



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Class Dojo

In our school, we expect very good behaviour from all our pupils and we use different strategies for this. From now on, we are making some changes to how we thank the children for their good behaviour and being a good citizen in our school. We will continue to use the Kindness Tree, Marble Time and Red and Yellow Cards but no longer have Raffle tickets and Raffle prizes.



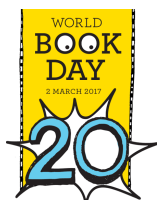
Last week, we introduced to the children '**Class Dojo**'. This is a new strategy that links to certain positive characteristics (behaviour and skills) such as compassion, perseverance, ready to learn, teamwork, to name just a few. Children will be awarded one point for each characteristic. However, children can also lose points!

As the children earn points, they can then choose to spend their points on prizes.

Points can be spent when children have 50, 100, 250 or 500 points on a variety of things.

These include: sit in the teachers chair for the day, wear slippers for the day, choose a raffle prize, show and tell my pet (as long as my parent agrees) and have a lunch party with two friends. For 500 points children will be able to give their whole class a special event!!

The reaction from the children so far has been very enthusiastic, particularly about the rewards that they can obtain! If any parents have any further questions, please speak to the class teachers.



World Book Day and 'Stories at 6'

A reminder to all that this **Thursday 2nd March** is the 20th World Book Day. On the day we would like all children to come to school dressed as a character from a book of their choice. We will have a costume parade in the morning so that everyone can have a good look at the outfits.

Then, in the evening, from 6pm we have our popular '**Stories at 6**' session. All children are invited to return to school in their PJ's or Onesie **at 6pm** to listen to stories read by their teachers and to drink hot chocolate. Children will need to bring a plastic cup to school for their hot chocolate!

The session will finish at **6.30pm** and **parents are welcome to wait in the hall and have a hot drink while they wait!**

Children's / Adult's Book Competitions

Please can all competition entries be returned to school by this Wednesday 1st March,

Judging will then take place, with the winner and runners up for each class announced at 3pm on Friday during the open afternoon.

Reception Class – Health Checks

Children in the Reception Class are due the following health checks over the next few weeks.

Hearing Tests – Thursday 9th March and

Vision Screening – Tuesday 14th March

Information on both tests has now been sent home to parents. Please note that all School Entry Health Reviews need to be returned to school as possible. If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have the checks, please speak to the staff in the office.

Book Week – Help please!

This **Wednesday 1st March** we are hoping to take all children to visit Crossways Library. All children will be taking out a book from the library. A date for the book's return and how it will be returned will be sent home with the book. However, we need parents help accompanying the children there and back. The timings of the visits are as follows:

Reception class – 11am

Year 1 – 10.30am

Year 2 – 9.45am

Year 3 – 1.15pm

Year 4 – 2pm

If you can help, please speak to the class teachers. For health and safety reasons, we do need a minimum number of adults accompanying the children whilst walking. Thank you in advance for all your help. Please speak to the class teacher if you can help.

Friday Open Afternoon

This Friday, all families are invited into school from **2.30pm** onwards to see all of the work that has been produced during Book Week. We hope to see you there!

PTFA News

The Easter Bingo is on **Monday 27th March** in the school hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm and eyes down at 5:45pm. A reminder that on **Friday 10th there will be a Non-Uniform day** for Easter treats that can be used as prizes for the Easter Bingo.

We would also like to invite those of you who like to bake, to bake some cakes that can be sold at the Bingo. Please can they be brought into school on Monday 27th

Are you able to help? Either set up the event from 5pm or help at the event? If so could you please let the school office know. We would like to thank you all for your support and help because without this we would not be able to run the events.

One more thing - The Meeting that was planned for THIS Friday has been cancelled.



Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon

To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight we will be holding a coffee afternoon in the hall on **Wednesday 8th March between 2pm-3pm**. There will be a selection of drinks and cakes on sale - all made by the children using Fairtrade ingredients!

You will be able to collect your child from his/her class so they can enjoy this event with you. If you are unable to attend but would still like your child to take part, please send some money in an envelope clearly marked with their name and class. Please send in a maximum of 50p only.

Cakes cost a maximum of 50p. All proceeds will go to the Fairtrade Foundation which works to ensure farmers and growers get a fair price for their produce. We hope you will be able to come and lend your support to this very worthwhile cause. Thank you!



Year 4 Choral Festival

Year 4 are taking part in the DASP Choral Festival on **Wednesday 15th March**. If you have not yet returned the permission slip for this day, we have sent home a reminder today. Please can these be returned to the school office by this Wednesday 1st March. Thank you.