



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly



## **Macmillan Cancer Support Pop-up Café - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 3.15pm- 4.15pm**

Please come along to our fundraising café and enjoy a cuppa and delicious cake in the school hall. Catch up with friends, bring your family and help us fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support. All welcome!

Refreshments are by donation with all proceeds going to Macmillan.



## **Read Write Inc Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

A reminder that there is an information evening **TONIGHT at 6pm**, in the school hall, for parents of children in the Reception class and Years 1 and 2. This is then followed later this week and in October by the observation sessions in school. Signup sheets for the observations are outside the classrooms. **Please note that there can only be a maximum of 5 parents per session.**

## **Pupil Premium, Free School Meals and the School Uniform Grant**

A letter was sent home or emailed on Friday giving details of Free School meals (Pupil Premium) and the school uniform grant. Please take the time to see if you are eligible as the money received makes a real difference. If you would like any further information, please speak to the staff in the office by this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

## **Harvest Festival – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 9am – St Aldhelm's**

This year, for Harvest Festival, we are supporting **Dorchester Food Bank** which is run from Dorchester Baptist Church. The following items are able to be donated to this very worthy cause. Items can be brought into school for the next two weeks until **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you in advance for all your donations.

<b><i>Milk (UHT or powdered)</i></b>		<b><i>Tins of:</i></b>
<b><i>Cereal</i></b>		<b><i>Meat</i></b>
<b><i>Pasta/rice</i></b>		<b><i>Fish</i></b>
<b><i>Pasta sauce</i></b>		<b><i>Vegetables</i></b>
<b><i>Tea bags</i></b>		<b><i>Soup</i></b>
<b><i>Instant coffee</i></b>		<b><i>Baked beans</i></b>
<b><i>Instant mashed potato</i></b>		<b><i>Fruit</i></b>
<b><i>Sugar</i></b>		<b><i>Rice pudding</i></b>
<b><i>Biscuits and snack bars</i></b>		<b><i>Sponge pudding</i></b>
<b><i>Toilet rolls and toiletries</i></b>		<b><i>Custard</i></b>
<b><i>Jam</i></b>		

### **Is your child due to start school or transfer to Middle School in September 2017?**

Applications are now required for children due to start school or transfer to Middle School in September 2017.

Applications need to be made online by **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Please visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions) to apply on line and to view 'A parent's guide'.

If you do not have access to the internet please telephone 01305 221060 to obtain a paper copy.

### **Reshaping your councils – have your say before 25 October**

We have been asked to give the following information to parents:

***Dorset's councils are considering reducing the number of councils in the county from nine to two from 2019 in order to protect services and reduce costs as their funding continues to decline. It's really important that local people of all ages make their views on the proposals known - councils play a central role in our everyday lives. We all use council services, which range from housing, planning, social care and protecting vulnerable people, through to emptying the bins, maintaining roads and running libraries.***

***The public consultation is your chance to let them know your views on how these and many other services are delivered in the future. The councils are working together to listen to what residents, businesses and others think about the proposals - they want to hear your views before any decisions are made. Councillors will make their decision in January 2017. The public consultation on the proposals for change runs until 25 October 2016. You can fill out the consultation questionnaire online now.***

***Find out more about the options, the background, read FAQs, or visit a roadshow across Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole about the consultation – check out all the information at [www.reshapingyourcouncils.uk](http://www.reshapingyourcouncils.uk).***

### **Scholastic Book Club Magazine**

A reminder that if you would like to place an order, please complete the order form in the middle of the book and return it to the school office with full payment. Cheques need to be made payable to *Frome Valley First School*. Please can all orders be with the school office by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**.

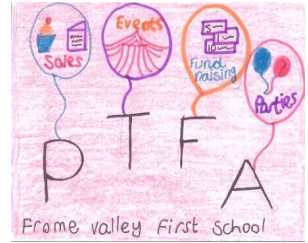


**We have been advised by Scholastic that the new David Walliams book, advertised as available at the end of September, is now being published on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. In order not to disappoint readers, Scholastic will send every child who places an order for the David Walliams book, a free Tom Gates book as a gift to read whilst they are waiting.**

## **PTFA News**

The PTFA held their AGM last Friday and the following officers were elected:

**Chairman: Sam Sparkes**  
**Joint chair: Steph Sparkes**  
**Secretary: Marie Smith**  
**Treasurer: Lucy Murray**



On behalf of the PTFA, we would like to thank Bronwyn Croft for all her hard work as Chairperson over the last 2 years. She will be continuing on the committee which is excellent, as we can draw on her experience!

Over the last year the PTFA have been hard at work raising money for the school and preschool to enhance the children's experience whilst in school. They managed to raise enough money to be able to spend over two and a half thousand pounds on various things including funding two special weeks, purchasing a friendship bench and raffle ticket prizes, and making some donations to preschool. They were also able to make an end of year donation of a thousand pounds to be used on whatever the school needed.

So what's happening this term? Well here are a few dates for your diary:

**7th October 3:20pm** - PTFA Meeting in the school hall

This is to organise the Winter Fayre that is going to be held in December. All are welcome! The more the merrier!

**21st October - Non Uniform Day.** This in exchange for a bottle (wine, bubble bath etc.) These will then be used to make up some hampers to raffle at the fayre.

**18th November - school disco 3:30-5pm.** More details to follow.

**2nd December - Non Uniform Day** in exchange for cakes! These will be sold at the fayre.

**2nd December 3:20-5pm - Winter Fayre.** This will be held in school. More details will follow. As you can see there are many events happening this term and it would be great to have as many parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends to help at these events in order to make them as successful as they have been in the past, raise lots of money to help the school and most importantly enable the children and adults to have fun! Please come along to the planning event if you are able. If you can't then please speak to one of the officers who can pass on information about how you would like to help.

Many thanks for all your support over the last year, we couldn't have raised as much money as we have without your help.

**Frome Valley PTFA.**