

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Edward (Hawthorn) Finley (Poplar)
Maisy (Beech) Harry (Fir)
Billy (Rowan) Annabel BM (Willow)
Islarose (Maple) Lola (Sycamore)

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

As you know, during the summer holidays Somerset libraries encourage the children in local schools to keep up the reading habit through their annual Summer Reading Challenge. The theme this year was "**Space Chase**" and a grand total of 565 children participated in Frome.

In Collective Worship this morning, the children who took part in this year's Reading Challenge at Frome Library all stood up for a round of applause and a big well done.

This year thirty St John's children took part and they have all received a certificate. There were also medals for the children who completed the challenge by reading a total of six books.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We will continue to monitor parking outside school at the beginning and end of the school day. We will also continue to pass on vehicle registrations to the authorities.

Please don't park on double yellows or the zig zags. We know it's been raining, we know traffic can be bad; these are not valid excuses. It's dangerous and it's illegal. Please keep umbrellas in your car, leave 5 minutes earlier, park a bit further away, walk the rest of the way, or all four!

NEW INTAKE OPEN MORNINGS

Thank you to our new House Captains who showed new families around school during this week's first Open Morning. We received a lot of positive feedback on the day from visitors, who were impressed by their good manners and knowledge of the school. One dad said as he left, "please tell the teachers that the children were brilliant - charming and helpful!"

If you have a younger child starting school in September 2020, you may like to come along to our next Open Morning and have a look around school. Even if you're a St John's parent already, you are still welcome to come along. There is no need to book - just call in any time between 9.30 - 11.30 next Tues 1st October.

YEAR 4 RESPONSIBILITIES

As we began our new school year in September, children in Maple and Sycamore were asked to apply for roles within school with special responsibilities. They were asked to write about what they would like to do, and why they think they would be suitable. In Collective Worship this morning, we announced the successful candidates. Well done to:

Our new **Librarians** -

Mair, Florence, Daisy G, Hannah, Ruaridh,
Edward, Jessie and Esmee.

Our new **Play Buddies** -

Iris, Jayden, Ella, Tabby, Rosie, Lacey V, Florence,
Mair, Matilda, Jessie and Chloe.

Our new **Computer Monitors** -

Roberto, Alfie M, Mair, Florence, Tabby,
Iris, George and Jessie.

Our new **School Council Reps** -

Jessie, Matilda, Anish and Tabby.

And our new **Green Panthers** -

Ania, Daisy, Charlotte and Megan.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS

Our Parent Partnership sessions are coming up soon, and we need help gathering a few items for the activities. Please could children in Year 4 bring in a clean jam jar with a lid? And could children in Year 1 bring in egg boxes? Any spares would be gratefully accepted too. Thank you.

Please note:

We have now confirmed the time for **Year 4's** session as 1.30 - 3pm on Weds 2nd October.

We have changed the date for **Year 1's** session to Monday 7th October at 9.30am, so that they do not miss the Harvest Service in church on Thursday morning.



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

Apple Day - Wednesday 23rd October, after school

Plans are underway for a fun apple fest, with pressing, juicing, treats and games galore! There will also be an apple hunt - children can decorate an apple template and we'll hide them all around the garden. Children then find their own apple to win a prize! Templates (costing £1) will be available from the front desk by the end of next week.

Next meeting: Wednesday 2nd October, 7pm at Three Swans. This will be an informal get together to finalise plans for Apple Day - do come along if you'd like to get involved either in planning and preparing or on the day itself. We look forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks,
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THE NEST



SMSC - We will play board games with peers or adults. We will also collect leaves outside for our leaf hedgehog collage.

Art - We will make a leaf hedgehog collage.

PE - We will play musical movement games.

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

Our value is Thankfulness

Reception

Maths - Number 4.
 Phonics - Letter sounds E, U, R.

Year 1

Maths - Place value. Greater than and less than.
 English - Phonics. Writing sentences about deciduous and evergreen trees.

Year 2

Maths - Addition and subtraction.
 English - Using adjectives to describe aliens.

Year 3

Maths - Column addition using partitioning and re-combining.
 English - Inserting speech marks.

Year 4

Maths - Column addition.
 English - Non-chronological reports.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

...will be happening for Years 1 to 4 on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October.

This year, Parents' Evening appointments will be set up on Parentmail, which will make the whole process a lot more convenient for parents, as you will be able to *choose and book the slots yourselves online*. It will also save a lot of paper.

Every parent will receive an alert when the appointments go live; please book early to avoid disappointment.

DIARY DATES

Tues 1 Oct	New Intake Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30
Weds 2 Oct	Parent Partnership - Year 4 - 1.30pm
Weds 2 Oct	Friends of St John's Meeting - 3 Swans 7pm
Fri 4 Oct	World Smile Day
Mon 7 Oct	Parent Partnership - Year 1 9.30am
Tues 8 Oct	Parent Partnership - Year 3 9.30am
Weds 9 Oct	Parent Partnership - Year 2 9.30am
Thurs 10 Oct	Harvest Service in church - Years 1-4 9am
Mon 14 Oct	Parents' Evening
Weds 16 Oct	Parents' Evening
Weds 23 Oct	Apple Day - 3.30pm
Thurs 24 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
Fri 25 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
28 Oct - 1 Nov	Half Term
Mon 4 Nov	Westonbirt Arboretum Trip - Year 1
Tues 5 Nov	Cheddar Gorge Trip - Year 3
Fri 15 Nov	Children In Need
Mon 9 Dec	Year 1 Nativity Service in church - 2pm
Tues 10 Dec	Year 1 Nativity Service in church - 10am
	Year 2 Nativity Play in school - 2pm
Weds 11 Dec	Year 2 Nativity Play in school - 9:30am
	Rec Christmas Singing in school - 2pm
Thurs 12 Dec	Rec Christmas Singing in school - 9:30am
Tues 17 Dec	Flu Immunisations in school
Tues 17 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 20 Dec	Last Day of Term
Mon 6 Jan	Inset Day - School closed
Feb 17 - 21	Half Term
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4

FAMILY SINGING AFTERNOON

at Jackdaws, Great Elm, Frome BA11 3NY

Sunday 13 October 2 - 5pm

Age: 7+ with parent/adult **Fee:** £12 per adult & child pair (£3 extra child, £10 extra adult). Includes tea & cake.

Sing together and build a choir in an afternoon (all new songs for 2019). Caroline Radcliffe will teach you easy songs from across the world, building harmonies and adding parts to each song to encompass all ranges and abilities. Everything is taught by ear, no need to read music, and there will opportunities to add actions and simple percussion to some songs.

Suitable for all abilities! Book by Friday 11 October
jackdaws.org.uk/event-registration-2/?ee=414 or 01373 812383