

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Ariana (Hawthorn) Ida (Poplar)
Jasper (Beech) David (Fir)
Alice (Rowan) River (Willow)
Ruben (Sycamore) Louis (Maple)



Special awards were given to everyone in Ash and Oak classes for settling in so quickly and so well at school.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

This afternoon, Year 4 classes were told who the new House Captains are, and we are sure there will be some excited Year 4s telling their parents this afternoon! We will make an official announcement to children and staff on Monday and will publish their names in next week's newsletter.

CAN YOU HELP?

Staff in Twilight would love to find some new things for the children to watch, and would be very grateful for any spare or unwanted U-rated DVDs that you would be willing to donate.

Please just drop them in to staff at the front gate. We will ensure they are sanitised before being used in school.

PE DAYS, PE KITS AND UNIFORM

We would like to clarify the children's PE days and which days we would like them to come to school in their PE kits. Most classes have a hall time every day, but this does not necessarily mean they will be doing PE every day. It may be a short yoga session, or an active Maths / English lesson, or drama, or music for instance; these sessions do not require PE kit. Also some sessions may differ in length, but classes across Year Groups have the same amount of time.)

Please send children in their PE kit, or suitable clothing, on the following days:

Maple - Thursday
Sycamore - Thursday
Willow - Friday
Rowan - Friday
Fir - Friday
Beech - Thursday, Friday
Poplar - Thursday, Friday
Hawthorn - Monday, Thursday

Also, a reminder of our official school uniform: white polo shirt / red jumper / dark grey or black trousers.

Our official PE kit – red polo shirt or t-shirt / black shorts, joggers or leggings.

However, if parents have excess red polo shirts and wish to send them in those as uniform, or to use white for PE, at this time, we are very relaxed about it, as we slowly head back towards something a bit more normal. It really isn't the end of the world if anyone gets mixed up and children come in PE kit / uniform on the wrong day!

PARENTS' EVENING PHONE CALLS

The booking forms for Parents' Evenings - Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 - are now live on Parentmail for parents to book a 10-minute slot.

If parents are living separately and require a separate slot, please email the school inbox, or leave a voicemail, and we will arrange this for you.

FACEBOOK GROUP

We are still receiving many requests to join the school facebook group where parents have not answered all FOUR membership questions. We are unable to accept your request until you have agreed to the fourth question: "Do you agree to the group rules from the admin?"

If your request is rejected, please check and try again. We definitely want you all to be part of the group!

ASH CLASS'S POP-UP CINEMA...

Lana and Sienna in Ash had a lovely idea which captured the imagination of the whole class this week. They decided to open a cinema for the afternoon!



They made tickets, 'sold' them to their classmates, made a price list for 'snacks', rearranged all the chairs in front of the smart board, counted all the money and then they watched 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.

ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORMS

Children have now brought home log-in details for all the online learning platforms we will be using to help you support your child with learning at home.

BLUE PETER BADGE

We heard some good news from Ruby in Sycamore this week. Over the summer, Ruby had been researching, drawing and writing about foxes. She wrote to Blue Peter and this week she received a Blue Peter badge. Well done Ruby!



LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Reception

- Maths - The number 4. Counting accurately. Identifying patterns.
- Phonics - ck, e, u, r. Tricky words - the, to

Year 1

- Maths - Addition and subtraction within 10.
- English - Introducing 'Where The Wild Things Are'. Making our own monsters.

Year 2

- Maths - Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s. Odd and even numbers.
- English - Re-telling and sequencing the story, 'The Way Back Home'.

Year 3

- Maths - Working with place value and ordering numbers.
- English - Linking Luke Temple's Masterclass with our writing about Stone Age Boy.

Year 4

- Maths - Negative numbers. Roman numerals.
- English - Luke Temple's Masterclass.

A MESSAGE FROM SAINT

School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team

It has been drawn to our attention that letters regarding the flu vaccination (including a barcode) have been sent to parents. This letter has been sent from a central system and has caused lots of confusion. Please be reassured that this does not affect any online consent forms that have already been submitted to our team. Parents do not need to bring letters to school; we will be submitting vaccination data to Child Health using demographic information ie NHS Number, Names, Dates of Birth and Postcode, as we do every year.

We will be in your school on Wednesday 4th November to administer this year's flu vaccination. Parental consent must be given via an online consent form, which can be found here:

saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/east

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Somerset SAINT 0300 3230032.

Further information can be found at the Public Health England website: nhs.uk/child-flu

DIARY DATES

19th - 22nd Oct	Parents' Evening Phone Calls Y1,2,3,4
Fri 23 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
Oct 26 - 30	Half Term
2nd - 6th Nov	Parents' Evening Phone Calls Y1,2,3,4
Weds 4 Nov	Flu Immunisation
9th - 13th Nov	Parents' Evening Phone Calls Reception
Weds 11 Nov	Bag 2 School Collection
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term

This week's **SOMERSET SEND** newsletter is now available – please click on the following link to read the latest stories.

choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/

MOJO MOVES

A free, fun weekly online disco with aerobics for children & young people with SEN & their parents/carers to enjoy together. Next date Wednesday 14th October 17.00-17.45

Mojo Moves is our unique brand of fitness which combines comedy, proper dance aerobics and a more relaxed disco feel. discoverfrome.co.uk/event/free-disco-for-children-young-people-with-sen/2020-10-14/

THE POD ONLINE PARENTS TALKING CAFÉ

Do you have a child or young person with additional needs? The Pod is hosting a relaxed online space for you to meet other parents who might be in a similar situation; talk about challenges you may be facing in these challenging times; share ideas for activities and support.

Make yourself a cuppa, get online and join us! Next meeting: Wednesday 14th October 10.30–11.30am To book your free place: eventbrite.co.uk/e/additional-needs-parents-talking-cafe-tickets-124074986625

For other Frome events: discoverfrome.co.uk/events/

