

# 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

Headteacher awards did not take place this week, due to high levels of staff absence.

## TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

1. Logan – Rowan
2. Rio – Maple
3. Zac – Sycamore
4. Romilly - Rowan
5. Gabriel - Maple

## TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

1. Year 3 Green
2. Rowan
3. Sycamore
4. Maple
5. Year 4 Purple

## FROM MRS MARSLAND

Thank you!

Thank you just doesn't seem enough this week, but I am extremely grateful to the whole St John's community.

It has been a difficult week, with high levels of staff absence (not all COVID related), and the added difficulty that our normal supply teachers have not all been available. This has resulted in us having new agency supply teachers in Oak Class and Fir Class, and other classes covered by Mrs Moore, Miss Budd, Mrs Butler Stroud and myself. I am extremely proud of the children in Oak, Poplar, Fir and Sycamore who have all been affected by absence and different teachers; they have all been absolutely amazing – thank you children.

Thank you to all of my staff team, who have been in school this week. They have all gone above and beyond: adapting timetables, covering colleagues and helping me keep all of the classes open, safe and with quality learning continuing. Everyone has been fantastic, but I would like to express an extra special thank you to Mrs Conway, our Business Manager, for responding to messages and phone calls from me at ridiculous times of the day to help me organise cover for teachers, and also for liaising directly with public health and updating our control measures. My second extra special thank you is to Mrs Laye, who has managed the front desk for us, and my third extra special thank you to Mrs Butler-Stroud who has been teaching Poplar Class so brilliantly for me.

Thank you to all of you, for your continued patience, understanding and support; we really do appreciate it.

Of course, we send our best get well wishes to all children, parents or staff who are unwell, and hope you all feel much better very soon.

## STAFFING UPDATE

### Welcome

To our two new teaching students from Bath Spa University. Miss Bellamy and Mrs Inledon will both be based in Year 1 and will be with us until January.

### Farewell

We will be sad to say farewell to Mr Miles, who leaves St John's in two weeks' time. We wish him well in his new job.

## HARVEST DONATIONS TO FAIR FROME



We would like to thank everyone for their very generous harvest gifts, which have been collected by Fair Frome. We know your harvest gifts will be very much appreciated by those in most need – thank you!

Sadly, we have made the decision that we will not be taking the children down to church on Monday. However, we will record children singing their harvest songs and reading some harvest poems, and put together a virtual Harvest Festival for our website.

## UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier for logo items is LGS Clothing ([www.lgsclothing.co.uk/st-johns-frome](http://www.lgsclothing.co.uk/st-johns-frome)). We recommend using local supermarkets and shops for non-logo items, to achieve best value for money.

LGS have advised us that there is currently a supplier problem with fleece stocks. Cardigans age 5-6 7-8 have also been a problem but stocks are expected very soon.

When ordering you will be given the option to receive items as they arrive or to wait for all in one go.

If you select delivery to school, items will be sent home with your child as soon as they arrive. Please remember that we are not open over school holidays so you should either select click and collect or items will arrive at the start of the following term.

We are aware that a small number of families have not yet received orders placed at the end of the summer. If you are still waiting for an order, please contact LGS in the first instance and let school know.

## SCHOOL TOURS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Do you have a child or know someone with a child starting school in September 2022?

We are offering tours to prospective families on the following dates

- October
- 5th October
- 6th October
- 11th October
- 12th October
- Wednesday 13th October

Contact school to book a tour.

## VACANCIES

### Parent Governor

Would you be interested in becoming a Parent Governor? We currently have a vacancy, and full details will be emailed to all our parents next week.

### Midday Supervisors

We have vacancies for midday supervisors. The role involves supervising children at lunchtime and cleaning the hall after lunch sittings. Contact school for an application form.

## BOOK BAGS FOR RECEPTION

We have ordered book bags for our new reception children, which are a gift from the Friends of St John's. These will be given to children as soon as they arrive.

## LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Wisdom

### Year R

Sounds: c, k, u, b. Learning how to blend the sounds we have learnt this week

Maths: Sorting objects into groups

### Year 1

English - Continuing with our story: Where the Wild Things Are

Maths - Parts and Wholes

### Year 2

English: Writing in the past tense about the Moon Landing

Maths: Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s

### Year 3

English – Autumn Poetry Writing

Maths – Continuing with Place Value

### Year 4

English – traditional tales

Maths – place value

## DIARY DATES

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

## HALF TERM ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND

A range of FREE and affordable activities for the October half term are on offer for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and their families. Please follow the link for more information.

[https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/ideas-for-october-half-term-activities/send-news/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=send-news-300921](https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/ideas-for-october-half-term-activities/send-news/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=send-news-300921)

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