



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone that donated to Children in Need on Friday. We are pleased to advise in total we raised **£206.06**. This includes a donation from the PTFA of £45.



Sharing Assembly

A reminder that Sharing Assembly, for Years 3 and 4, takes place tomorrow, **Tuesday 22nd November**, starting at 2.15pm. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome.

Walking Wednesday

Last year as part of our Eco Schools initiative, we started:

'Walking Wednesday'

On this day, we would like as many children as possible to walk, cycle or scooter to school, or share a lift! We know that this could be difficult for the children that live an un-walkable distance from school, but would encourage parents to think about driving half way and then walking the rest! Our previous total was 74% of children walking to school.

The next 'Walking Wednesday' is this **Wednesday 23rd November**.

Thank you for your support. The Eco- schools team will report back next week on how well we all did.

eSchools

eSchools is an online system that parents can access from home to look at things such as attendance, letters etc. It is also the system we now use to send text messages.

Unfortunately we have been advised by eSchools that the app that many parents downloaded last year has changed and needs to be re downloaded. We would be very grateful if all parents could do this as soon as possible.

Once parents have the new app, we can then send out reminder text messages as well as the more urgent ones that school is closed! These texts are free for school to send if you have downloaded for app so please download it as soon as possible. We do not have another system for contacting parents by text.

For parents new to school, in the next few days you will receive a welcome letter which will also have your login details. For any parents that may have forgotten their logins or need any help, please speak to the school office.

Year 4 Hooke Court Meeting

A reminder to parents that the Year 4 meeting for Hooke Court is taking place this **Wednesday 23rd November at 3.30pm** in the Year 4 classroom.

Absence from School Requests

As per current government legislation, we are unable to authorise any requests for absence from school, unless there are exceptional circumstances. We also have several times during the school year when compulsory tests are taking place and will also not authorise any absences.

Year 2 will be taking their SATs during the month of May, Year 1 have phonics screening the week beginning 12th June and Years 3 and 4 will also be taking progress tests in June.

Please remember that any requests need to be handed in at least two weeks before any absence, preferably longer. Thank you.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is the additional funding that Frome Valley receives for all children that are entitled to Free School Meals. This is different to the universal infant free meals that the Reception class and Years 1 and 2 receive.

By registering your child for Free School Meals you are also then entitled to several other benefits that include **a £50 school uniform allowance and also some assistance towards music lessons and school trips.**

If you think you may be eligible please either visit the website

www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals or speak to the staff in the office.

PTFA News

Firstly may we thank all those that helped out at the Disco. The children had a fantastic time dancing away to their favourite songs. The disco raised £176. **From this the PTFA have donated £45 to Children in Need.**



The Winter Fayre is fast approaching. We are today sending home raffle ticket books, a leaflet to explain about them and some of the prizes and a poster. Please put the poster up to advertise this event to as many as possible. We have got some amazing prizes up for grabs in the raffle so please sell as many tickets as you can. More tickets will be available from Monday 28th onwards.

Finally we will be placing lists for volunteers to help out at the Fayre. Even if you can only spare 15-20 minutes please put your name up. This will give those on the stalls a little break and will enable them to have a look around too!

Christingle Service

This Year's Christingle service will take place next **Wednesday 30th November at 1.30pm** in St Aldhelm's Church. This is a wonderful service where all children receive a Christingle as we celebrate advent and the countdown to Christmas.

Today, we are sending home a **cardboard Christingle candle** for collecting donations to the Children's Society. Please can these then be returned to school ready for the afternoon service. All parents and relatives are welcome to join us for the service.

