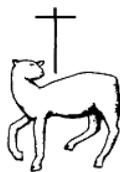


# Newsletter

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



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## FROM MRS MARSLAND

It may have been a short week this week, but it has been a long, full and busy half term, with the children settling in to their new school routines beautifully.

Highlights of this half term have included Year Four's Egyptian Day, Harvest Services in school and in church with the School Choir, two Open Mornings, four Parent Partnership sessions, Year Two's Sport Festival and a visit from author Megan Rix.

We have also launched 'Acorns', opened 'The Burrow' and our lovely new Library, chosen our new House Captains, Play Buddies, School Councillors, Computer Monitors, Green Panthers and Librarians, and had a lot of fun at today's Apple Day.

Thank you to every one of you for your hard work and continued support – parents, children and as always, my fantastic staff. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break – you have all earned it!

Don't forget Thursday and Friday are INSET days.

School restarts on: **Monday 4th November.**

## A LETTER FROM FAIR FROME

*"Dear Children, Parents and Staff of St John's C of E First School.*

*On behalf of Fair Frome, I would like to thank you for the very welcome donation of 148kgs of supplies received recently, and the £70 cash donation.*

*Our stocks in the Food Bank have diminished somewhat recently after heavy demand throughout the school summer holidays.*

*Your generosity is very much appreciated by us and enables us to run the Fair Frome Food Bank and to continue our work to reach and support those in need in the town, who would otherwise find it very difficult to manage.*

*You are most welcome to visit the Food Bank in Frome if you would like to see how it is managed. You will find us in the Elliott Building behind the Town Council Office."*

## 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.

## POPPIES AND REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Once again, staff and children will be representing St John's School in the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 10th November and laying a wreath at the Memorial. If you would like to join us, we will meet at the Fire Station at 10.30am.

After the half term break, poppies and other items will be on sale from the front desk. Children may also buy them from our House Captains, who will be going into classrooms during the school day to sell them.



## DOGS

Although many of our staff and families own dogs, please can we politely remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on the school site. Leo the school dog has all the necessary risk assessments and public liability insurance to be permitted in school. (If your new pup is yet to be fully vaccinated, you may of course carry them.)

We would also ask that you do not tie your dog to the fences by gates and leave them unattended. Some of them are quite vocal and scary to little people!

## FOOTBALL

St John's had their first football game this week against Berkley. A tough, well-matched game ended in a 2-all draw after being 2-0 to Berkley at half time. It could have been more but for some excellent saves by Hannah in goal. In the second half, St. John's got back on level terms, first thanks to a goal from player of the match Henry, then Kavin finishing off a flowing move involving Esmee, Alfie and Anish. Ava, now in goal, made several double saves to keep Berkley out, aided by some great defending by Tolly and Liam. A great result, well done!

## A Child's Voice

Children in Year 4 have been learning about Diwali - the Indian Festival of Light - which begins this weekend.

### How do they celebrate Diwali?

*They put lights outside of their houses and inside, set off fireworks, start dances and make colourful paintings. Mair*

### Why do people do colourful patterns on their door step?

*To show Lakshmi the Goddess of Wealth that they love her and that they want to impress her. Lola*

### Who do Hindus want to come into their house?

*Hindus want Lakshmi Goddess of Wealth to come into their house to give them good things. George*

### Why do they want Lakshmi to come into their house?

*They want Lakshmi to come into their house because she will bring them good luck. Ava*

## THE NEST

Art - We will make a firework display using black paper and chalks.



Cooking - We will make a toasted sandwich with adult support and supervision.

SMSC - We will have a relaxation session within the afternoon. We will also work together to build a den.

## OUR LEARNING AFTER HALF TERM

Our value is Peace

### Reception

Maths - Exploring numbers 1 to 5.  
English - Being peaceful  
Phonics - A review of all sounds taught; blending for reading and segmenting for writing CVC words.

### Year 1

Maths - Number bonds to 10.  
English - Writing about our trip to Westonbirt.

### Year 2

Maths - Addition  
English - Writing firework poems.

### Year 3

Maths - Column addition.  
English - Peace and Remembrance. Writing about our trip to Cheddar.

### Year 4

Maths - Converting measure.  
English - Peace and Remembrance.



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## APPLE DAY

Thank you to all of the children, parents and staff for helping us to plan and raise such a fantastic and successful event! Thank you for all the apples, bakes, cakes and prizes and of course, for coming along to support the event. We hope you had a lot of fun this afternoon!

## PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DESIGN COMPETITION

Don't forget, the deadline for designs and payment for any personalised Christmas cards, is Monday 4th November, the day we come back after the holiday. If you haven't yet picked up your template (£1 from front desk) children can use a blank piece of A5 size paper to create their design over the holiday and you can buy your template on the 4th to stick on their design and fill in your details. Remember, every design will be entered into the school Christmas Card Competition.

Wishing you all a happy half term!

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## DIARY DATES

Thurs 24 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
Fri 25 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
28 Oct - 1 Nov	Half Term
4 - 8 Nov	Faith Week
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
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Parade
Fri 15 Nov	Children In Need
Tues 3 Dec	Bag 2 School Collection 9am
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