

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a lovely week. In the Foundation Stage the children have enjoyed playing in the sand pits and riding on the bikes and trikes. The water play has also been popular where they have used syringes and pipettes, jugs and pipes to move water between the trays and buckets.

It is really disappointing that the sponsored bounce has had to be postponed but the company said even if it didn't rain today the ground would have been too wet. Usually we have sponsored bounce in the summer for this very reason but we were hopeful we could fit it in this term as the children have missed it due to Covid. Fingers crossed it can go ahead again soon. Thank you very much to the PTA for organising it all.

Volunteers

The PTA really needs volunteers for things like the upcoming school disco. Without volunteers these events cannot go ahead. Please let the PTA know if you can help with anything – pta@stjo.uk. Many thanks.

Harvest festival

We are celebrating Harvest festival on Tuesday 5th October. We are collecting for Exmouth Food bank. The food bank have sent a message that they appreciate all of your donations as they ensure a variety to the parcels that we offer to individuals and families. However, the Food Bank is currently well stocked with many of the standard items and so they are asking this year that, if people are willing and able to donate, they do so selecting items from a list of priority goods they are in need of. These are long life milk, long life fruit juice, bottled fruit squash, jars of pasta sauce, tinned vegetables and tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, packet custard mix, packet instant potato mash, instant noodles, savoury rice, packet pasta in sauce, cleaning products.

Sidmouth Science Festival 2021

Fortunately most of this year's Sidmouth Science Festival is able to go ahead in person. It runs from Friday 8th until Sunday 17th October with a wide variety of activities spread around various venues in Sidmouth. There are events for everyone; adults, children and families.

Hands on activities, talks and demonstrations take place on Super Science Saturday 9th October with a marquee at Kennaway House where you can make small items to take home.

Geology will be at All Saints' Church whilst other events will be at the Methodist Church Hall and the Masonic Hall in the High Street. There is also a Guinness World Records attempt for the longest tin can telephone from Connaught Gardens to the Bedford steps plus a dinosaur loose around town!

On Tuesday evening there is skateboarding science and demos at the Youth Club. Whilst on Saturday 16th October, also at the Youth Club, there is a 3D printing workshop, a VCR session and an illustrated guitar talk with Dr Mark Lewney. There's a robot workshop at Kennaway House and a sustainability market at the Parish Church. Come along and find out what we can do to help the Climate Emergency or have a go at making a moth to contribute to a large installation at COP26.

The last event at the Festival is an online musical presentation about Mary Anning, called the "The Fossil Detectives". There is also a very good talks programme, some on Zoom, running throughout the week.

For more detailed information and how to book for some events visit www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org, Facebook and other social media.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Friday October 15th – Author visit FSU – Yr 6

Thursday October 21st – School disco

Friday 12th November – Theatre production for KS1

Wednesday 8th December 2.30pm and 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity

Bronze Awards: Rowan – Aurelia, Sycamore – Isla, Jack

Stars of the week: Oak Class - Zara, Rowan Class - Molly, Sycamore Class - Oto, Cherry Class – Louie, Maple Class - Amelie, Beech Class – Eli.