

Newsletter

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



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Daisy G (Ash) Teddy (Oak)
Stephanie (Hawthorn) Toby (Poplar)
Oscar (Beech) Sophie (Fir)
Poppy (Rowan) Zoja & Joel (Willow)
Tom (Maple)

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS THIS MORNING

It was lovely to see children from Ash and Oak classes joining staff and the older children in the hall for the first time this week. This morning, we also welcomed some very proud Ash and Oak parents to the hall, who came to see their children being given their first Headteacher's Awards.

LUNCHTIME

This week, with the aim of improving lunchtimes for everyone, we have introduced some new routines. We are grateful for the feedback we have received so far. We will be continuing to monitor the new systems, gathering the children's views, and tweaking things during the next few weeks.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST JOHN'S

Thank you to Mrs Marsland and members of the school choir who joined in our church Harvest Festival and delighted us with their singing (and taught the congregation the actions for *Harvest Praise*!) Thank you too, all the families who attended and not only helped to collect up the Harvest Goods in record time, but then joined us for our Harvest Brunch.

On Monday we took two car loads of tins, packets and jars to the Food Bank, together with the £70 we received in the donation bowl at the meal. The vegetables are still on display in church, but we will take them over to the YMCA very soon.

Thank you all for your generous gifts. Janet Caudwell

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Don't forget that the new lunch menus start after half term. If you haven't booked lunches for your child, please make sure you send a packed lunch for them from the first day back.

There is still time if you haven't booked yet. We need the forms returned on Parentmail by 9am on Monday 21st please!

CHESS

The Somerset Junior Chess Grand Prix season got under way on Sunday, with the first tournament for all junior players in Somerset taking place at Prior Park school in Bath. There will be 4 (or possibly 5) more tournaments in this series throughout the school year, with the next one at Bristol Grammar School on Sunday 10th November. Points (games) won at these events are accumulated, and the players with the top highest scores in each age section are invited to a finals day in June at Millfield.

Four players from St John's Year 4 played in the Under 9 section, which this year is a large and highly competitive group of players. Well done to Frank for winning 2 and drawing 1 game in his first tournament, and also to Esmee and Anish for putting in solid performances, Anish just missing out on a medal by half a point. Huge congratulations to Sam, who won 4 of his 6 games and came third overall, winning a very well deserved medal against stiff competition.

Year 3 are all continuing with their weekly chess lessons on Friday, and I hope some will soon be ready to join the after school club, and to play in the tournaments. Any chess activity at home is a great help!



SCAFFOLDING

If you walk or drive past school on Saturday, you may notice scaffolding going up. We are having some upstairs windows at the front of the school replaced over the half term break as the current windows have reached the end of their natural life. In order to fit the work in to the half term break, the scaffolding will be going up this Saturday, 19th October so that contractors can start work as soon as the children leave for half term.

There will be no work taking place while the children are in school.

INSET DAYS AND HALF TERM

Please don't forget that the last day of this half term is **next Wednesday** 23rd October. We finish at 3.15 as usual.

School is closed for Inset Days on Thursday and Friday.

YEAR 2 SPORTS FESTIVAL

Children in Beech and Fir spent a morning with children from other Frome schools at Oakfield Academy this week. They attended a Sports Festival run by children in Year 7, including some of our old pupils. It was lovely to see them again, and our Year 2 children had a really fun morning with them too!

THE NEST

SMSC - We will read 'Making Friends' citizenship book and talk about friendship.

PE - We will play musical movement games.

Art - We will use pots and craft materials to decorate a tub for pencils.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

Our value is Thankfulness

Reception

Maths - Sorting.

English - Writing about ourselves.

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

Year 1

Maths - Addition.

English - Writing our own Gruffalo stories.

Year 2

Maths - Adding three 1-digit numbers.

English - Writing space poems.

Year 3

Maths - Place value.

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

Year 4

Maths - Problem solving.

English - Writing linked with RE about Rama & Sita.

THE HALLOWEEN MILE FOR WHY

Join fundraisers for a spooky 304th mile of the '365 for WHY' Challenge on October 31st at 4.30pm in Victoria Park.

It will be getting dark, so bring a torch or lantern and your best spooky gear, join in some Halloween activities and buy a toffee apple or a sweetie cone to get your trick or treat swag off to a good start..



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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APPLE DAY Wednesday 23 October, after school

We look forward to celebrating the season with you all next Wednesday! This is your last chance 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, cider to juice... 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 dipping, juicing and the games - we're after eaters, cooks or dodgy windfalls!

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Templates (£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, except those of siblings not at St John's. If you would like to purchase your child's card or the school pack please fill out the order form and bring payment with the design.

See you all on Wednesday!

DIARY DATES

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
	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
Weds 4 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4