

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS



Learning at Home

Reception - **Ottlie**
Year 1 - **Arlan**
Year 2 - **Phoebe**
Year 3 - **Arabella**
Year 4 - **Zak**



Learning at School

Reception - **George**
Year 1 - **Jasper**
Year 2 - **Lilah**
Year 3 - **Harry**
Year 4 - **Tye**



TOP 3 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

- 1 Lily S
- 2 Zac S
- 3 Alexa J

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

- 1 Willow
- 2 Sycamore
- 3 Rowan
- 4 Beech
- 5 Maple

FROM MRS MARSLAND

Again, this afternoon it was lovely to see so many smiling faces at our Zoom Headteacher Awards – children in school and at home, teachers in school and at home and of course our proud parents at home. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to join us to celebrate the children's efforts, and a special thank you to Mr Jackson for leading it so brilliantly!

A massive thank you, again, to everyone – children, parents and staff for continuing to show such resilience and for doing a really fabulous job. I feel extremely lucky and proud to be the Headteacher of such a great school community. Thank you!

FREE SCHOOL MEAL PROVISION

All families eligible for benefits-related free school meals should now have received an e code from the Department for Education voucher provider, Edenred. You can convert this code into a voucher to use at a supermarket of your choice. Full instructions on how to do this will be provided in the email / letter you receive.

The voucher is for you to use to provide meals that usually your child could receive in school. The value of the voucher is £15 per week, for each week until half term.

Please remember that if your child is in school you will need to provide a packed lunch for them each day as our catering provider is not currently operating.

Please remember to keep in touch with school if you are experiencing financial difficulty. There are other ways in which we can support you, such as referrals to the Fair Frome food bank.

SPARE CLOTHES

We are running very low on spare boys' pants and trousers in smaller sizes. If you have any outgrown ones you could donate to school, we would be very grateful.

SEND NEWS

Time to Talk – Somerset Parent Carer Forum helpline

The service aims to provide a safe space to discuss any concerns or simply just provide an opportunity to chat to another parent carer. The service is open during the following times:

Booking not required: Mon 1-2.30pm / Fri 10-11.30am – simply call 01458 259384.

Text service open 24 hours a day – 07543 680365.

Pre-booking essential: Tues 10am-12.30pm / Thurs 12-2.30pm. Book a 30 minute slot [here](#) or email:

events@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk

For more information, [Somerset Parent Carer Forum website](#).

VIRTUAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

Free reading and writing activities from your favourite children's authors - brought to you by Oak National Academy in partnership with the National Literacy Trust. Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

Click [here](#) to start exploring!

VACCINE FRAUD

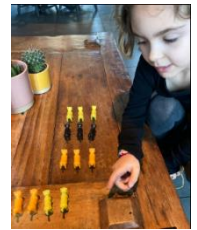
Vaccines: Be aware of fraudsters

Action Fraud is warning the public to remain vigilant as criminals begin to take advantage of the roll out of the coronavirus vaccine to commit fraud. Please share this link with family and friends:

<http://docs.somerset.gov.uk/wl/?id=Zg84Hd3fsKTiKw6ORVfJPV7gx aU2c430>

LEARNING AT HOME

Daisy-Mai in Y1 made lasagne; Milo in Reception made Lego 'rooms' for his flood experiment; Beatrice, Logan, Cameron and Sebastian in Y2 made shape art in the style of Paul Klee; Roman and Buddy in Reception and Y3 made scales to compare the mass of different household objects; Otilie in Reception played a game with 'tricky words'; Pepi and Rafael in Y2 learned all about onomatopoeia words; Toby in Y2 designed and made a superhero cape and mask; Olive in Reception counted in 3s and practised addition with her cats; Primrose in Reception dressed as a scientist to do her flood experiment!



LEARNING IN SCHOOL

Children in Year 2 have been learning about 2D shapes, and used 'Castle and Sun' by Paul Klee as inspiration for their shape art.



Children in Year 4 have been reading 'The Invisible String', then writing about and drawing everyone who is important to them, and how they always remain connected wherever they are.



LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Reception

Phonics - Recapping or, ur, ow, oi and ear; blending to read; segmenting to write.
 Maths - Taking away and capacity.
 Theme - Superheroes, travel and den building.

Year 1

Maths - Place value to 50.
 English - Writing our own version of 'Lost & Found'.

Year 2

Maths - 2D shapes and symmetry.
 English - Creating stories with comic strips.

Year 3

Maths - Multiplication and division.
 English - Starting our 'Romans' topic.

Year 4

Maths - Multiplication and division
 English - Work based on 'How to Train Your Dragon'.

LEARNING TOGETHER

We love seeing what you are doing at home and including updates here each week. Please keep sending stories, photos, drawings, quotes etc. to the school facebook group, Tapestry, SeeSaw or to your Year Group email.

LIVE CRICKET LESSONS

Chance to Shine are running live cricket lessons online:

CHANCE TO SHINE LIVE!
 - Cool Catcher 🧤
 JOIN US FOR A LIVE CHANCE TO SHINE CRICKET SESSION!
 WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY
 2.00 - 2.45PM
 You Tube [chancetoshine.org/live](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chancetoshine.org/live)
 ACCESSIBLE FOR PUPILS OF ALL AGES
 YOU WILL NEED:
 A BALL OR A ROLLED UP PAIR OF SOCKS!
 A WALL TO REBOUND THE BALL OFF WITH SAFE SPACE AROUND

At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.