



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Parent Drop In Sessions

The first of this year's drop in sessions is tomorrow **Tuesday 11th October**. Parents will be able to speak to the class teacher and look at their child's work. Teachers can discuss your child's next step in their learning and how you can support your child at home. You can drop in at any time during this session and the class teachers look forward to seeing you there. There is an early morning session from **8.15 – 8.40am** and an afternoon session from **2.15 – 3pm**.

There are often many parents that would like to speak to the teacher so we ask that parents write their name on the whiteboard in the classroom as they arrive. Teachers will then speak to parents in order of their arrival!

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.

Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you to everyone for their donations to the Dorchester Food Bank. Year 4 are visiting the Food bank this Thursday to find out for themselves how the Food bank helps our community. Full details of this visit will be sent home to Year 4 parents tomorrow.

Individual School Photos

Individual School Photos are taking place next **Monday 17th October**. During the morning, children present in school will automatically have their individual photo taken as well as a photo with their siblings (if they are in school or preschool on that day).

From 8.15am, we are inviting parents into school to have pupils photos taken with a younger sibling who is not at Preschool on that day or too young for Preschool (babies etc).

From 8.45am we are inviting Preschool children with younger siblings not in school i.e. babies and toddlers to have their photo taken.

From 9am we are inviting Preschool children not attending a Monday morning session.

All other photos will then be taken!

Please note that we will try to stick to these times, however, we know from past years sometimes the wait can be longer.

Booking Forms for Happy Valley and Breakfast Club

Booking forms for Happy Valley and breakfast club, from October half term to Christmas are now available. They have been emailed to parents or alternatively there are paper copies on the carousel outside the school office.

Large tractor tyre to dispose of

We have a very large tractor tyre to dispose of that you may have noticed in the school car park! If anyone can make use of it, please speak to the staff in the office by the end of this week. Thank you.

School Book Fair

We have Travelling Books 'Book Fair' in school next week. A leaflet giving details of some of the available books has been sent home with the children today.

The books will be available to view every morning from 8.30 to 9am and in the afternoon from 3 – 3.30pm.

We need help with taking orders during these times. It only involves taking orders and giving people their change etc.

If you can help in anyway, please speak to the staff in the office. Thank you.



Healthy Lunches

A reminder to parents that, as a 'Healthy School', there are some items that we do not allow children to have in their lunch boxes. These include sweets, chocolate, including items such as Mars Bars, Freddo Bars and Kinder Eggs. If any of these items are included, children will be asked to take them home.



Ask The Governors

At the end of last term, we asked the children to write down some questions they would like to ask the Governors to find out more about the Governors. We will include some of their questions (and the Governor's answers!) in News Weekly over the next few weeks.

What do you do to help our schools? *(this was a question from our Reception class!)*

Keith Campbell: Go to meetings, tell jokes and try to support the teachers and staff in what they do.

Jacquie Birdseye: I'm Year Governor for the current Year 2 class. I lead Collective Worship on Thursday, and help on school trips, Interviews and anything else I can find time for in my diary, I'm available for staff, pupils and parents if they want to chat or ask me questions about the church.

What do you spend the school's money on? *(this was a questions from Dee Dee)*

Keith Campbell: Mainly paying the teachers and staff, and electricity and maintaining the school buildings. The fun bit is buying cool stuff for the children to use to learn in exciting ways.

Jacquie Birdseye: The pupils first and foremost. That means we need to look after the building, pay salaries and provide all the equipment needed to be successful. We also plan for the future.