

# 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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## FROM MRS MARSLAND

It has been another busy half term, and children, staff and parents have all been working hard, learning in school, at home and online.

It has been lovely to see so many of you online via TEAMS and Zoom, for class catch-ups, one-to-one chats and learning, our weekly Head Teacher's Awards presentation and of course, KS1 and KS2 Story Times – thank you for coming!

Story Times will continue over the half term break, with the link to the next 'Children's Choice' winner being released on Parentmail on Weds 17th for KS1.

The new chapters of 'The Ickabog', starting from chapter 12, will be uploaded on Seesaw - a new chapter each day. If any children have missed any of the previous chapters, they are still available on Seesaw. I will be continuing the story from chapter 17 immediately after the half term break.

I want to say a big thank you to all of the children for their positive attitude this half term, to all of my fantastic staff for providing quality learning for all our children, wherever they are learning and of course to parents for your continued support.

I hope every one of you - children, staff and parents, whether home-schooling, teaching or learning - is looking forward to a well-earned break, so that we can all hit the ground running with school and home learning on Mon 22nd February.

## SUMMER SPREADS THE LOVE

Summer in Year 3 has been doing something amazing that we would like to share with all our St John's families. She thinks it's unfair that so many children live in poverty in the UK, so she decided to do something to raise money to help them. This week, she has been busy designing, making and selling her own Valentine's Day cards and, so far, she has raised an absolutely phenomenal **£619** for Child Poverty Action Group.

We are all so proud of you, Summer, and send a huge well done!



Please click below to visit her Just Giving page:

[gofund.me/175d4cbe](https://gofund.me/175d4cbe)

## VIRTUAL SPORTS WEEK

We will be having our first virtual Sports Week when we come back after the half term break. Look out for all the details coming your way soon..!

## TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

- 1 Khadija (Maple)
- 2 Alexa (Willow)
- 3 Genny (Maple)
- 4 Oliver (Sycamore)
- 5 Sophia (Maple)

## TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

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

## YEAR 1 READING CHALLENGE

Staff in Year 1 invented their own reading challenge for children in Hawthorn and Poplar.

This week, both Betty and Arlan have reached an amazing **one hundred books each** since the start of term. Well done!

## PARENTS' MEETINGS

We will be having Parents' Meetings during the first two weeks back after half term. The meetings will be held via Zoom, and booking will be open soon on Parentmail. The slots available will be during the normal school day; please email your Year Group email address if you require a later appointment.

Please be aware that during those two weeks, there will be less teacher availability online. There will also be fewer TAs available in week 1, as they will be having some Play Pod training. We will tell you more about this exciting new development when we come back after the half term break.

## SENDING OUR LOVE

...to Mrs Llewellyn, who is still unwell, and to Mrs Driffield, who is looking after a very poorly relative.

We all send lots of love and get-well wishes, and we hope to see you both soon.

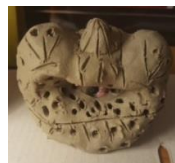
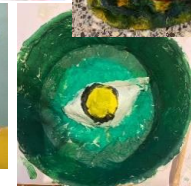
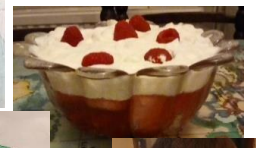
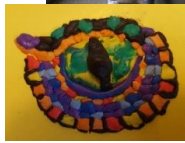
## COMMUNITY HEARTS PROJECT

Health Connections Mendip, based at Frome Medical Practice, are really excited to share a new Community Hearts project. Children and families can colour in or design a heart to display in their window to show they care for each other and the community and to spread some happiness. Local artist Hannah Carding has designed some hearts that can be printed and coloured in. They are available to download here:

[Community Hearts Project - Health Connections Mendip](#)

## LEARNING TOGETHER

Lilly made Percy Pig fudge; Tia designed and made a Viking shield; Edie and Pepi made tents; Rafael, Romilly, Matilda, Oliver, Beatrice, Harriet, Axel and Mark created posters about plastic pollution and internet safety; Jessica, Oleander and Indigo cooked or baked with their parents; Josh, Lucja, Jay, Leo and Year 4 created 3D models of the dragons' eyes they designed last week and Roman made an awesome Chinese dragon head!



## LEARNING NEXT WEEK

### Reception

- Phonics - Blending and segmenting CCVC and CVCC words.
- Maths - Learning numbers to 20.
- Activity - Den building and woodwork.

### Year 1

- Maths - Counting in twos and fives.
- English - Beginning our new book, 'We've All Got Belly Buttons'.

### Year 2

- Maths - Measurements.
- English - Starting our new Roald Dahl topic, starting with 'The Enormous Crocodile'.

### Year 3

- Maths - Money.
- English - Continuing with 'Romulus and Remus'.

### Year 4

- English - The book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'
- Maths - Fractions

## CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Holy Trinity Church in Frome are aware of the struggles faced by everyone at this time. They hope to provide support for people struggling with unmanageable debt, and have joined with national charity, 'Christians Against Poverty' (CAP) to bring help to local people for whom debt is a serious issue.

CAP works in partnership with churches of all denominations and the debt centre based at Holy Trinity covers anyone living in the BA11 postcode area. The service is offered free of charge. The centre manager is Phil Gray and he is available now to help clients with unmanageable debt.

Contact Phil on Wednesdays and Thursdays on 07496516089 or via email at [philgray@capuk.org](mailto:philgray@capuk.org)

## 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.