

# 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

Everybody in Ash and Oak

Joshua (Hawthorn) Clementine & Charlie (Poplar)

Tao (Beech) Otilie & Cameron (Fir)

Lily (Rowan) Eva (Willow)

Poppy (Sycamore) Annabel BM (Maple)



## TOP 3 SPELLERS

EdShed

1. Oliver AA (Sycamore)
2. Lily S (Sycamore)
3. Leo S (Sycamore)

## SPECIAL HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

...were given to

**Year 2** - for their progress and success with Phonics,

**Mr Bowman** - for his superb filming from his classroom,

**Mrs Alexander** - for her superb filming of all our singing, and to

**The Whole School** - for the most amazing Christmas singing!

## HAPPINESS HUNT

As part of the 'Happiness Hunt' link project, schools and care homes taking part were given a word linked with Christmas as the theme for the next boxes. Children in Maple class are linked with Rowden House, and the word both groups have been given is 'Peace'. They created this beautiful chalk drawing in the playground and have taken photos to exchange with the residents.

The theme 'Peace' was even more appropriate as it was also the school value this week. All our children have been making Peace doves, which are decorating the front desk and the Christmas tree in the hall.



## THANK YOU

Children and staff would like to say a big thank you to Miss Doran and to Mr Morgan, who are both moving on from St John's next week. Miss Doran has been teaching in Willow, and will be taking up a new teaching position at Avanti Park in Frome; Mr Morgan has completed his Teaching Assistant apprenticeship.

We wish them both all the very best for their next chapters.

Mr Jackson and Mrs Willis were in Willow class on Thursday this week, spending the day getting to know the children a bit more, ready for their start in January.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday this week, the whole school was mobilised for a whole day of filming our Christmas Performance. It was busy, festive, fun and *very* well organised! The children were so well-behaved as they moved around the one-way system in school in their bubbles, waiting their turn, keeping to the timetable, remembering various props and costumes, and then singing each song so well while they were being filmed.

In between songs, some of the older children were recorded doing readings, introductions and the school prayer. They really did all do fantastically - most of the songs and readings were recorded in one take - and we were all so proud of them.

In the afternoon, we managed to get everybody in school together outside for the final song, and there was something particularly special about getting together as one; we haven't been able to do that since March. You will have to wait until next week to see how we did it!

All the individual recordings will be put together for the final video, which will also include Hope Foundation (our India link school) and the residents of Rowden House.

Watch out for an announcement of when the final version will be available, and where you will be able to find it...

## CHRISTMAS NON UNIFORM DAYS

Don't forget - children may come to school in Christmas non-uniform on their Christmas lunch days next week (see below), and on Friday 18th too - the more Christmassy the better...

**Monday 14th - Year 3 and Year 4**

**Tuesday 15th - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

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

(Also, if you happen to get the wrong day, Mrs Marsland really doesn't mind, as she will be wearing a different Christmas jumper every day!)



## CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

### Booking for Christmas Services:

Seating at the services on Sunday 20th December and on Christmas Day at St John's needs to be reserved by Advance booking (by 10.00am on Monday 14th December, please). We are asking that those who wish to attend any of these services please phone the vicarage 01373 472853 or email the vicar [colin.alsbury@btinternet.com](mailto:colin.alsbury@btinternet.com) Thank you.

### Church Christmas Tree:

We invite you to leave a message on our Christmas tree at St John's church to remember a loved one. The church is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1pm to 3pm and daily from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December; stewards will have tags and pens or you can come with your message ready prepared to hang on the tree.

If you cannot make it into church, please email Karolyn at the Church Office [administrator@sifrome.co.uk](mailto:administrator@sifrome.co.uk) (or ring 01373 462325 between 9am and 1pm on a Tuesday or Thursday) with your message, and we will put it on the tree for you.

## LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our value is 'Joy'.

### Reception

Maths - Times of the day.  
Writing - Writing Christmas cards.  
Phonics - ear, air, er, ure, oi.

### Year 1

Maths - Recapping this term's learning.  
English - Creating our toy museum.

### Year 2

Maths - Christmas addition and subtraction games.  
English - Penguin poems.

### Year 3

Maths - Christmas mysteries.  
English - Comic strips of the Christmas story.

### Year 4

Maths - Division and multiplication.  
English - Exciting writing, non-fiction booklets and comprehensions

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

There is still time to buy tickets for both of the virtual raffles we are running:

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Enter the virtual raffle be in with a chance of winning this huge bounty of Christmas goodies worth over £75 for all the family. We have also been given vouchers from the Westway Co-op, so there will now be a second prize too.

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?



### SOFT TOY RAFFLE

There will be 12 winners of these fabulous soft toys, which have been knitted and kindly donated by a friend of Mrs Marland's.

Tickets cost £1 each and are available to buy on Parentmail.

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

## DIARY DATES

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

## FAMILY MATTERS

Read the latest issue here:

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