

Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Max (Ash) Ida & Oliver (Oak)
Astrid & Mason (Hawthorn) Ziya (Poplar)
Leo & Shaharra (Beech) Theo & Isabella (Fir)
Iris (Rowan) Annabel (Willow)
Finlay (Maple)



MAYPOLE DANCING

Our maypole arrived in school this week, and children in Year 4 all spent a fun afternoon learning some basic moves, ahead of a potential display at the May Fair. Mrs Marsland will be running a free after school club for Year 4, starting next Tuesday. Details have been emailed - please check your inbox.



SPORT RELIEF

Thank you for helping us to support Sport Relief again this year. Children on St John's School Council have been raising money this week by selling wrist bands, and we ALL helped raise money by wearing sporty kit and accessories to school today.

All the children (and quite a few of the staff too) took part in three sporting activities in the hall throughout the day. They all tried hula hooping, bench hops and burpees!

The total so far is an amazing **£220** and rising... We will let you know the final total in next week's newsletter.

Thank you everyone.



CHESS

Congratulations to Sam and Anish who have been selected to play for the Somerset Under 9 chess team. They will be travelling to Southampton this weekend to compete against all the other southern counties in the semi-final of the English Primary School Chess Association annual tournament. Sam was also selected for the Under 11 team, and went to Maidenhead last weekend where the team qualified for the finals in the Midlands later this month. Well done to both of them, and good luck on Saturday.

In our school club round of the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge, which was played over seven weeks, Sam was the overall winner and awarded the trophy; he will also have his name engraved as school champion on the chess placard on the wall in the hall. It was a tough battle this year, with Anish and Xaffi both taking Sam to a tie break extra decider round. They both win second place medals. It's unusual to have a year 3 on the medal podium, so well done Xaffi for outstanding progress through the year. Lots of other people played some excellent games, and everyone earned themselves a badge and mascot. Those scoring 15 and above qualify for the Megafinal, held in May at Millfield School. Apart from Sam, Anish and Xaffi, they are: Finn, Ben, Frank, George, Esmee, Kavin, Billy and Jay.



STAFFING AND SEND

Ms Priddle, Maple class teacher and our school SENDCO, is currently off school unwell; we are grateful to Mrs Scruby who will continue to cover Maple next week in her absence. If any parents have any information or concerns regarding SEND, please speak to Mrs Marsland, who has worked in this capacity in a previous school, and who will be covering this role for the time being.

We all send Ms Priddle our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Don't forget that the new lunch menus start after Easter. If you haven't booked lunches for your child, **there is still time!** Please make your choices on the Parentmail form sent home this week, and return by 9am next Monday 16th please.

LIDDINGTON TRIP

On Wednesday, we will be sending some of our Year 4 children and staff off to Liddington for a three day residential trip. We hope you all have a wonderful time and are looking forward to hearing all about it when you come back. They are hoping to keep the website updated with photos while they are there. Please take a look and maybe leave a comment to be passed on by staff.

DOGS

Although many of our staff and families own dogs, please can we politely remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on the school site. Leo the school dog has all the necessary risk assessments and public liability insurance to be permitted in school. (If your new pup is yet to be fully vaccinated, you may of course carry them.)

We would also ask that you do not tie your dog to the fences by gates and leave them unattended. Some of them are quite vocal and scary to little people!

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

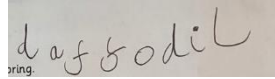
We would like to remind parents, again, that there is no parking, stopping or waiting outside school. This includes the school car park and the zig-zags. We need to clarify that nobody is entitled to stop on the zig-zags for any reason, even with a Blue Badge.

A Child's Voice



Children in Year 1 have been learning how to spot the first signs of Spring, and talking about what it means. Matilda says,

"Spring means beautiful to me because of the daffodils".



CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any small toy cars that your children no longer play with? Children in Acorns would be very grateful for any you could spare. Please just drop them in to the front desk. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL - GEN-Z FREE FOR ALL

Frome Town Council's People's Budget is now open for voting. This is where you get to vote for which events the Town Council funds. Please support '**GEN-Z Free For All**' - the new name for The Children's Festival. This year students from Frome College have helped to design the event. They've given it a new name, chosen the activities, designed the posters and publicity, written the bid and made the film for the People's Budget.

You can cast your votes [here](#) - remember to put a score for each of the 4 projects to show how much you like them. Thanks.

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WALK FOR ANABELLA

Between 21st April and 19th May this year, Chris Bale (one of our Year 2 dads) will be walking from Saint Jean de Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela - a route known as the 'Camino de Santiago'. This will add up to a huge 500 miles in 28 days. He will blog and vlog throughout his journey to raise awareness of men's mental health. He also hopes to raise funds for charities which have helped him and his family through personal tragedy - [Cots for Tots](#) in Bristol and [Cruse Bereavement](#).

Please visit gofundme.com/walk-for-anabella to read his story, and to donate if you can.

THE NEST

English - We will complete an activity using positional language and appropriate given colour.



Art - Make a Mother's Day or appropriate card to celebrate being cared for by a female relation/friend etc.

SMSC - We will talk about our previous activities about our families. We will discuss female relationships and Mother's Day and what this day means.

OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value is Self-Control

Reception

Maths - Counting to 20.
English - Talking about plastic in our oceans.
Phonics - Consolidating our Phonics knowledge.

Year 1

Maths - Measuring weight and mass.
English - Consolidating our Phonics knowledge.

Year 2

Maths - Measuring in centimetres and metres.
English - Writing a diary entry from Traction Man's point of view.

Year 3

Maths - Learning to use Roman numerals.
English - Practising our play.

Year 4

Maths - Fractions.
English - Poetry writing.

Liddington - Fun, Fun, Fun!

DIARY DATES

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.
Thurs 2 April	Bag 2 School Collection
Fri 3 April	Strings Concert - Year 4 9.45am.
Fri 3 April	Choir's 'The Three Trees' (within Easter Service)
Fri 3 April	Easter Service 1.30pm
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
Tues 5 May	Earth Science Centre Visit - Sycamore
Weds 6 May	Earth Science Centre Visit - Maple
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
Mon 22 June	Earth Science Centre Visit - Rowan
Tues 23 June	Earth Science Centre Visit - Willow
Weds 1 July	Transfer Day
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