

# 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



Poppy (Ash) Nora (Oak)  
Anya (Hawthorn) Bobby (Poplar)  
Poppy (Beech) Teddy (Fir)  
Ruby (Rowan) Matthew (Willow)  
Douglas (Sycamore) Romilly (Maple)

## TOP 3 SPELLERS

EdShed 

1. Cleo - Sycamore
2. Logan - Beech
3. Rafe - Hawthorn

## YEAR FOUR'S EGYPTIAN DAY

Children in Maple and Sycamore had their annual Egyptian Day on Wednesday, when they all dressed up as various characters and spent the day doing various themed activities. We had a multitude of pharaohs, mummies, cats, Howard Carters, gods, goddesses and Egyptian royalty. They played games, created Canopic jars and pyramids, and did a bit of Egyptian dancing too. It was a fun day for everyone!



## A Child's Voice

*"We did some really good activities."* Thomas

*"It was fun wearing costumes instead of school clothes."* Ruby

*"It was funny as Sycamore were mostly in black costumes but Maple were mostly white."* Tye

*"The best day in my life at school!"* Joshua

*"It was super cool seeing everyone in their costumes."* Ruben

*"One of the best days in school in my life."* Billy

*"It was fun because we did something different."* Harriett

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

We will be filming the children's Christmas performance on Wednesday and Thursday next week to share with parents through a private Vimeo link. We will only film children where you have already given your consent for their image to be shared, and will not film children where consent has not been given.

If you would like to withdraw your existing consent, please inform the school by the end of Tuesday 8th December.

## CHRISTMAS NON UNIFORM DAYS

Children may come to school in Christmas non-uniform on their Christmas lunch days, and on the last day of school - the more Christmassy the better...

Please don't feel you have to buy anything specially; children could just wear a Santa hat or decorate a top with some tinsel!

## SOFT TOY RAFFLE

You may remember that in previous years, children on the School Council have organised a Christmas draw to win fabulous soft toys knitted and kindly donated by a friend of Mrs Marsland's.

We have some more this year - 12 in total - and tickets are now available to buy on Parentmail for £1 each.

Tickets must be purchased by 9am on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and twelve winning tickets will be selected at random on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.



### CHRISTMAS POST

Our class Christmas post boxes are slowly filling up! Children can post Christmas cards to their classmates and staff in their own class, and to other members of staff in the post box behind the front desk.

Please remember that the last day for posting is next Monday 7th, before they are sealed up and put safely to one side for a few days. We will then have one opening day, and the children will be able to take their cards straight home.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Enter the virtual raffle be in with a chance of winning this huge bounty of Christmas goodies worth over £75 for all the family.



Tickets cost £1 each (or buy 6 for £5) and can be purchased through ParentMail. Why not see if any friends and family would like you to purchase a ticket on their behalf?

Tickets must be purchased by 9am on Wednesday 16 December and the winning ticket will be selected on Thursday 17 December.

### LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our value is 'Peace'.

#### Reception

Maths - Part, part, whole.  
Number bonds to 5.  
Phonics - oo, ar, or, ur, ow.

#### Year 1

Maths - Ordering numbers.  
English - Writing labels for our toy museum.

#### Year 2

Maths - Money. Coin recognition and adding totals of coins.  
English - Writing about Adelie penguins.

#### Year 3

Maths - Word problems using column addition.  
English - Doing 'Exciting Writing' as if we were Mary Anning.

#### Year 4

English - Writing our own non-fiction booklet.  
Maths - Multiplication and division.

### HAPPINESS HUNT

On Friday, Maple class received their second Happiness Box from the residents of Rowden House - full of things chosen to 'make the sunshine'. They had sent puzzles, jokes, letters and a copy of the book we all enjoyed so much this summer - 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse'. There were also lots of hand-knitted items as gifts for the class.

We know that today the residents will be receiving the box that the children filled for them last week, and we can't wait to hear what they think of theirs!



### BOOKS ON PRESCRIPTION

Somerset County Council's 'Books on Prescription' scheme can now be accessed free online through e-books and e-audiobooks. A large number of titles have been made available digitally, so that books can be read or listened to free from a tablet, phone or computer. Books on Prescription is the name for self-help books to help promote mental health and help understand and support mental health problems.

In order to access the books you will first need to be a member of Somerset Libraries, which you can do by visiting your local library or signing up at [www.librarieswest.org.uk](http://www.librarieswest.org.uk). Once a member, simply follow the guidance on the Libraries West website on how to set up your e-book and e-audiobook accounts.

Alternatively, visit [www.somersetreads.co.uk](http://www.somersetreads.co.uk), where you will find full guides on accessing e-resources.

### DIARY DATES

Tues 8 Dec	Sports Festival - Y2
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

### SOMERSET SEND

Services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and their families in Somerset reached an important milestone this week, with the publication of a plan for rapid improvement. For further details visit: [choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/somerset-send-services-set-out-blueprint-for-improvement/send-news/](http://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/somerset-send-services-set-out-blueprint-for-improvement/send-news/)

