

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Szaffi (Hawthorn) Willow (Poplar)
Skye (Beech) Archie (Fir)
Jessica (Rowan)
Esmee-Rose (Maple) Dexter (Sycamore)

FROM JANET CAUDWELL, ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Thank you all for your generous gift of goods for Harvest Festival. Everything is now in St John's church and will be used to make a beautiful display for our services on Sunday. On Monday the tins, jars and packets will go to the Frome Food Bank, while the vegetables will be taken to the YMCA to be used by the young people there who are beginning independent lives.

Mrs Marsland and members of the school choir will be singing at the church service on Sunday which begins at 10.00 am - they are going to teach the congregation the song *Harvest Praise* (with all the actions!)

We do hope that families who join us will stay to enjoy a Harvest brunch with us immediately following the service. No need to book. Donations invited. Everyone most welcome!

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came along to join their children at the three Parent Partnership sessions we held this week. It was really lovely to see so many of you in school.

We hope you enjoyed making Hungry Caterpillars with Year 1, rockets with Year 2 and playing maths games with Year 3. Please look at the class blogs for more photos...



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school during the first week back after the half term break - Wednesday 6th November - taking individual photos. We will also make sure brothers and sisters have a photo taken together.

If you have pre-school age children and would like a family photo taken, please come to the front desk at 8.30am; these photos will be taken before school starts.

ACORNS

Thank you for the lovely toys and dressing-up items donated to Acorns this week by some of our parents.



The children have already had a lot of fun with them. Some of the toys and puzzles were better suited to older children, and have been taken up to Years 3 and 4, where they have also been a big success. Thank you!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

All families have recently been sent a lunch booking form through ParentMail for lunches from November onwards. If you wish to book lunches for your child, please complete the form by no later than Monday 14th October as we have to put our order in to the kitchen before half term.

CHRISTMAS BOX APPEAL 2019

If you would like to fill a shoebox for the FSCI (Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion) Christmas Box Appeal this year, the information is available now from the front desk. Filled boxes can be taken either to St John's Church by Saturday 16th November, or brought in to school by Friday 15th November.

It may be small, but your gifts in a shoe box can change a child's life. For some of the world's most disadvantaged children, your shoe box could be the first Christmas present they have ever received.

You can also find the information and print the labels online:

fscinet.org/christmas-box

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE

We are concerned that a few children are persistently late, which is affecting their learning time.

Please remember school is open at 8.45am, which gives everyone plenty of time to arrive before the register is taken. Registration is at 8.55am and the register closes at 9am.

All gates and doors close at 8.55am, after which time children need to be signed in at the front desk. Please do not lift your child over the gates in the front playground.

Children arriving at 9am are already 5 minutes late and are recorded with an L code. Children arriving after this time have to be recorded with a U code, which is counted by the Local Authority as one whole unauthorised morning session, and which will affect your child's attendance percentage.

THE NEST

Art - We will make a fat ball bird feeder.

SMSC - Lego Therapy afternoon.

Science - We will talk about the seasons, nature and birds. We will hang up our homemade bird feeder in the garden. We will also look for birds and wildlife.



OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

Our value is Thankfulness

Reception

Maths - Sorting and devising criteria.

Phonics - A review of all sounds taught; blending for reading and segmenting for writing CVC words.

Year 1

Maths - Number sentences.

English - Introducing our new text, 'The Gruffalo'.

Year 2

Maths - Adding and subtracting on a number line.

English - Writing a diary about a journey into space.

Year 3

Maths - Addition using partitioning and re-combining including carrying numbers.

English - Continuing our new text 'Stig of the Dump'.
Speech marks.

Year 4

Maths - Column subtraction.

English - Non-chronological reports. Exciting writing.

BROWNIES

Frome 3rd Brownies currently have space for new members. If your daughter is interested, speak to Mrs Dayman-Johns (Beech class) or go to www.girlguiding.org.uk for more information, or to sign up. They meet every Tuesday 6-7.30pm in the school hall.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

friendsofstjohnsfrome@gmail.com

APPLE DAY - Wednesday 23 October, after school

Don't forget to pick up your apple template from the front desk (£1). The designs will need to be brought back to school by Monday 21 October. On Apple Day find the apple you designed in order to win a prize.

Also, we are looking for Autumnal bakes and treats for our refreshments and stalls, and we would be grateful for any donations you might be able to offer, from cakes to pies, jams to chutneys.... Please remember no nuts and we'll need a list of ingredients for all homemade items.

And please bring in any apples you can from 21 October for decorating, juicing and the games - we're after eaters, cookers or dodgy windfalls!

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

With the support of Postscript in Stony St, we are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to purchase Christmas cards designed by your child. Templates (costing £1) will be available from the front desk from next week. Designs must be handed back into the front desk on the Monday after half term (4 Nov).

All designs will be entered into the competition for the school Christmas card pack. One winner from each year group will be chosen by Postscript, with one additional school winner chosen by Mrs Marsland.

You may purchase packs of your own child's card, or the school pack, at a special price of £4 for one 6-card pack (5x7) or £15 for 4 packs.

And finally, look out for the new Friends newsletter, which should be winging its way into your inbox early next week!!

DIARY DATES

Mon 14 Oct	Parents' Evening
Weds 16 Oct	Parents' Evening
Thurs 17 Oct	Sports Festival - Year 2
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 Caves Trip - Year 3
Tues 5 Nov	Science Fair - Year 4
Weds 6 Nov	Individual School Photos
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
	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
Weds 4 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4