

Newsletter

St John's C.E.V.A First School Frome



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Florence (Ash) Asta (Oak)
Pepi (Hawthorn) Reo (Poplar)
Gray (Beech) Tyler & Logan (Fir)
Oleander (Willow)
Riley (Maple) Charley & Kavin (Sycamore)

FROM MRS MARSLAND

It's been another very busy half term, full of hard work and fun...

We have had a Sports Festival and a Swimming Gala; we have met authors, medical professionals and a Humanist; we have written to the Smartest Giant and Julia Donaldson; Year 3 have started rehearsing their play, 'The Romans'; we all helped raise £400.63 for the Australian Red Cross; we have enjoyed Boxercise Club, Football Club, Choir, Elliart, Multisports and a Chess Tournament, and we have also been mentioned in tweets by the Bishop of Bath & Wells!

We celebrated some of our hard work this morning, recognising achievements and giving out Headteacher's Awards for: excellent maths, fantastic sounding out; independent writing about dragons; symmetry work; 100% effort; working hard to improve writing, and for "being a super mathematician".

This week's Parents' Evenings were particularly well attended, and I would like to say thank you to every one of you for your continued support. Also, a big thank you to the children and as always, my fantastic staff.

School restarts on **Monday 24th February**

I wish you all a happy Half Term!

CHRISTINGLE COLLECTION

We have finally counted the money donated in school and church and will be able to send £160 to the Children's Society. Thank you all very much for this and your generous support on several occasions over the Christmas season.

Janet Caudwell

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please could you check that your children are enjoying their school lunch choices? If there are any changes you would like to make, please email paymentsstjohns@educ.somerset.gov.uk

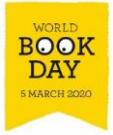
DOROTHY HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who bought shortbread hearts from the desk this week, and well done to Mrs Fear – not only for baking them all, but for raising close to £150 for Dorothy House too.

WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5th March

Don't forget our special World Book Day dressing up this year, when children and staff are asked to *dress as an adjective*. Have your children decided on the describing word they will be dressing up as? We thought you may like to hear some of the ideas the staff have come up with - some easier ones, some a little more involved, and some that may need you and your children to think even more creatively:

Spiky, peaceful, mysterious, friendly, lucky, nocturnal, jolly, aquatic, hungry, futuristic, ancient, bookish...??



If children have chosen an adjective, and they would like to make a label in school, there will be opportunities to make them in class before the event.

A MESSAGE TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

The Governors and Staff of St John's are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expect all users of our site to share this commitment.

As such, when you are on our school site, we will...

- Make you feel welcome
- Treat you fairly, with respect and understanding
- Help you get what you need from your visit to the school
- Listen to your comments or concerns and respond to them as quickly as we can

In return, we expect you to...

- Treat staff, children and any other users of our site with respect and understanding
- Be patient with us at busy times
- Understand that staff cannot always give you an answer right away, but they will do their best
- Follow any instructions given when you are on the school site

We will not tolerate violence, abuse, or other threatening behaviour, and will not hesitate to take appropriate action to safeguard our pupils, staff and other users of our site.

Following a recent incidence of unacceptable behaviour towards members of staff, we are including this message in the school newsletter, and posting the information at the entrances to school.

NATIONAL PLAN FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Please find below a link that will enable you to help influence the new national plan for music education which is due to be published in the Autumn of 2020. This is an opportunity for the Department of Education to gather everyone's input - parents, governors and staff. Please feel free to share the link with anyone who may be interested in sharing their views.

consult.education.gov.uk/curriculum-implementation-unit/music-education-call-for-evidence/consultation/subpage.2020-02-05.2902145721/

The impact of the Saxonvale Development on our school

As many of you will be aware, developers want to build 300 new houses on the land behind St John's. There are so many reasons why their proposal for the site is not suitable, lots of which will have a direct impact on our school and children. The already problematic traffic along Christ Church Street East and at the Lidl roundabout will increase greatly, and there is no plan for a green space for the community, despite the potential.

The consultation period has been extended by two weeks. Please take 5 minutes to send your objection to the proposal to:

consultations@mendip.gov.uk with the SUBJECT

HEADER: Objection to application number 2019/1180/OTS.

For info: silkmillstudios.co.uk/events/category/mayday-saxonvale/

THE NEST



Cookery - We will make a pancake for snack time.

SMSC/Art - We will talk about our half term holiday and draw a picture about it.

Music - We will listen to Big Band music on Cheranga and talk about how it makes us feel.

SMSC/Art - We will use paint to show how we were feeling when listening to the Big Band Music.

OUR LEARNING AFTER HALF TERM

Reception

Maths - Measuring.
English - Jungle animals.
Phonics - Consolidating our Phonics knowledge.

Year 1

Maths - Place value to 50.
English - Starting our new text, "Lost and Found".

Year 2

Maths - Fractions.
English - Using adjectives to describe characters.

Year 3

Maths - Bus stop division.
English - Starting our new text, 'Escape From Pompeii'.

Year 4

Maths - Area.
English - Different forms of poetry.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com

MAY FAIR - Saturday 2nd May

We are delighted that this year the school fair will be on a Saturday for the first time, which means even more fun and games and a chance to welcome visitors from the wider community. As it's a May Fair there will be some special Spring activities - more details soon!

There will be a chance for artists/makers to hire a table to sell their work, so if you or someone you know might be interested in this please get in touch. We'll also be creating a programme of events for the day, to include performances or demonstrations of activities and arts that some of our children take part in. Again, if anyone would like to suggest we contact their school of dance, gym, martial arts, circus skills, etc, then please email us; also if anyone can spare any time to help on the day.

EASTER EVENT - Friday 3rd April

Egg Hunt and Egg Decorating Competition - more details to follow.

FRIENDS MEETING - Monday 24th February

7pm, Three Swans. Everyone welcome!

Wishing you all a fun half term holiday!

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020/2021

The new school calendar for 2020/2021 is complete and has been emailed to you all with this newsletter. It is also available on the school website. Our five Inset Days are as follows:

Thursday 3 September 2020
Friday 4 September 2020
Friday 23 October 2020
Monday 4 January 2021
Friday 12 February 2021

DIARY DATES

Feb 17 - 21	Half Term
Mon 24 Feb	Friends Meeting - Three Swans 7pm
Feb 28 - March 2	Frome Window Wanderland
Weds 4 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
Fri 6 March	Family Story Time 2.45 - 3.15pm
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4
Tues 24 March	'The Romans' Play - Y3. Afternoon. Time tbc.
Weds 25 March	'The Romans' Play - Y3. Morning. Time tbc.
Fri 3 April	Easter Event
Fri 3 April	Last day of term
6-17 April	Easter Holiday
28, 29, 30 April	Life Bus in school
Sat 2 May	May Fair
Fri 8 May	May Bank Holiday
25-29 May	Half Term
w/c Mon 1 June	Sports Week - details TBC
Tues 2 June	Class Photos
16 - 22 June	Book Fair in School
Fri 17 July	Last day of term
Mon 20 July	Inset Day
Thurs 3 Sept	Inset Day
Fri 4 Sept	Inset Day
Mon 7 Sept	First day of term