

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Belle (Ash) Lincoln (Oak)
Padma (Hawthorn) Callum (Poplar)
Florence (Beech) William (Fir)
Logan (Rowan) Lilah & Ted (Willow)
Rowan (Maple) Hector (Sycamore)

TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

1. Rio - Maple
2. Isabella - Sycamore
3. Annabeth - Sycamore
4. Logan - Rowan
5. Chloe - Rowan

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

1. Sycamore
2. Rowan
3. Y4 Purple Group
4. Y3 Green Group
5. Maple

A LETTER FROM FAIR FROME

"To all the children and staff at St John's School,

On behalf of Fair Frome, I would like to thank everyone for the very welcome variety of Harvest food donations collected recently. We are noticing a steep increase in demand on the food Bank, so Harvest has come at the right time for us. Your contribution weighed in at a huge 139kg.

Your generosity is very much appreciated by us and enables us to run the Fair Frome food bank and continue our work to reach and support those in need in the town, who would otherwise find it very difficult to manage."

Lenka Grimes & Rosie Oakley

ZOOM PHONICS SESSION

Mrs Budd and Mrs Scruby will be hosting a Zoom session for Ash and Oak parents next Tuesday 19 October from 4-5pm. This session will be all about how we teach phonics and reading in Reception at St John's. Please check your inbox for the Zoom link which was sent home on Thursday.

FLU VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN

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

saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east

Please complete a form - one per child - as soon as possible. As soon as we know the rearranged date for our session, we will let you know. This link will then close two working days before our session. 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 info is available on the Public Health England website: nhs.uk/child-flu

INSET DAYS AND HALF TERM

Please don't forget that the last day of this half term is **next Wednesday** 20th October, and the children will finish at their normal times. School is closed for an Inset Day on Thursday, and Friday is the first day of the half term holiday.

School restarts on **Monday 1st November.**

HARVEST SERVICE 2021

You can watch our Harvest Service online here:

vimeo.com/630708046/b7e4981dfb

ZOOM PARENTS' EVENINGS

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

DATA COLLECTION

All children have brought home their data collection forms for parents to check and amend where necessary.

Thank you for returning so many forms already. If you haven't done so yet, please return all completed forms to your class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN YEAR 1

Children in Year 1 visited Rodden Meadow this week, where they explored nature and learned how to identify different types of trees.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school during the first week back - Tuesday 2nd November - to take the children's individual photos.

THIS WEEK IN YEAR 4

Children in Maple and Sycamore have been making these impressive 3-dimensional relief masks of Tutankhamun as part of their Egyptian topic.



On Monday 8th November, both Year 4 classes will be having an Egyptian Day. They will spend the day doing lots of Egyptian-themed activities and learning, and may dress as Egyptian characters all day – gods, goddesses, pharaohs, cats etc. We can't wait to see what everyone looks like!

LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Wisdom

Year R

We are learning the sounds sh, r, j.

In Maths we are learning to compare groups of objects using the language 'more' and 'less'. Counting aloud to 20 and subitising amounts up to 5. We're also planting spring bulbs and learning about Autumn.

Year 1

Maths - Number bonds to 10.

English - Writing the story, 'Where the Wild Things Are'.

Year 2

Maths - Fact families for addition and subtraction facts.

English - Writing about the life of Neil Armstrong.

Year 3

Maths - Addition and subtraction.

English - Non-chronological report writing.

Year 4

Maths - Column addition and subtraction.

English - Egyptian traditional tale story writing.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Recycling Collection Friday 10th December

We have booked another recycling collection, and wanted to let you know now in case you were having a sort out over half term.

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 and save them for us! (Please don't include school uniform with our lamb logo on.) You may use any carrier bags or bin liners you like. Please bring filled bags to school **before 9.30am on the morning of Friday 10th 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

Tues 19 Oct	Reception Phonics Zoom - 4-5pm
Thurs 21 Oct	Inset Day - school closed
October 22 - 29	Half Term
Mon 8 Nov	Egyptian Day - Year 4
Weds 24 Nov	Sports Festival - Year 2
Fri 10 Dec	Bag 2 School Recycling Collection
Fri 17 Dec	Last Day of Term
Sat 15 Jan	Deadline - Admissions & Transfers 2022
April 6, 7, 8	Kilve Court Residential Trip - Year 4

IN THE NEST



This week in the Nest we took our space-themed junk modelling a step further.

We all made an Apollo 11 rocket that we can actually go inside, to infinity... and beyond!

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.