

# Newsletter

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Rafe (Ash) Kallie (Oak)  
Benicio (Hawthorn) Sienna (Poplar)  
Ruby (Beech)  
Ruben (Rowan) Xaffi (Willow)  
Lilja (Maple) Rio (Sycamore)

## FROM MRS MARSLAND

I hope you all had a restful half term and have come back to school refreshed after the break. We have a lot of learning to do and a lot to look forward to this half term – beginning with World Book Day next week (and our first ever 'adjective' dressing-up), Family Storytime, Year Four's annual Pilgrimage to Wells Cathedral, 'The Romans' play, the Liddington residential, fun days for Sport Relief and World Down Syndrome Day, then ending with the Choir's performance of 'The Three Trees' within the Easter Service, and the Friends' Easter Event.

Welcome back!

## WINDOW WANDERLAND

Friday 28th Feb to Monday 2nd March 5.30 – 9pm

Have you signed up to decorate your windows as part of the fun 'Window Wanderland' community event this weekend?

Many Frome families and businesses will be lighting up their windows and gardens this weekend. If you go on an evening walk, you'll be able to see Frome in a whole new light... Maps are available from the front desk, or from Black Swan, Cheese & Grain or the library. Make sure you walk past school; the children have made window displays for some of the first floor windows.

## SPORT RELIEF

We will be raising money for Sport Relief again this year.

There will be a **non-uniform day** on Friday 13th March. Staff and children may come to school in sports kit, sporty clothes or team colours, in exchange for a donation.

We will also be selling official Sport Relief wristbands - these will be £1 - with all money raised going towards our final total.



These will be on sale once they have been delivered to school, so we will let you know as soon as they have arrived.

## WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5th March

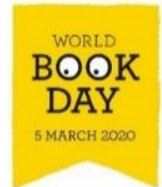
Don't forget our special World Book Day 'adjective' dressing up next week, on Thursday 5th. We can't wait to see which words the children have chosen, and we hope they will all learn lots of lovely new words from each other, and staff, to use in their writing in the future.

The children will all take part in lots of World Book Day related activities in their classes during the day.

Every child in school will also be given a World Book Day token which can be redeemed in any book shop. Please check their book bags on Thursday.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

All parents and carers are also invited in to school on the afternoon of Friday 6th March from 2.45 – 3.15pm for a special 'Family Story Time' with your children in their classes to celebrate World Book Day. We will be sending home all the details early next week.



## STAFFING NEWS

We are all thrilled to announce that Miss Larcombe got married over the half term break. She is now Mrs Rylatt, and says she is "the happiest girl in the world!"

## FAREWELL TO LONGSTANDING GOVERNORS

Two longstanding governors recently came to the end of their term of office. Neil McCormick and Beth Coates have both served as foundation governors for a number of years and we would like to thank them for their contribution to the Governing Body.

## DOROTHY HOUSE

Mrs Fear would like to say a big thank you to everyone who bought her shortbread hearts before half term. The final total raised for Dorothy House is a brilliant £183!

### WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) is a global awareness day originated by [Down Syndrome International](#) - an international disabled people's organisation, committed to improving quality of life for people with Down syndrome.

They encourage people all over the world to choose their own activities and events on WSDS to help raise awareness of what it means to have Down syndrome, how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities, and to help promote their right to be included on a full and equal basis with others.

The date for WSDS is the 21st day of the 3rd month, selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. As this year the 21st is on a Saturday, we will be having our World Down Syndrome Day on **Monday 23rd March**.

There is no cost - WSDS is just about raising awareness. All we are asking is for children and staff to wear odd socks to school - the brighter, the better!

### THE NEST

We will be talking about Spring and learning how to spot the signs that it is coming.



Science & Geography - We will watch 'Britain in Springtime' and 'Birds and Their Babies' and discuss what we have learned. We will discuss seasonal and daily weather patterns.

Cookery - We will make rice crispy nests for snack time.

Art - We will use templates to make our own 3D birds.

### OUR LEARNING AFTER HALF TERM

Our Value is Self-Control

#### Reception

Maths - Measuring.  
English - "What does 'endangered' mean?"  
Phonics - Consolidating our Phonics knowledge.

#### Year 1

Maths - Place value to 50.  
English - Planning our story inspired by 'Lost and Found'. Adding 'ing' to words.

#### Year 2

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

#### Year 3

Maths - Bus stop division.  
English - Continuing our new text, 'Escape From Pompeii'. Practising our play.

#### Year 4

Maths - Fractions.  
English - Poetry writing. Wells Pilgrimage recount.



**FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL**

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### EASTER EGG HUNT AND EGG DECORATING COMPETITION FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

This year we're doing something eggs-tra special for Easter: create a character from a book, film or TV series using a hard-boiled egg! Bring your egg into school on the last day of term for judging - one winner will be chosen from each year. The prize-giving and exhibition of all the eggs will be after school, during the annual egg hunt in the garden. Card egg templates for the hunt will be available from the desk from the end of next week (£1). Decorate these as you like and bring them back in so that they can be hidden around the garden. Find your own design to win a prize. There will be some special golden eggs to look for too. We look forward to seeing some egg-citing creations!

### MAY FAIR, SATURDAY 2ND MAY

As our school fair this year will be on a Saturday we'd like to invite local groups/organisations to showcase their activities, so if your child is involved in an after-school group that might be interested please do let us know. We are also offering trade pitches for local artists, makers or businesses, so again if you would like to find out more about this please email us.

We're excited to be able to bring you more fun of the fair, but the longer event also means we'll need a lot more helpers, so if you can spare any time during the day to help out on a stall we'd love to hear from you. Many thanks!

### DIARY DATES

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
Fri 13 March	Sport Relief - non-uniform
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4
Mon 23 March	World Down Syndrome Day - wear odd socks
Tues 24 March	'The Romans' Play - Y3. Afternoon. Time tbc.
Weds 25 March	'The Romans' Play - Y3. Morning. Time tbc.
Fri 3 April	Choir's 'The Three Trees' (within Easter Service)
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

### BLACK SWAN ARTS YOUNG OPEN 2020

Just a quick reminder that today is the last day to enter the Young Open art competition. There will be no Young Open in 2021, so please don't miss out this year. Enter your artwork here:

[Black Swan Arts Young Open 2020](#)

The deadline to submit is midnight tonight. No entries can be accepted once the deadline has passed. Good luck!