

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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FROM MRS MARSLAND

We had a visit from our School Education Partner yesterday, who toured the school with me; he was extremely impressed by the "calm and purposeful atmosphere in every classroom".

I would like to thank you the parents, my staff team and, most importantly, the children for your continued hard work and support, and for rising admirably to the challenges of what has been a trying term.

We have a lot to celebrate, including the Playpod, Year 2 1930s Day, Virtual Sports Week and a fantastic Easter Service, which you can watch here: vimeo.com/531720735/81c7c78a21

Keep safe, and have a restful and happy Easter break. See you all back on Monday 19th.

SPORTS AWARDS

This afternoon, we had a special assembly outside, during which we announced the winners of the Virtual Sports Week events, and gave out certificates and trophies. Unfortunately, we ran out of time to present all the awards, but we will give out the remainder after Easter. These are all the challenge winners:

Well done to Elodie in Reception; Endeavour in Year 2; Gray and Juliet in Year 3; Thomas, Romilly, Leo A and Oleander in Year 4, who had the highest scores in each challenge, and to Harrison W in Year 1 who was the top scoring child in the whole school. Well done too, to Mrs Coates who was the top scoring member of staff.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please make a note on your calendar - when we come back after Easter, we will be on **Week 1** of the lunch menu.

TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

- 1 Jessica - Sycamore
- 2 Rubus - Beech
- 3 Cleo - Sycamore
- 4 Oliver - Sycamore
- 5 Romilly - Maple

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

- 1 Sycamore
- 2 Maple
- 3 Hawthorn
- 4 Beech
- 5 Poplar

SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We are increasingly concerned about the safety of all pedestrians including your children, outside school. There are too many vehicles parking illegally on the double yellow lines and the zig zags. Being late for drop off or pick up is not an acceptable excuse!

We would like to remind all parents that the car park on Blindhouse Lane (opposite Reception classes) is for residents only. There is also no parking permitted on the lane itself, in the staff car park, or on the road outside school.

We will be reporting to the police any vehicles which are causing an obstruction or hazard, and ask that our families do the same. You may report them directly here:

- * Online – fill in a [general enquiry form](#)
- * By phone – call [101](tel:101)
- * In person – at [your local police station](#)

You should report a vehicle causing an obstruction or hazard by:

- * Parking in a dangerous position such as on zig zag lines or other pedestrian crossings.
- * Parking opposite or within ten metres of a junction.
- * Parking over a dropped kerb.
- * Blocking a road or pavement which causes pedestrians to enter the road.
- * Preventing you from being able to park or get your vehicle off your driveway.
- * Preventing emergency vehicles from accessing an area.

If you need to bring a car to school, please leave home in good time and park well away from the school. To ensure the safety of all children, please do not bring your car to school.

We have sent out the Frome 'Park and Stride' map again with this newsletter. This details car parks within 5 minutes' walk of school. We know you can do this, as when there's a member of staff outside, nobody parks illegally! Please work with us to keep everybody safe outside school.

You may be interested in the following article about Somerset County Council promising to introduce 20mph speed limits outside schools across the County by 2022:

somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/schools-somerset-advisory-20mph-speed-3869182

Please lobby your SCC councillors for the Frome here: frometowncouncil.gov.uk/councillor_category/county/



YEAR 2 GO BACK TO 1930s

Children in Year 2 continued learning in a fun way about what school would have been like in 1930s this week. Mrs Jackson and Mrs Llewellyn stayed in character as *very* strict schoolmistresses on Wednesday morning. The children did their maths on slates with chalk and learned some old-fashioned games to play together outside.

When Mrs Marsland asked,
"Why are you using chalkboards? Where are your whiteboards?"

There was a very quick response from a child, also in character,
"What's a whiteboard?"

LEARNING NEXT TERM

Our Value next half term is Friendship

Reception

Phonics - Blending to read simple words. Learning and writing our tricky words.

Maths - Doubling and problem solving.

Theme - Growing vegetables. Life cycles.

Year 1

Maths - Arrays.

English - Introducing the poem story, 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

Year 2

Maths - Subtraction using a number line

English - Writing about houses in 1666.

Year 3

Maths - Fractions.

English - 'Magic and Mystery.'

Year 4

Maths - Decimals.

English - Letter writing.

YEAR FOUR THIS WEEK

Last week, we shared a 'Magic Box' poem by Sycamore. This week's was written by Lissi in Maple:

The Magic Box

I have a box, a Magic Box! And in that box I shall put...

A boiling hot flame from an erupting volcano,

An Indian hair from a woollen blanket,

A very sharp piece of crystal from ancient Egypt,

Some multi-coloured beach shells

which floated ashore from the ocean,

And the reddish pinkish sunset sky.

I shall put in my box...

The sound of birds singing in the early morning,

The sound of cats purring to get their fishy food,

The sound of a mouse squeaking in its teeny, tiny hole,

The sound of a distant bark behind the swishing trees,

The sound of a roar from a gigantic T-rex.

I shall put in my box...

The sand between my fingers as I lie under an umbrella,

The smooth scaly snake skin,

The fabric of an Indian lady's dress which was hand-made,

The wood from a pirate's boat

which sank to the bottom of the sea,

And the paper from an ancient scroll.

I shall put in my box...

The smell of the salty sea,

The smell of an ice cream truck pulling up on a beach,

The smell of bread baking in a bakery,

And the smell of smoke from a beaming flame.

My box is fashioned from gold

and has a ruby in the middle of the lid.

My box has friendship, talent and bravery inside the ruby.

The hinges are made of shark teeth and the corners are packed with secrets from ancient Egypt.

In my box I would dive into a wonderland of secrets and sing along with the choir of happiness.

I shall play with an orchestra and make a tall cake fit for 20 and play with a dragon of hope.

DIARY DATES

Mon 19 April	First day of term
27 - 29 April	Virtual 'Life Bus' workshops
Mon 3 May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Fri 28 May	Last day of term
31 May - 4 Jun	Half Term - school closed
Mon 7 June	First day of term
Thurs 1 July	Class and whole school photos
Fri 2 July	Thoulstone Activities Trip - Year 4
Fri 23 July	Last day of school year

FROME CRICKET CLUB -

RETURN OF 'ALL STARS' AND LAUNCH OF 'DYNAMOS'

Frome Cricket Club will be running the exciting Sunday morning **All Stars** cricket sessions again, for children aged 5-8. All Stars is an initiative from the England and Wales Cricket Board providing a great first experience in cricket over 8 weeks of one hour sessions. The emphasis is on fun and being active, with a focus on developing your child's movement skills in a safe environment.

Dynamos is a new addition to the youth programme offered at Frome Cricket Club. Another ECB initiative, it is for girls aged 8 to 11 years old, either coming out of All Stars Cricket or for those totally new to the sport.

For all details, and to book, visit: ecb.clubspark.uk/

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.