

## PTFA Winter Fayre

The Time has come! The Winter Fayre is THIS FRIDAY!! Lots of planning has gone into this event so please come along and support it. We have lots of fun stalls for the kids and new this year a special Market Place for the adults.

You will notice as you are dropping your children off that there is a table with the FANTASTIC raffle hampers on display. There will also be a manned table in school every morning this week where you can drop off any sold raffle tickets, return any unsold tickets, or buy some more tickets if wanted. You can also sign up to volunteer some time if you are able. Any time you can offer would be appreciated, so that all our volunteers can still have a little time off to enjoy the fayre themselves.

Just a reminder that this Friday is non uniform day in exchange for cakes that will then be sold at the fayre.

Thank you for your continued support!



*Winter Fayre*  
*Friday 2nd December*  
*3.15 - 5.15pm*

### Sharing Assembly

A reminder that Sharing Assembly, for the Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2, takes place tomorrow, **Tuesday 29th November**, starting at 2pm. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome.

### Christingle Service

Christingle candles were sent home with children on Monday. Please can they all be brought back into school by Wednesday for the service that is taking place at **St Aldhelm's Church at 1.30pm**.

All parents and relatives are welcome to join us for the service.



### eSchools – update

Login details for new parents were sent home last week. If anyone else needs a reminder of their details, please speak to the staff in the office.



**Outside each classroom, we have a class list. Please can you tick this to confirm that you have re downloaded the eSchools app. We will then be able to start sending you text messages.**

From next Monday (5<sup>th</sup> December) we will also be using eSchools to send out News Weekly and other letters. The main difference between the system we now use and the eSchools system is we are only able to use one email address per person. If at the moment you have correspondence sent to a combination of emails, please speak to the office to advise which one you would prefer us to use.

Hopefully the system change will run smoothly!! However, can we ask that if next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, you don't receive the latest News Weekly to please contact the school office. Thank you for your help.

### Parent Interviews – Reception Class

Parent interviews for the Reception Class are taking place next week on the **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Tomorrow morning, there will be a form outside the classroom with all the appointment times. Parents just need to write their child's name next to the time that they would like. **If your child travels to school by minibus or taxi, we will contact you directly to arrange a suitable time.**

### Hot Christmas Lunch – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

We are happy to tell parents that all requests to join the children for their hot Christmas lunch, can be accepted. We have in total 120 meals that day!!

Our cook and lunchtime staff will be very glad it's a Friday!

### Marvellous Maths

On the board outside each classroom, you will hopefully have seen our new **'Marvellous Maths'** sections. This gives parents information on what is being taught in class, the strategies involved and how you can help your child to succeed even further. The information will be updated on a half termly basis. Do please read this information as our Singapore Maths lessons and strategies are often very different to the ones we learnt at school!



### Textile Recycling

Today, every child in school is bringing home a Bag2School carrier for textile recycling. The more we collect in weight, the more funds we raise.



#### **Accepted textiles include:**

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Belts
- Soft toys

We are accepting items in school next week **from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December until 9am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like another bag, please ask!

### Party Lunch on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

On the last day of term, **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, all hot meals will be cancelled as the children are having a special 'party lunch'. The PTFA are kindly donating £50 towards the lunch and we are asking parents for a contribution of £1 per child. We have today sent home a note also to confirm any food allergies etc. Any hot meals that have already been paid for will be credited back to the parent's account.

### Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be in school, by the office, **from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Everyone can post their Christmas cards in the box and the Year 4 children will deliver them to all the classes. Please remember to write the child's or adult's **Name and Year group** on the card so we can deliver the cards to the right people!!

***Class lists of first names are available at the office if anyone needs one.***



### Cold Weather

As most parents are aware our playground has its own climate and is often very, very windy! With the colder weather now here, can we please ask that all children have in school a coat and also gloves and a hat to help keep warm at playtime and lunchtime. Thank you.

### Year 4 Drop in Session – Change of date

We wish to advise parents that the date for the Year 4 drop in session on **the 24<sup>th</sup> January** has changed to **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January** as Miss Carter is on a course. ***This is Year 4 only – all other classes will remain on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>.***

### School Admission Consultation

The Governors of Frome Valley First School are consulting on its admission arrangements for 2018/2019. You are invited to submit any comments you may have on the proposed policy by **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017** at the latest. Comments can be submitted in writing to Frome Valley First School (addressed to the Chair of Governors) or via email ([office@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk)). The admissions policy is available for viewing on the school website.