

# 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

Everyone in Ash and Oak  
Primrose (Hawthorn) Zachary (Poplar)  
Betty (Beech) Laurie (Fir)  
Orla & Whole Class (Rowan) Mila (Willow)  
Charlie (Sycamore) Ruby (Maple)  
Mrs Laye and Mrs Fear

## TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

1. Rio - Maple
2. Zac - Sycamore
3. Jacob - Sycamore
4. Gabriel - Maple
5. Mila - Maple

## TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

1. Maple
2. Sycamore
3. Rowan
4. Beech
5. Willow

## FROM MRS MARSLAND

So, we are at the end of our first complete week in school, and I am so proud of how everyone has settled back into school routines, with children and staff all working very hard – thank you and well done! I am SUPER proud of Ash Class and Oak Class who have been awesome! They have been in all day every day, had lunch in the hall and joined us this afternoon for our first Zoom Headteacher Awards. They have been coming into school independently, mostly with big smiles on their faces, and I don't think I have seen two reception classes sit so nicely at the start of each day. Well done to them!

Thank you to those of you who managed to join us for our Year Group Curriculum Sessions, held this week after school. For those of you who were unable to attend, the Powerpoint presentations should now be on Seesaw for you to refer to, and you can send any questions via Seesaw or indeed the year group email address. There is a reminder of those addresses on the next page of this newsletter.

Just for your information, we did sound our emergency alarms for approximately 10 seconds this afternoon, so that all new children have experienced the sound and to remind everyone else. We will be carrying out a practise evacuation at some point next week. On this occasion, children will be told just ahead of it happening.

We have had quite a few enquiries about after school clubs. I would love to be in the position to say these can start immediately, but as I said we are approaching things with caution. Our caution with reinstating these clubs, is not about mixing of children at this time, our caution is around the capacity to offer them and sustain them, and not having to cancel at short notice due to staffing. We have already been stretched at times with staffing during the school day, where staff have themselves been poorly or have poorly children who need looking after. I do not want to disappoint children or disrupt parent arrangements by cancelling clubs. Also, for any providers who are not school based staff, we do need to make new arrangements and do new DBS checks before they can start. Over the next couple of weeks, I will talk to children about what after school clubs they would really like to have, and we will aim to have clubs up and running for straight after October half term. Mr Croucher's clubs will be able to start sooner, so do look out for communication about this. Choir will also definitely be back up and running after half term, initially for just Years 3 and 4.

Finally... from me... I have had a lovely week, made so much better by being back in the hall with the children singing! Years 3 and 4 had singing with me on Tuesday, and Years 1 and 2 joined me on Thursday. We sang lots of harvest songs, and it was just great!

Have a lovely weekend.

## MR & MRS BOWMAN

We are delighted to announce that during the summer holidays, after more than a year of complicated lockdown cancelling, rescheduling and waiting, Mr Bowman was at last able to marry his beautiful bride, Jo.

Everyone here wishes them and their whole family many, many happy years together.

## SPONSORED WALK

This Saturday 18th, Mrs Llewellyn will be completing a sponsored walk from Bradford on Avon to Bath, to raise money for the RUH. If you would like to donate to this amazing cause, visit:

[foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk/event/walk-of-life](http://foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk/event/walk-of-life)

Good luck from all of us, Mrs Llewellyn!

## AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Please inform school if your child is being collected by any adult other than those listed as your official contacts. This applies to Twilight pick-up too. Staff will only release children with permission direct from the child's own parents, not from the person who is collecting. Permission can be given to staff on the front gate in the morning, emailed to the main school inbox, or given over the phone during the day. If it is necessary for a sibling under 18 to collect, we must receive signed written consent please.

Please be patient while your class teachers learn who their new parents and family members are and who is on your child's contact list with your permission already.

## IN RECEPTION THIS WEEK..

...children making friends and learning while they play.



### NEW TERM

Please could we remind parents and carers of a few things to help all children and staff during this new school year:

St John's is a nut-free school. Please ensure your child does not have nuts of any kind in their lunchbox - this includes spreads such as Nutella and some cereal bars. We have children with life-threatening allergies in school - please check all labels carefully.

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle; they will be encouraged to drink plenty of water, and to refill it often.

Children are asked to wear school PE kit to school on their PE days (see below). Please tie long hair back and remove earrings before school.

Please do not send children to school with birthday sweets or treats. However, you may bring them after school so that children are able to share them with their friends in the playground, with the parents' permission.

Please name everything clearly so that we can return lost property quickly. During the summer holiday, **four** large bags of unnamed and unclaimed uniform were sent to charity and/or recycled!

Please make sure your child has a coat in school.

If your child is asthmatic, they must have a prescribed inhaler in school at all times. Please ensure it is in date and named, and that you have signed it in to school on a medical form.

Lastly, thank you for the effort you have all put in to ensuring the children look so smart for the new school year! Your children are a credit to you all.

### PE DAYS

Reception - Fridays

Year 1 (Hawthorn) - Mondays and Thursdays

Year 1 (Poplar) - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 2 (Beech) - Fridays

Year 2 (Fir) - Thursdays and Fridays

Year 3 - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 4 - Wednesdays and Fridays

### YEAR GROUP EMAILS

Please make a note, or save them in your email address book:

Reception: Yearreceptionstjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Year 1: Year1stjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Year 2: Year2stjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Year 3: Year3stjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Year 4: Year4stjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk

### DIARY DATES

Weds 29 Sept	Sports Festival - Year 4
Thurs 21 Oct	Inset Day - school closed
Fri 22 Oct	Public Holiday - school closed
October 22 - 29	Half Term
Mon 8 Nov	Egyptian Day - Year 4
Fri 17 Dec	Last Day of Term

### A Child's Voice

In Year 3 this week, the children have been writing their own verses to the old Louis Armstrong classic, 'What a Wonderful World'. Orla wrote these two beautiful verses, which earned her a Head Teacher's Award this week:

*I see rivers and lakes, freshly baked cakes.  
Flowing streams and buzzing bees.  
And I think to myself,  
What a wonderful world.*

*I see blossoms that bloom, roses that shine.  
Colourful skies that shine in the night.  
And I think to myself,  
What a wonderful world.*

### YEAR 4 SPORTS FESTIVAL

Children in Maple and Sycamore will be taking part in a Sports Festival in school on Weds 29th September.

### MYSTERY CHEESE HUNT

There is still time to take part in this special competition, organised by the Friends of St John's, as they have extended the deadline. Follow the clues, find the cheese thief and you may win a voucher for La Strada or one of these other prizes...



More details are on school Facebook page; entry forms are available from the front desk for £1 each. Please drop in any completed forms to your class teacher or to the front desk.

### LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Wisdom

#### Year 1

Maths - One more, one less.

English - Continuing our text, 'Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go.'

#### Year 2

Maths - Comparing 2 digit numbers using the greater and less than symbols.

English - Writing sentences about 'The Way Back Home' using **and** to link ideas.

#### Year 3

Maths - Place value.

English - Continuing our text, 'Stone Age Boy'.

#### Year 4

Maths - Place value.

English - Writing a design brief.

*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.*