'.

#### Year 2

Maths - Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.  
English - Continuing our fact files about emperor penguins.

#### Year 3

Maths - Adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers.  
English - Retelling the story of Mary Anning and creating our own story maps.

#### Year 4

Maths - Converting lengths.  
English - Writing our own Ancient Egyptian story.

### FREE TO A GOOD HOME

No takers yet!  
A well-used (but still sturdy) dolls' house which may need a little bit of TLC... Please send us an email and we'll draw names out of a hat on Monday.



### FROM WINDOW WANDERLAND

Firstly, we wanted to send out a belated but heartfelt thank you to all those who took part in our Halloween Window Wanderland. Everyone who created a window display and everyone who went for a wander over the two nights of the event - it was amazing and just what we all needed!

Secondly, we would like to announce dates for your diary for next year - we will be organising our normal Frome Window Wanderland 2021 over the four nights of February 26th to March 1st, and it will be from 5.30-9pm each evening. We will be giving out more details soon.

Finally, if you love Window Wanderland, why not 'Light the Night with Lanterns' for Christmas from 27th November - for more info go to [fromelanterns.co.uk](http://fromelanterns.co.uk)