



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Beauty and the Beast

Wow!! We've had 2 wonderful performances so far and are now looking forward to the last show tonight. We are sure that everyone who has seen the play has enjoyed it. Every year, we are all amazed by the confidence and talent of the children we have in school. They are an inspiration to us all.

Many thanks to everyone that helped with costumes, props refreshments and transporting everything to and from the village hall.

On Wednesday, the show was recorded. Order forms for DVD's are at the office.

Unfortunately the DVD's will not be available until September. We will then arrange for all orders to be sent or posted home.

Leaver's Assembly

Leaver's Assembly takes place on **Thursday 20th July at 2pm**. All parents, relatives and friends of children in Year 4 are invited to this very special assembly. Tissues may be required!!

Wow Assembly

On the last day of term, **Thursday 20th July**, we will hold a **short assembly at 9am** to present books to any children that have completed their Gold Wow cards. This assembly normally lasts about 10 minutes. Any parent is welcome to attend.

Eco Schools – Yearly Community Clean

Tomorrow, from 9am, we are taking part once more in a community litter pick. ***If any parent or relative is free to help, we would be very grateful for your company.*** Please speak to the class teachers to volunteer.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone for their completed questionnaires. **We have still only had 48 out of 113 returned to school.** Your views are very important to us and this is a yearly opportunity to tell us how you feel as a school we are progressing. Please can any further responses be returned by Wednesday morning. The yellow box for them is outside the school office.

Books Home

Normally at the end of the academic year all the children's exercise books are sent home. However, this year they will not be sent home until Christmas. For children in Year 4 (who have no sibling in school), their books will be sent home via St Mary's.

Break Time / Lunch Time Donations

We are looking for any donations of dressing up clothes and good quality board games (no puzzles please) to enhance the children's break and lunch times. If you have anything suitable, please bring all donations to the school office.

Headteacher's End of Year Review

I cannot believe that another academic year now comes to an end. Our current Reception class is ready to move on to Year 1 and we will sadly lose our Year 4 class on Thursday. Time seems to pass so quickly...

It has been another productive year. As a school, we have worked hard to continue to develop our teaching of maths (through Singapore Maths) and our teaching of reading (through Read Write Inc). We had our best Phonic Screening Check results at the end of Year 1 this year with 96% of children achieving the phonics screening check. This is the class that has been taught Read Write Inc both in Reception and Year 1 so the teaching of reading is definitely working! Other areas the school has worked on this academic year include the implementation of a new scheme for teaching Christianity in school as well as training Miss Padfield as a Level 3 Forest School teacher. All children have taken part in Forest Schools this year and the feedback from the children has been extremely positive!

Sport remains a big focus for all schools with the Government Sports Funding. We have used this funding to increase the number of sporting and competitive events as well as having many coaches into school to teach the children such skills as football, netball, badminton, skateboarding and athletics.

What else has happened this year? There are too many to mention them all but here's a few...

Autumn Term: Music Week, Rainbow Week, Harvest Festival, Christingle, Sharing Assembly, Carols by Candlelight, Children in Need and the Christmas Service.

Spring Term: Book Week, Parent Interviews, Year 4 DASP Choral Festival, Safer Internet Day, Sharing Assembly and Stories at 6.

Summer Term: Celebration Assembly, Sports Day, May Day, Send my Friend to School Campaign, Tea Party for Helpers, Year 3 Musicianship Programme, Hooke Court and the School Play.

Our children have represented the school in many different ways this academic year, especially through sports and music. As always, we are very proud of how they represented the school and we always receive comments on how well behaved Frome Valley children are when they are outside of school.

As I reflect on all that we have achieved and accomplished over the last academic year, I can't help feel extremely proud of the school. A huge thank you to all the staff, governors, Revd Jackie Birdseye, the PTFA, parents and community that have worked so hard to create a wonderful environment for your children to learn.

And next year? Well, there will be a new focus on the School Development Plan including the school taking part in the national programme of 'Achievement for All'. More about that next term! Until then, I wish you a wonderful, relaxing summer break. Let's hope that next year is as successful as this one!

Julie Thorp

PTFA – End of Year Summary

This year we have raised over £1800 across a variety of events – Discos, Winter Fayre, Easter Bingo, May Day, Sports Day and the School Play. Can we take this opportunity to thank all for helping at any of these events, donating prizes, buying raffle tickets, playing bingo, emptying your pockets at the Winter Fayre...oh and eating the gorgeous cakes that were provided!



All of the money we raise is used to fund resources and opportunities which all our children benefit from, but are beyond the scope of the school budget. This year, we donated £700 to fund two Special Weeks (Music and Book). As you know, this year the school has introduced Forest Schools, a very exciting initiative for outdoor learning for the children. We felt as a PTFA that this would be our big fundraiser this year as the children would really benefit from this. £1000 was donated to train a teacher and buy much needed resources to get this implemented in school. We donated over £38 to fund the class raffle prizes, £135 to enable Year 2 to go to streetwise in Weymouth, £75 towards the school Christmas party and £65 for the preschool Christmas Party. We also funded the Preschool leavers BBQ and the Year 4 leaver's autograph books.

As you can see an amazing amount of money has been raised this year and once again we thank all of you for your support – we cannot raise this money for the school without you all!

Date for your Diary: PTFA Agm Friday 15th September 3.20pm

There is a need for more volunteers next year due to many of the PTFA Committee stepping down so they can enjoy the last year of Frome Valley! If there are any willing volunteers who would like to join then please do – you won't regret it!!

May all on the PTFA wish you a fantastic Summer break and look forward to seeing you all again next year for more planning and fundraising.

Parent View

As it is the end of the academic year, we are asking all parents to complete the Ofsted Parent View this week. Parent View should be completed annually by all parents. To complete the Ofsted questionnaire, please follow the link below.

<http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

You will need to register your email address if you have not used Parent View before. Your email address will be held securely and not used for any purpose other than providing access to the online survey. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school and this is **important feedback to the school**.

Many thanks.



Staffing

We sadly say goodbye this week to four members of staff at the end of this week: Babs Maslin and Tracey Oakes (who work in the Preschool), Briony Hosford and Erin Bilke. We send them all our very best wishes and thank them for all their hard work. We welcome to Frome Valley from September: Gemma Florance (Preschool Manager) and Jane Slough (school admin officer). We are interviewing today for a new lunchtime supervisor, who will also start in September.

School Attendance – Holidays During Term

We wish to make parents aware that, from September, Dorset County Council is now issuing penalty notices for holiday absences. The law regarding school attendance was clarified recently when the [Supreme Court](#) ruled in favour of the Isle of Wight Council in prosecuting a father for taking his daughter out of school without permission. It ruled that parents must ensure their children attend school regularly, and that 'regularly' means 'in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school'.

The advice to parents and carers is:

- You must make applications for absences to the headteacher in advance, and these will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
- Check what your school's rules are regarding the definition of 'regular' attendance.

Further details of 'Dorset Children's Services' penalty notice protocol can be found on the Dorset for You website.

Finally,

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 6th September**.