



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the Stars of this week.

'Star of the Week'

Year 1: Hayden

Year 2: Jack

Year 3: Max

Year 4: Annabelle



Flu Vaccination Wednesday 31st October

Thank you to everyone that has already returned their completed Flu Vaccination forms.

Please remember that all forms need to be with us by this Wednesday 17th October at the very latest.

Individual School Photos

Individual School Photos are taking place this **Friday 19th October**. During the morning, children present in school will automatically have their individual photo taken, plus 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, whom 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 Friday 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.

Reception Class Vision Check – Wednesday 7th November

We have today emailed to parents of children in the Reception Class information on Vision Screening taking place on **Wednesday 7th November**.

Please note that you only need to return the form if you wish **to opt out** of having your child's vision checked. Please ensure that any opt out forms are returned to the school office **by Monday 5th November** at the latest.

Beginning of the school day

Can we gently remind everyone that the school day begins as soon as the second bell goes at 8.50am. When the bell rings, can parents leave the classrooms and main school building as sometimes small groups of children will be working in the corridor outside classrooms as well. Thank you for your help.

Lost Property

The pile of Lost Property, located by the playground doors, is ever growing!! Please can everyone have a look to see if they can claim any items by the end of this week. Any items left after this date will then be disposed of.

After School Clubs

Details of after school clubs in the second half of the Autumn term have today been emailed home to parents. Please speak to the office staff if you would like any further information.

PTFA News

The Great Frome Valley Bake Off

Thank you to everyone who has already handed in their entry forms plus 50p coins. The deadline is **Friday 19 October** so there is still time to pledge your support. Unfortunately without enough entries our special fundraising event on Monday 5 November (from 3pm to 4pm) won't be able to go ahead. So remember...it's the taking part, not the baking expertise that counts! Every child will be awarded with a certificate from Ms Thorp for joining in the fun.



Deadline extended for Christmas gift orders!

We are still accepting 'Christmas Gift Shop' order forms and money (£2.50 per gift) this week. So don't miss out. We guarantee that your child will love shopping for you on 20th December with their peers – plus a little help from the PTFA team and class TAs. We are already starting to buy gifts - such as tea light holders, jewellery, chocolates and so on – so if you have any ideas, please let us or the school office know.

Hamper and basket donations please

Just a reminder that we really need donations of baskets or hampers (new and used) for the Christmas Fair raffle. Please hand them into the office. Thank you.

Get on board with easyfundraising!

Over the last couple of weeks, ten parents have signed up to easyfundraising and have already raised £3 for the PTFA by shopping online as usual...especially via Amazon and on ebay. Please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fromevptfa/> before you start your Christmas shopping! It's easy to register and all you have to do is click through to over 3,300 big name retailers (like John Lewis, M&S and Argos) from the easyfundraising website and a donation automatically goes into the PTFA bank account when you make a purchase. An easyfundraising flyer will be going into book bags this week.

Parent Information Evening – Maths Number Sense

This Wednesday evening, 17th October at 6pm, there is an information evening for all parents on Maths Number Sense. The session will give parents advice on how to support your child in Maths and the key number facts for each Year group. It will last no longer than 30 - 45 minutes.

Food Allergies

We have recently been joined by a new member of our lunchtime staff whom has a very **serious allergy to mango** in any form. We would be grateful if parents could from now on avoid putting any fresh mango or mango products in their child's lunchbox. Thank you for your help.

Dog Mess in School Grounds

A reminder to everyone that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. We appear to have had a few visitors recently that have kindly deposited something for us!! If you do see anyone with a dog, please let a member of staff know. Thank you.

Play Trail

A reminder that, as per the signs on the play equipment, the play trail is not to be played on after school hours. The equipment is there for the children to use during the school day only. Thank you.

Missing School Uniform and Glasses

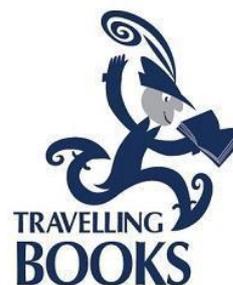
We have been advised by a couple of parents that they have named items of school uniform go missing. Also one named fleece from a child in Year 2 that is missing also has the child's glasses inside. Please can everyone check to ensure that the items they have belong to their child. Thank you.

School Book Fair

The book fair is in school this week until Thursday afternoon.

The books will be available to view every morning from 8.30 to 8.50am and in the afternoon from 3 – 3.30pm.

Please note that, as the Book Fair is unmanned, books can't be taken from the shelves. An order form needs to be completed and then placed in an envelope with full payment. Books will be sent home as soon as possible.



Book Fair Vouchers

Save ££££ with book fair gift vouchers. Buy a voucher online and get 20% free. Pay £5 and get a voucher worth £6 to spend. Pay £10 and get a voucher worth £12 to spend. Visit the Travelling Books website for further details and to purchase a voucher.

Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we have a child in school who has a very severe nut allergy. Please ensure that all lunches and snacks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help.



Finally,

*The first half term has flown by. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable half term week next week. Children return to school on **Tuesday 30th October**, ready for a week of Humanities Fun!!*