

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Sonny (Ash) Jessica (Oak)
Louie (Hawthorn) Oliver (Poplar)
Mason (Beech) Harriet (Fir)
Rio (Rowan) Alexa (Willow)
Elsabeth & Joshua (Sycamore) Genny (Maple)

WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone had a good half term break. It was lovely to come back to school this week and see so many children in school uniform again. It is already feeling more like the old St John's which I'm sure will benefit all our children moving forward.

We are all looking forward to Christmas, and we are already planning our celebrations. Yes, they will be different this year, but they will definitely happen... More information will follow!

Mrs Marsland

BABY NEWS

We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of our newest St John's family member:

Ezra Felix Dayman-Johns

He was born on Monday 26th October at 8:53am and weighed 6lb 7oz.

We are all waiting excitedly, but very patiently, until it's safe to meet him in person. Until then, here's a photo of him and his proud Mummy!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please remember the children will be having their individual school photos taken in school next Tuesday. We would like to assure families that a thorough risk assessment has been undertaken and we are happy that this can still go ahead in a safe manner.

If you do not wish your child to have their photo taken, please email the school office on stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk by the end of Monday 9th.

Unfortunately, the photographer is unable to take photos of siblings together this year.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Though the community of Frome can't gather to remember as usual this year outside the Memorial Theatre, the community of Frome has gathered together in a different way by contributing to a virtual Act of Remembrance. Veterans, serving personnel, individuals, families, schools and organisations have all contributed to an hour long video for Remembrance Sunday 2020.

Before the half term break, we recorded Maple's House Captains temporarily laying our school wreath at the Memorial:

<https://vimeo.com/476271019/cf2e89ac57>

and the school choir singing 'We Will Remember' in school:

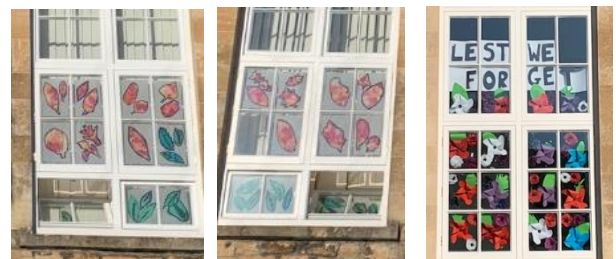
<https://vimeo.com/476270834/05e966939b>

to be included in this virtual Act of Remembrance.

House Captains from Sycamore will go and lay the wreath for real next week, which we will also film and photograph.

The video is set to go public at 00.00hrs on Sunday morning 8th November 2020 at <https://youtu.be/Oyv1iHJhHH8> or by following the link that will be at www.stjohnsfrome.com/remembrance

As usual, we will observe the silence on Wednesday together as a whole school, but this year it will be via TEAMS. We have chosen not to sell poppies this year, but there will be a collection pot for any donations people wish to make to the British Legion.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Year 4 children and staff - especially Mrs Oakley - for making all the leaves for our beautiful contribution to Frome's 'Window Wanderland' display last weekend. Also for all the poppies they made for our Remembrance displays in school.

BLUE PETER BADGES

We have had some more successful Blue Peter badge winners!

Genny in Maple received a music badge for her piano playing, and a green badge for doing a litter pick on her way to school.

Harriet in Fir also received a Blue Peter badge this week. Hers was the sports badge, which was for trying her hand at gymnastics on a bar. Well done to both of you!



PARKING

There is still considerable congestion at school drop off and pick up times, which is making it difficult and dangerous for everyone. It is particularly dangerous for the children of those parents who are parking without consideration or respect for each other, or for our neighbours. We would like to remind all parents, again, 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 is no safe, or permitted, parking close to school! If you have to use a car to get school, please leave home earlier, giving you time to park 5 minutes away and walk the rest of the way.

Children in Year 3 have been writing and creating shape poems about fireworks this week.



LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Reception

Maths - Positional language.
English - Diwali.
Phonics - j, v, w, x

Year 1

Maths - Finding the difference.
English - Continuing with our text, 'Knuffle Bunny'.

Year 2

Maths - Addition and number bonds to 20.
English - Writing sentences about emperor penguins.

Year 3

Maths - Subtraction.
English - Beginning our research into Mary Anning.

Year 4

Maths - Column subtraction.
English - Traditional Tales based on Ancient Egypt.

STORYBOOK TRAIL

There have been a lot of completed entries returned to school, which means a lot of you took part in our fun Storybook Trail around Frome over half term. We hope you had fun! Prize-winners, and the total raised for school, will be announced in next week's newsletter.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The Somerset SAINT Nursing Team were in school this week to administer this year's flu vaccinations to children whose parents gave consent via the online form.

If you missed the consent deadline, but still wish to have your children vaccinated, it's still possible to get it done at one of the mop-up sessions across the county throughout this term. Please note, this vaccine is not available to school-aged children from your GP practice, unless they have a medical condition that puts them in an at-risk group.

Email somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk or call **0300 323 0032** to make an appointment at one of their community clinics.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Recycling Collection Wednesday 11th November

The collection we have arranged is still going ahead next week. If you have any clean, unwanted clothes, paired shoes and boots, soft toys, bedlinen, towels, bags or belts you would be willing to donate, please bag them up. Please don't include school uniform with our lamb logo on.

You are welcome to leave filled bags (carriers or bin liners are all ok) against the wall behind the left hand gate of the staff car park - **before 9.30am on the morning of Wednesday 11th only please!**

All donated items will be weighed and taken away to be sold or reused to raise money for worthy causes, whilst raising a little for school too.

DIARY DATES

9th - 13th Nov	Parents' Evening Phone Calls Reception
Tues 10 Nov	School Photos
Weds 11 Nov	Bag 2 School Collection
Weds 11 Nov	Rodden Meadow Trip - Hawthorn
Thurs 12 Nov	Rodden Meadow Trip - Poplar
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term

FREE VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

With the second lockdown now in place in England, it'll be tough not being able to meet face to face for support and to chat. That's why the Somerset Parent Carer Forum has set up a series of virtual information sessions, many featuring guest speakers, so you can get together in the comfort of your kitchen or front room.

- Friday 6 Nov – 10.30-11.30am – Autism Somerset
- Thursday 12 Nov – 10.30-11.30am – The Unstoppables
- Tuesday 17 Nov – 10.30-11.30am – SEND Transport
- Monday 23 Nov – 10.30-11.30am – Young Somerset
- Wed 2 Dec – 10.30-11.30am – Guest tba
- Wed 9 Dec – 1.00-2.00pm – Avon & Somerset Police
- Monday 14 Dec – 10.30-11.30am – Children's Autism Outreach Team (CAOT)

All events will take place through GoTo meeting, which is free to download through any smart phone, tablet or computer. Places must be booked in advance. [Click for Eventbrite booking page.](#)

At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.