

# Newsletter

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



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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Logan (Hawthorn) Oliver (Poplar)  
Nancy (Beech) Mia-Rose (Fir)  
Leo S & Josh (Rowan) Zak (Willow)  
Kian (Maple) Florence & Telia (Sycamore)



## WELCOME

...to Beech Class, Mila!

## FROM MRS MARSLAND

We had the second of our Open Mornings for new families this week, and received one of the nicest compliments yet:

"What a wonderful welcome!"

This feedback was a joy to hear and I am extremely proud of everyone – the House Captains, the Friends who provided refreshments, and the staff and children who didn't mind the stream of visitors all morning, stopping occasionally to answer parents' questions. Thank you to everyone for making our visitors feel so welcome, and for showing them our lovely school.

## LONDON BRIDGE CHALLENGE



I would like to thank those of you who kindly sponsored me. I completed the 10 mile London Bridge Challenge in just under three hours, and have raised £400 for Diabetes UK. I really do appreciate the generous contributions and support for this event.

Thank you!

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS

Thank you to all those Year 4 parents who joined their children to make Egyptian Canopic jars on Wednesday. We hope you had fun! The sessions for Years 1, 2 and 3 are all taking place next week - see diary dates for details if you've forgotten yours.

**HELP!** Year 1 need more egg boxes for their session on Monday!



## THANK YOU

Thank you to staff at The Old Bakehouse for baking traditional Challah bread for Year 2. This week, children in Beech and Fir classes have learned about Rosh Hashanah – the Jewish New Year – when the special plaited loaves are baked, then eaten with apples soaked in honey.

## WE HEAR YOU

Before the summer holidays, we held a non-uniform day which raised £244.31 to support WHY's 'Jump Into June' fund-raising campaign. Helen White came in to school this week, bringing a certificate and a big thank you!

WHY is a local charity which helps families affected by cancer or a life-threatening condition. It is a charity that we at St John's feel especially strongly about supporting, as they have helped, and are helping, several of our families.



## SCHOOL LUNCHES

A new lunch menu will come into effect after the October half term. As usual, all parents will be emailed the three forms – one for each week on the repeating menu – on Parentmail. These should be with you next week, and you will receive an alert when they are live. Please go through each form with your child, make your choices and return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

## WETTER/COLDER WEATHER

Now the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat every day. The weather is becoming colder and wetter but playtimes will always be outside unless the rain is heavy.

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

...will be happening for Years 1 to 4 on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October. The appointments are now live on Parentmail and you can book the slots yourselves online.

## A Child's Voice

Children's author Megan Rix visited Years 3 and 4 last week. Tye, Pearl, Sophia, Khadija, Joel and Annabel BM told us what their favourite part of the visit was:

*"She told us all about her other dogs - Traffy, Bella and Rosa - and the stories she writes about them."*

*"I liked it when she signed my book."*

*"She wrote a book called 'Echo Come Home', about a dog who hears for deaf people. The dog lies down if an alarm goes off."*

*"She wrote 'The Bomber Dog' which is about a soldier and a dog parachuting far away during WW2. The dog had to find the soldier."*

*"My favourite story is called The Great Fire Dogs which is about dogs and the Great Fire of London."*

*"I liked the key trick Megan did with her dog, Freya. The dog was meant to put the keys on her lap but she dropped them. Freya didn't like the noise, but in the end she fell asleep."*

## THE NEST

Art - We will use paints and sponges to create a falling leaf display.



SMSC & Science - We will make Autumn leaves, pumpkins etc. from Play-doh and craft materials for our Autumn theme display.

Cooking - We will make rice crispy cakes for snack time.

## OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

Our value is Thankfulness

### Reception

Maths - Making 5.

Phonics - Letter sounds H, B, F, FF, L, LL, SS

### Year 1

Maths - Addition within 10.

English - Phonics. Sentence structure.

### Year 2

Maths - Adding and subtracting 10 from 2-digit numbers.

English - Writing questions to ask Tim Peake.

### Year 3

Maths - Addition using partitioning and re-combining to solve real life problems.

English - Harvest acrostic poems.

### Year 4

Maths - Column subtraction.

English - Non-chronological reports.



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## APPLE DAY - Wednesday 23rd October, after school

There will be tasty treats and games galore at our fun apple fest, including a chance to press your own juice and dip a chocolate apple! 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! Pick up your template now from the front desk (cost £1). Once decorated, bring them back to school by the morning of Apple Day.

### Apples needed!

If you, or anyone you know, has any apples we can have please let us know. We're looking for cookers, eaters and even windfalls for our juicing, dipping and games!

### Autumnal bakes

We are also looking for bakes and treats for refreshments and prizes - so whether you could rustle up a cake or pie, biscuits or tarts, have a jar of chutney or jam or even a bottle of cider you could donate, we would be very grateful. Please remember we are a nut-free school and we will need a list of ingredients for every home made donation.

### Apples for Apples

With more volunteers our events can be even more successful. If you can spare any time on the day to help set up, clear up or run a stall we would be grateful, as this will help towards our fundraising goal of providing more iPads for the children.

Many thanks!

## DIARY DATES

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 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  |
| Weds 11 Dec      | Year 2 Nativity Play in school - 2pm      |
| Thurs 12 Dec     | Year 2 Nativity Play in school - 9:30am   |
| Tues 17 Dec      | Rec Christmas Singing in school - 2pm     |
| Tues 17 Dec      | Rec Christmas Singing in school - 9:30am  |
| Fri 20 Dec       | Flu Immunisations in school               |
| Mon 6 Jan        | Christmas Lunch                           |
| Feb 17 - 21      | Last Day of Term                          |
| Thurs 5 March    | Inset Day - School closed                 |
| March 18, 19, 20 | Half Term                                 |
|                  | World Book Day                            |
|                  | Liddington Residential - Y4               |

*At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.*