

Newsletter

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



"Learning together... aiming high"

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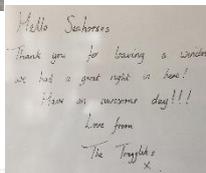
Friday 12th June 2020

LEARNING IN SCHOOL

There has been an unexpected benefit to school being so much quieter at the moment, which has caused great excitement amongst the children and staff. We have always known there are mysterious, possibly magical creatures living in our school garden, but this week they have made themselves known for the first time in St John's history!

To start with, they wrote letters to the children in school, leaving them in classrooms and on desks, and one was in a tin right in the middle of the playground. They have even emailed! We now know they are called 'The Trogglets' and they have been having trouble with the recent bad weather, which has blown down their houses. They contacted the children to ask for their help making some new homes in the garden, and to make friends. The children have replied by leaving notes in the tin outside; by drawing chalk pictures on the playground; by email and by text.

Since making contact, they have been getting up to quite a bit of mischief - leaving footprints in the play-dough, having a party in 'Monkeys' bubble, eating the school fruit, leaving messages and trails of magic in the classes, and mussel shells and leaves under the stairs, where they appear to have been eating and sleeping since their houses blew away. Children in 'Hares' bubble even discovered that the Trogglets have been using Mr Coombs' keyboard to write their emails...



MUSIC CONCERT

This year, our Music Concert will be 'virtual', and will involve uploading recordings of your performances to our website.

Thank you for the videos we have received so far; there is still time if you're not quite ready. What you need to do when you are, is get someone to record you playing and/or singing your piece. A video would work best, although a sound recording would work too. Make sure you introduce yourself and your piece of music, or you can get someone else can introduce it for you. Then do your best performance, take a bow (VERY important!) and send the video to the main school inbox: stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk by June 30th.

BLUE PETER BADGES

Well done to Romilly and Ella - our newest Blue Peter Badge winners. There are some very smiley photos on the next page!

Romilly in Willow class decided at the beginning of the year to complete a mission for charity this year. She particularly wanted to raise funds to help endangered animals. She tried to think of something that she would find really hard to do to challenge herself, and decided that she would walk up and down three mountains - Snowdon, Pen Y Fan and Vesuvius.

Because of lockdown, Romilly will be 'walking' the first mountain - Snowdon - up and down the stairs at home. This works out at a massive 420 trips up and down! She hopes to complete the other two in 2021. She wrote to Blue Peter to tell them about her challenge and they have given her a green Blue Peter badge for nature and the environment.

WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING NEXT WEEK

All children, at home and at school, will need a clean plastic milk bottle for a craft activity on the timetable for Friday next week. If your child is in school on Friday 19th, please can they bring one to school with them.

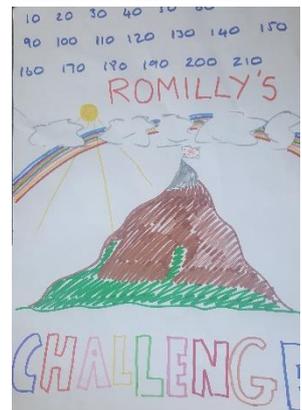
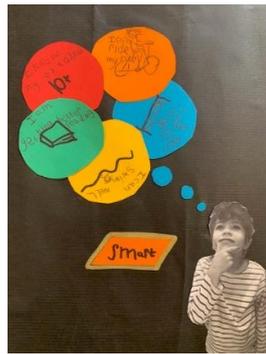
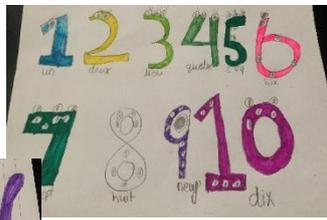
On this week's planning, you may have noticed a new addition to the PE planning. On Wednesdays we will be doing Dance. It is part of an imoves competition but parents/children don't need to enter - we just thought it would be fun to use. However, you may be interested in entering the competition, seeing your videos online, receiving a certificate and being in with a chance to win a 'Dance Superstar' trophy. For all the details, click on this link:

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This week's theme has been Samba, and over the next few weeks, children will be learning Hip Hop, Disco and Bollywood too.

LEARNING AT HOME

Blue Peter badge earning; 'invisible string' threading; counting in French; fundraising; animal-loving; sunset painting; staircase mountain climbing; 'Tomorrow I Will Be...' imagining...



SAFER WALKING AND CYCLING TO YOUR SCHOOL

Frome Town Council has launched an interactive map to capture ideas around how to make our streets safer for walking and cycling. We would love to hear your ideas on how we can enable more people to walk and cycle to school. Please visit and comment on the map here: walkridefrome.commonplace.is/

REFUGEE WEEK..

..which takes place 15-21 June, is an annual festival run by Swindon City of Sanctuary that celebrates the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees. This year the theme is 'Imagine' and they are offering free downloadable activities for children. These include the Imagine Colouring Book, which has been created by the charity and Bekah Grace Illustration. It is for young people who want to celebrate being part of a community made up of people with different pasts and to help them to 'imagine' our shared future. It's for those who want to imagine and create a future of understanding, respect, empathy and fairness. To download your free copy of the colouring book, and to access other free activities that explore the issues of Refugee Week, go to: swindon.cityofsanctuary.org/imagine-colouring-book-refugee-week-2020



Got a child 5-19 and looking for confidential help and advice? Just send a text. A safe and easy way to contact your school nursing team. 07480 635515

From the 15th June 2020, Somerset County Council School Nursing is launching a new mobile health service to provide help and support to parents and carers in Somerset and make it easier for them to get help and advice. ChatHealth is available Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm, automatic replies will be sent to any message received out of hours. For medical help and advice outside of these hours please contact your GP or call 111.

Anyone who cares for a child aged 5-19 can receive confidential advice from a School Nurse on a wide range of health issues.

LEARNING TOGETHER

We love seeing what you are doing at home and including updates here each week. Please keep sending stories, photos, drawings, quotes etc. to the school inbox:

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