

# 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



Imre (Ash) Ella (Oak)  
Willow (Hawthorn) Daisy E (Poplar)  
William (Beech) Isla & Marley (Fir)  
Skye (Rowan) Hector (Willow)  
Zoja (Maple) Harriett (Sycamore)

## TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

- 1 Rowan - Rowan
- 2 Leo S - Sycamore
- 3 Genny - Maple
- 4 Lily - Sycamore
- 5 William-Scott - Poplar

## TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

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

## FROM MRS MARSLAND

Welcome back everyone!

I sincerely hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break; we really were blessed with some glorious weather. Leo and I certainly made the most of the good weather, enjoying three days of fabulous walks in Bideford Bay during the second week.

The children have all come back in looking happy and refreshed, ready for this new term. This week we have relaxed our restrictions in school a little, by allowing year group classes to have playtime together on the same playground, which has been welcomed by the children. It is also exciting to have Mr Croucher starting up his after school sports clubs again this week.

In the coming weeks, we will be able to tell you which classes are going where, and who is teaching each class next year. We will endeavour to do this as soon as we can, but only when we are confident that any changes are very unlikely. We know children had minimal transition opportunities last year, and we will be ensuring they do all have a good transition this year.

The children in each class have been writing recipes for being a good friend, two of which are on the back of this letter. I will be collecting them all, and with the House Captains will be combining them to write our whole school recipe, which I hope I will be able to share with you in the next newsletter.

With India in the news daily at the moment, our good friends at our link school 'HOPE foundation' in Bhuj are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

We all send them our love and good wishes.

## THE LIFE BUS

In previous years, the Life Education Bus has spent a few days in our school car park, and classes visit it as part of our programme of Personal, Social and Health Education.

We know it as 'The Life Bus', and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, all classes will be taking part in Life Bus workshops on Zoom instead.

Children will be following five healthy courses: 'All About Me' (Reception), 'My Wonderful Body' (Year 1), 'Feelings' (Year 2), 'Meet the Brain' (Year 3) and 'It's Great to be Me!' (Year 4).

There is a cost to The Life Bus, but we are delighted to tell you that once again, the Friends of Frome Hospital will be funding virtual visits to the first schools in the Frome Learning Partnership.

## IN YEAR ONE THIS WEEK

Children in Hawthorn and Poplar were learning about different religions and how they celebrate different things at different times of the year. They were comparing the Christian celebration of Easter, which signifies rebirth and renewal, with the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah, which commemorates the creation of the world.

They tried apples in honey, which is traditionally used to symbolise a sweet new year ahead.



### FROM TOY LIBRARY

Stay and play sessions at the Frome Toy Library have restarted this week. Staff there have lots of safety measures in place and will be running two bookable hour long sessions each week. Adults will need to wear a mask during sessions and there will be hand sanitising on arrival. As always, Sarah will be there to welcome you in and to give parenting support if you need it.

If you'd like to book a place at one of the sessions please call Sarah on 07960 565939. Sessions will be at 9.30am and 11am in the community room at Vallis School. If you can't make it to sessions but would like to borrow from the Toy Library, call to arrange free home delivery (members only). Click [here](#) to become a member.

### LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Friendship

#### Reception

Phonics - Blending and writing words with di and trigraphs.

Theme - We will be going on a minibeast hunt, learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and welcoming our new caterpillar eggs into our classes!

Maths - Sharing and halving; evens and odds.

#### Year 1

Maths - Halving.

English - Producing animal fact files.

#### Year 2

Maths - Subtraction word problems.

English - Learning to write in the past tense using verbs and adverbs ending in 'ed' and 'ly'.

#### Year 3

Maths - Fractions.

English - Poetry.

#### Year 4

Maths - Hundredths as decimals.

English - 'Gregory Cool' letter writing.

### DIARY DATES

April 27 - 29	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
Thurs 1 July	Class and whole school photos
Fri 2 July	Thoulstone Activities Trip - Year 4
Fri 23 July	Last day of school

### Academic Year 2021/2022

Mon 6 Sept	Inset Day - school closed
Tues 7 Sept	Inset Day - school closed
Weds 8 Sept	First day of term

## 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.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021 - 2022

The school calendar for the next academic year has now been updated with all five of our Inset days. It's available on the school website, or here: [School Calendar 2021 2022](#)

### RECIPES FOR A GOOD FRIEND

A bucket of laughter.  
A dash of joyfulness.  
1 litre of special care.  
1 jug full of happiness.  
A bottle of shared interests.  
A sprinkle of love.  
12 teaspoons of kindness.  
A spoonful of games.  
5,000 teaspoons of helpfulness.  
An enormous box full of hope.  
A drop of memories.  
3 grams of understanding.  
A huge dollop of togetherness.  
3 shakes of sharing.  
2 tablespoons of fun!  
A cup full of co-operation.  
3 tablespoons of perseverance.  
Half a dozen smiles.  
A rocket full of respect.  
A bag full of self-control.

#### By Maple Class April 2021

You will need:  
A handful of memories,  
A gallon of kindness,  
A baker's dozen of laughs,  
A sprinkle of forgiveness,  
2 spoons of sharing,  
A classroom of fun!  
10 buckets of happiness,  
A lake of trust,  
200 ladles of carefulness,  
2 boxes of love,  
200 shakes of helpfulness,  
A large dollop of bonkersness,  
2 tablespoons of playing together,  
A river of dancing,  
40 cups of perseverance,  
10 yards of teamwork,  
100,000 scoops of hope,  
9 tablespoons of joy,  
300 glasses of self-control,  
An endless amount of listening,  
8 ounces of patience,  
A dozen smiles,  
13 bottles of wisdom,  
1 tight hug,  
A can of kisses,  
12 fingers of responsibility,  
A few pinches of silliness.  
and lots and lots of respect!

#### By Sycamore Class April 2021