



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Welcome Back

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope that the Christmas break was enjoyed by one and all.



Staffing

We are pleased to advise parents that we successfully appointed a new member of staff to teach in Year 4 on a Monday and Year 1 on a Friday. Mrs Catherine Hunter will be starting at Frome Valley on Friday.

Closure of school due to snow

Thinking ahead, we thought we would remind parents of the procedures that we will follow if we have to close school because of snow.

A decision will be made as early as possible if the school is not to open. You will receive a text message from the school through the ESchools APP. There will also be a list of schools that are closed on the Dorset for You website:

www.mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices

You can also listen to the local radio stations: Wessex FM 96- 97.2, Heart FM 102.3 as they read out the list of schools from the Dorset For You site.

If a decision is made to close school during the day, we will text parents asking them to collect their children. Please be advised that children can only be collected by the parents/ relatives that we already have authorisation for (unless we hear from parents directly). Please note: we only have one phone line and so it can be very difficult to get in touch with us at such busy times. You can always email a response too. Thank you.

Closure of footpath to school from Dick o the Banks Road

We have been advised that the footpath to school from Dick o the Banks Road will be closed on **Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th January from 8.30am – 4.30pm**, due to essential tree work taking place. We appreciate that this will be an inconvenience to some parents but this is unfortunately out of our control.

Diary Dates For This Half Term

January 2017

19th - School Nurse drop in session – 9am

19th - Reception Class – Height and Weight measuring.

24th - Parent drop in session (8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm) for Reception class to Year 3

26th - Parent drop in sessions (8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm) for **Year 4**

February 2017

3rd - PTFA Disco 3.30-5pm

7th - Safer Internet Day

9th - Last day of half term

10th - Staff Training Day – School closed to children

13th – 17th - School closed for holidays

NSPCC – Speak Out Stay Safe

The NSPCC will be in school next **Monday 9th January** and will hold two separate assemblies for Years 1&2 children followed by Years 3&4. A letter giving details is being sent home to parents in the next few days.

Snack At Break For Years 3 and 4

Please can we remind parents to provide children in Years 3 and 4 with a vegetable or fruit snack to eat at break time. There are lots of children who regularly don't have anything to eat. Years 3 and 4 don't eat their lunch until 12.30pm, so it can sometimes be a long morning if they are hungry!

Reception Class – Height and Weight Measuring 19th January

Karen Caines, our school nurse, is measuring the height and weight of the children in the Reception class on **Thursday 19th January**. A letter giving full details has been sent home to parents today. Please note that with the letter is an Opt – out slip. If you don't wish for your child to have their measurements taken, this needs to be completed and returned to the school office.

After School Activities

We still have space in all of our after school activities. If you would like to book a place or any further information, please speak to the staff in the office.

Year 2 Football Skills

This half term, Year 2 will be having football skills with Trevor Senior on a Friday morning. Please can parents ensure that children have a warm outdoor P.E kit in school every week. Even in light rain, the children go outside and it can be very windy so gloves and a hat are also recommended!