

# 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 may have been a slightly shorter week this week, but it has been a long and busy half term, with the children settling in to their new school routines beautifully.

Thank you to every one of you for your hard work and continued support – parents, children and as always, my fantastic staff. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break – you have all earned it!

Don't forget tomorrow is an INSET day.  
School restarts on: **Monday 2nd November.**

## TAKE OUR VIRTUAL TOUR

Our new House Captains and Vice Captains have finished their virtual tour of our school! They put a lot of thought, time and effort into planning, writing and learning lines, making sure they included all the important and fun things we do here. They were then filmed by the Year 4 teachers, who, with help from Mr Coombs, edited and created this final version:

[vimeo.com/470672059/57f07b5905](https://vimeo.com/470672059/57f07b5905)

Thank you to everyone involved in this whole process. This link is available on our website for anyone, anywhere to take a look at and to see why we are so proud of our wonderful school. We have also emailed the link to all the parents making enquiries for their children starting school in September 2021, and we have already received some good feedback:

*"What a great tour! It's clear a lot of work went into it. Please thank the children for us."*

*"Thank you so much for this. It looks like a truly wonderful school. Well done to all the movie stars for making it!"*

## VIRTUAL REMEMBRANCE 2020

Although this year there will be no Remembrance Parade, staff and children will still be representing St John's School in a virtual Remembrance which is being organised and created by the Frome branch of Royal British Legion. They are collating recordings of wreaths being laid, readings, poems, songs, reflections etc. We have already recorded our House Captains laying our wreath, and the Choir singing a socially-distanced 'We Will Remember'. When the finished item is available to view online, we will include the link in this newsletter.

We are unable to sell poppies and the other items this year, so after the half term break, we will have a whole school fundraising day instead. More details to follow after the half term break.

## ST JOHN'S STORYBOOK TRAIL

Have you signed up for our half term event - the Storybook Trail around Frome? There's still plenty of time if you haven't...

Hidden around various Frome town centre windows, there are 14 book covers from children's storybooks. However the book covers have parts of their title missing! Find all of the books and fill in your form with the missing words to be entered into our prize draw.

We have lots of wonderful prizes which have been donated from the following local businesses: Café La Strada, Fat Radish, Amica, Boho, Emerald Florence, Millers, Choc et al, Christina Oswin and Hunting Raven Books. Thank you to all of these businesses for their support and to the businesses who are part of the Trail too.

If you have paid for an entry form and map on Parentmail, they have all been sent home today. If you haven't got one yet, you can pick one up from Ellenbray, Café La Strada or Denude. Entry forms cost £2 and must be paid for in **CASH** at either Ellenbray, Café La Strada or Denude. Please have the correct amount of cash to minimise handling.

Once completed please post to: 'Storybook Trail', St. John's First School, Christchurch Street East, Frome, BA11 1QG. All proceeds go to school. The closing date for the competition is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November and all entries must be received by this date to be entered into the draw.

Have fun and see if you can find all of the books!

## SCHOOL CHOIR

We will be starting up the school choir again after half term, but will need to keep it safe and within current regulations. As a result, it will be limited to Key Stage 2 to begin with. We will send out all the details of how it will be running, also how to sign up, after the half term break.



### FROME HALLOWEEN WINDOW WANDERLAND

**Sat 31st October and Sun 1st November 5.30 – 8.30pm**

This year, organisers are planning a Halloween Window Wanderland as an alternative to trick or treating, so you can still dress up and go for a wander around your local area after dark and see the windows that your neighbours have created!

Why not join in creating a trail of lights this Autumn? Create a scene in your window to mark the festivals of Halloween, Day of the Dead, Diwali, Fireworks, or simply the changing season with a colourful display to brighten the streets of Frome.

Please stay in small groups of no more than six when wandering and follow government guidelines regarding social distancing.

Make sure you walk past school; the children have made Autumn leaf window displays for some of the first floor windows.

[windowwanderland.com/event/frome-2020-oct/](http://windowwanderland.com/event/frome-2020-oct/)

### LEARNING NEXT TERM

#### Reception

Maths - 1 more of numbers 1-5.  
Phonics - Blending sounds to read simple words.

#### Year 1

Maths - Subtraction.  
English - Naming and identifying different plants.

#### Year 2

Maths - Addition.  
English - Firework poetry.

#### Year 3

Maths - Addition using part, part, whole.  
English - Introducing our magical new text...

#### Year 4

Maths - Addition and subtraction.  
English - Reading 'War Game' and 'Poppy Fields' to learn about Remembrance.

### SPOT THE BADGERS IN FROME

If you're looking for a fun, family activity during half term then why not pick up a worksheet for Frome's first ever Badger Spot. Throughout the week, the Badgers of Broadway will be hiding in shop windows around the town centre to raise awareness of the fight to protect Frome's last undeveloped green space - a valuable wild space, full of rich habitat - tucked behind Broadway and Oakfield Road. Pick up a worksheet on Saturday 24th or Wednesday 28th October from the campaign stall outside the Westway shopping area, or anytime from the Frome Town Hall and the Discover Frome information Centre in the Black Swan Arts. You can also print your own or find out more from:

[broadwaycommunitygardens.com](http://broadwaycommunitygardens.com)  
#badgersabouttown #broadwaycommunitygardens

### FAMILY MATTERS

The October issue of Family Matters is available now:  
[issuu.com/ignyte/docs/fm\\_nesom\\_issue80\\_web?fr=sNzUwNzlwOTQ00DE](http://issuu.com/ignyte/docs/fm_nesom_issue80_web?fr=sNzUwNzlwOTQ00DE)



### RECEPTION PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' Evening phone calls have been set up for Oak and Ash classes, and will be visible on Parentmail from 7pm this evening for parents to book a 10-minute slot.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Don't forget that hot meals return on a phased basis after half term, beginning with Reception and Pupil Premium children. School packed lunches will continue for Years 1 and 2 initially.

If you haven't booked lunches for your Reception or Pupil Premium child, please make sure you send a packed lunch for them from the first day back.

### FIRE ALARM

We sounded the fire alarm this afternoon, just to remind the children what it sounds like, and to talk through our evacuation procedures. We will be doing a proper evacuation practice after the half term break.

### FLU VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN

Somerset SAINT (School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team) will be in school on Wednesday 4th November to administer this year's flu vaccination. There is no paper form to complete this year; parental consent must be given via an online consent form, which can be found here:

[saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/east](http://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/east)

Please complete a form - one per child - as soon as possible. Our link will close on November 1st. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason please contact Somerset SAINT for help on 0300 3230032.

**Please complete the consent form even if you do not consent to the vaccination.** Further information can be found at the Public Health England website:

[nhs.uk/child-flu](http://nhs.uk/child-flu)

### PARKING

We would like to remind all parents that the car park on Blindhouse Lane (opposite the entrance to Oak and Ash classes) is for residents only. There is also no parking permitted on the lane itself, in the staff car park, on the road outside school, or outside Frome and Groom. There has been an increasing amount of congestion at school drop off and pick up times, which is making it difficult and dangerous for everyone. Please be considerate to each other, and to our neighbours.

### DIARY DATES

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
Thurs 5 Nov	Vision Testing - Year 1
9th - 13th Nov	Parents' Evening Phone Calls Reception
Tues 10 Nov	School Photos
Weds 11 Nov	Bag 2 School Collection
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term
Mon 4 Jan	Inset Day - School closed
Fri 12 Feb	Inset Day - School closed
Feb 15 - 19	Half Term