

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Edith (Ash) Mabel (Oak)
Bluebell & Lana (Hawthorn) Luca (Poplar)
Maddie-Jo (Beech) Ashton (Fir)
Mason (Rowan) Toby (Willow)
Tia (Maple) Archie (Sycamore)

TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

1. Logan - Rowan
2. Rio - Maple
3. Wilf - Beech
4. Chloe - Rowan
5. Jacob - Sycamore

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

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

FROM MRS MARSLAND...

Thank you...

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my fabulous staff team for their incredible support this last week. I needed to travel to the Isle of Man at short notice last weekend for a poorly relative, and as always my staff have been patient, flexible and understanding, making my absence from the school site much easier. Thank you all of you!



Remembrance

Yesterday, we had a special Collective Worship at 10.50 and observed the two minutes silence at 11.00, whilst watching the beautiful Poppy film clip on CBBC. Children from all classes were extremely respectful, still and silent; I was very impressed and super proud of them all.

Due to my absence, the House Captains did not get to have their weekly meeting with me on Wednesday, but they did carry out a very important job for me with Mr Jackson on Wednesday. They have laid our school wreath at the Frome Memorial on behalf of us all. Thank you, also, to everyone who bought poppies and other items in school, and to everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. I know the British Legion will be very appreciative of our fundraising efforts.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is the national Anti-Bullying Week, and the theme this year is 'One Kind Word.' Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how small acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. 'Be kind and gentle' is also one of our five school rules. Children in all classes will be having discussions and doing activities about kindness.

Odd Socks Day!

Anti-Bullying Week kicks off on Monday with 'Odd Socks Day', which we would love all of the children to join in with. All they need to do on Monday is wear odd socks; the brighter and crazier the better! We will get lots of photos of feet to share with you next week.

Children In Need

Although I did not meet officially with House Captains this week, I have spent time with both Year 4 classes, and did have the opportunity to discuss with them what we should do for Children In Need this year. Children In Need is next Friday, the 19th November, at the end of Anti-Bullying Week. The year 4 children have decided that we will have a Non-Uniform Day and ask children and staff to bring in £1. They have decided that we will fundraise for Children In Need and the school, giving half of the money raised to Children In Need and use the other half to buy some new playground toys and games.

THANK YOU

..to Emily in Maple, her mum and her grandad. Grandad has planted pots of purple crocuses to raise awareness of polio charities. He then donated a big boxful to school, which Emily and her mum brought in this week.

You can see the pots on the windowsills in Year 1's outside play area. The children are watching and waiting to see them come up in spring, along with the bulbs they planted themselves, in the raised beds in the front playground, before half term.



YEAR FOUR EGYPTIAN DAY

Children in Maple and Sycamore had their annual Egyptian Day on Wednesday, when they all dressed up as various characters and spent the day doing various themed activities. We had a multitude of pharaohs, mummies, cats, Howard Carters, gods, goddesses and Egyptian royalty. They played games, handled artefacts and tried Egyptian singing and dancing too. It was a fun day for everyone!

"We had fun wearing what we wanted to be like Ancient Egyptians. My mum made my costume because she's really good at sewing things."

"Mr Egypt told us he used to live in Egypt. When he was 17, he touched the actual death mask of Tutankhamen. The curator at the museum let him touch the cheek really carefully without a glove on."

"We handled artefacts like a copper beetle and a copper coin - the first money in Egypt."

Patrick, Charlie, Buddy and Jacob

LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Respect

Year R

We are learning to compare the numbers 1,2,3.

Practising our blending skills.

Reading superhero stories and making our own 'Supertato' models.

Year 1

Maths - Subtraction and finding the difference.

English - Introducing, 'Dogger'.

Year 2

Maths - Partitioning 2 digit numbers.

English - Continuing our text 'The Emperor's Egg' to write about penguin lifecycles.

Year 3

Maths - Column addition and subtraction.

English - Continuing, 'Pebble in my Pocket'.

Year 4

Maths - Length.

English - Non-chronological, non-fiction writing.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MERLIN THEATRE

The Merlin Theatre, Frome, will be running a charming family Christmas show, 'Wind in the Willows', from 8th - 11th Dec. Tickets from £9.50.

There will be 6 shows over 4 days, including a 'Relaxed Performance' during Saturday 11th, with changes in sound levels, lighting etc. plus several other adjustments to ensure this experience is as inclusive as possible for all.

Full details at www.merlintheatre.co.uk
or contact merlintheatreoffice@gmail.com

DIARY DATES

Weds 24 Nov	Sports Festival - Year 2
Weds 8 Dec	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 10 Dec	Bag 2 School Recycling Collection
Tues 14 Dec	Christmas Lunch Reception and KS1
Weds 15 Dec	Christmas Lunch KS2
Fri 17 Dec	Last Day of Term
Sat 15 Jan	Deadline - Admissions & Transfers 2022
April 6, 7, 8	Kilve Court Residential Trip - Year 4

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.