



Frome Valley First School News Weekly

*"Together, with God's love, we learn,
nurture and grow, without limits."*



Stars of the Week



Reception	George
Year 1	Hunter
Year 2	Luca
Year 3	Oscar
Year 4	Jack R

Parent Questionnaire

Today, we are sending home to parents this year's parent questionnaire. To try and help improve accessibility for all, it is once more a paper copy rather than online. The questionnaire is one per family.

Your views are very important to us and we would be very grateful if parents took the time to complete it.

There is a box on the table in the main reception for all completed questionnaires. Please can they be returned by **Monday 5th February**.

THANK YOU

Local Food Links – Taster Day

This Thursday 18th January, we will have some spare meals for children to try if they wish.

The menu for the day is:

Pork and Apple Burger (with Baked Beans and Corn Wedge) or
Cheese and Bean Burger (with Baked Beans and Corn Wedge) or
Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise and cucumber.

This is followed by Jammy Shortbread or Fresh Fruit.

If you would like for your child to try a hot meal (free of charge), please speak to the school office.



Fresh, Healthy, Tasty

PTFA Magic Show

Details of the magic show, taking place on **Friday 2nd February** were sent home to parents on Friday. Copies of the letter are on the carousel, outside the school office if needed.



Water Bottles

Please can we ask parents to not put their child's water bottle in book bags.

They quite often leak and we end up having to throw away quite a few reading books.
Thank you

Parent Drop In – Thursday 25th January

This term's parent drop in takes place next **Thursday 25th January**.

This is when you are able to drop in and look at your child's work and let them show you their classroom.

If you would then like to speak to the teacher, just let the teacher know. If the teacher needs to speak to you, she will also come over and speak to you. Please remember that if you wish to speak to your child's teacher for longer than a few minutes then we are happy to arrange a separate time.

For drop-ins, there is an early morning session from **8.15 - 8.40am** and an afternoon session from **2.15 - 3pm**.

You can drop in at any time during this session and we look forward to seeing you there.

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 the school due to 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. There will also be a list of schools that are closed on the Dorset for You website:

<https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/closedservices/Service/schools>

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 it can be very difficult to get in touch with us at such busy times. You can always email a response too. Thank you



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

25th January	Parent Drop In 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15-3pm	5th – 8th February	Special School Week Science
2nd February	Safer Internet Day (instead of 06/02/24)	9th February	INSET Day – school closed to children
2nd February	PTFA – Magic Show (after school)	12th – 16th February	Half Term

Science Week / Science Fair

The last week of this half term is our Science Week. Each day will focus on a particular area of science and will be jam-packed with exciting learning activities to inspire new and budding scientist! More news will follow, but we wanted to you to have time to prepare in advance for our Science Fair.



Science Fair Competition

Calling all Albert Einsteins and Rosalind Franklins!! On **Thursday 8th February**, we are hosting an American-style Science Fair! This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to explore science at home and could be a fun project for all the family to get involved in!

You are welcome to come in to be with your child from 2.15pm to help set up their project. We will then open the school up **between 2.30 and 3.00pm** for everyone to view the projects.

Projects can be big or small and on any area of science that your child wants to learn more about. Projects might include finding a way to collect the ever-increasing amounts of plastic in the sea, building an erupting volcano, designing an aerodynamic paper aeroplane, making a model solar system or explaining how our ears hear. Please try and join in to make this a fantastic, informative and fun event to kick start science week!

For more ideas you can visit these websites:

- <https://www.weareteachers.com/easy-science-experiments/>
- <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/130374/50-science-fair-project-ideas-for-elementary-to-high-school-kids/>

First prizes will be awarded to children in each class.

It's time to turn all Frome Valley pupils into Scientists!!

What are we learning in our classrooms this week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
We are looking at 'The Gingerbread Man' and writing a shopping list for ingredients so that we can make our own.	In Literacy, we will be looking at the use of capital letters for days of the week and months of the year.	In Literacy, we will be learning about apostrophes for possession and contraction.	In Literacy, we are writing instructions.	In Literacy, alongside our work on The Butterfly Lion, we will continue to revise our understanding of apostrophes.
We are exploring mass and capacity. We will be using balance scales to weigh objects and using water and different size containers to see which holds the most.	In Numeracy, we are looking at the composition of numbers 11-19.	In numeracy we will begin to learn about multiplication and division. Starting with multiplication and making groups of amounts.	In Numeracy, we are multiplying and dividing by 4.	In Numeracy, we are learning how to multiply a 2-digit number by a one-digit number and what methods to use.
In Science, we are testing materials to find out which are waterproof.	In Art, we are looking at artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo's use of food for his artwork.	In history we will be learning about significant people - Neil Armstrong.	In Geography, we are finding out how mountains are formed.	In RE, we are learning about Abraham's relationship with God and how he had to show faith in God,
<p>Do ask your child about their learning!</p> <p>If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.</p>				

Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that all lunches, snacks and drinks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help