Frome Valley First School
News Weekly

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

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:
'Stars of the Week'
Reception: Joel Pu
Year 1: Thomas G
Year 2: Dolly
Year 3: Bailey
Year 4: Henry

After School Athletics

After school athletics will be starting on **Monday 9th May.** Full details and registration forms were sent out last week. The club is open to all year groups. If you would like to book a space for your child please speak to the staff in the office. Please remember that places are limited.

May Day Celebrations

All classes are starting to practise their May Day dances, with Year 4 working on plaiting the Maypole! On May Day, girls can wear summer dresses (not too long) and boys can wear smart trousers (not jeans) and a smart shirt, or the children can just wear school uniform. Children can come into school wearing these clothes and keep them on all day. All children will need their plimsolls for dancing too.

Please remember that, if the weather is warm, children will be outside for quite a few hours so sun cream and a sun hat are essential.

May Day - Wednesday 25th May at 1.15pm
Reserve May Day – Thursday 26th May at 1.15pm

All are welcome to this special event

Years 1 and 2 trip to Lorton Meadows

Years 1 and 2 are visiting Lorton Meadows in Weymouth on **Wednesday 18th May**. A letter giving details has been sent home to parents today. ***Please note that if you wish to order an away day packed lunch we need to know by Monday 9th May at the latest.*** The permission slip can be returned via email or in paper form. If you require a paper copy of the letter, please speak to the staff in the office.

Diary Dates

May

10th – PTFA non uniform day
17th – Parent Drop In 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm
18th – Years 1 and 2 visit to Lorton Meadows
18th – 23rd May – Textile Recycling
20th - PTFA – sponsor event
25th – May Day Celebrations 1.15pm – all welcome
26th – May Day Celebrations reserve date 1.15pm – all welcome
27th – Last day of half term
30th – 3rd June – Half Term

June

6th – Children return to school
22nd – Sports Day (Reception, Years 1 and 2) 9.15am – all welcome
22nd – Sports Day (Years 3 and 4) 1.15pm – all welcome
28th – Celebration Assembly (Reception, Years 1 and 2) 2.15pm – all welcome
29th – Celebration Assembly (Years 3 and 4) 2.30pm – all welcome

July

4th and 5th – Parent Interviews (Reception Class)
7th – Transfer Day
8th - Reports home to parents
8th – Dress Rehearsal – school play
12th – Parent Drop In (Years 1-4) 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm
13th – School Play – 6pm – Crossways Village Hall
15th – School Play – 6pm – Crossways Village Hall
18th – School Play – 6pm – Crossways Village Hall
19th – Year 4 leavers outing
20th - Eco School Day
21st – Year 4 Leavers Assembly 2pm
21st – Last day of term

Textile Recycling

A reminder that the date for our next textile recycling is **Monday 23rd May**. We have attached a leaflet giving full details of items they will accept. We will be accepting items in school **from Wednesday 18th May to 9am on Monday 23rd May.**

PTFA News

Get ready for 'The Big Bean Bag Bucket Challenge'!
On Friday 20 May, your child will be involved in a fun sponsored event - during school time - to raise money for the PTFA. Children will have 1 minute to throw as many beans bags into a bucket as they can. There will be prizes per class and every child will bring home a participation certificate. Sponsorship forms will be going out in book bags this week and **every penny raised** will be used to buy school books and furniture for Frome Valley's brand new library area. Please get the support of relatives, friends and neighbours and don't forget to 'Gift Aid' if you can.

Dress Down Day next week
On Tuesday 10 May your child will be able to dress down in exchange for a tombola prize. Donations such as alcohol, toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, sweets and new children's toys will all be welcomed at drop-off. Thank you in advance.

Your PTFA needs you
Pre-covid we used to have an army of volunteer parents and grandparents on board the PTFA team. At school events – such as May Day, Sports Day and all three school play performances – we served hot and cold drinks, sold donated homemade cakes and ran raffles. Yes, it raises money BUT the most important things is that it makes these special dates in the school calendar even more special by bringing the whole school community together and further enhancing these memorable occasions for you, your family and your children. It would be such a shame if this tradition became a thing of the past. Please email the school office if you'd like to be a school event volunteer. The more people involved, the easier it is for everyone to make sure they never miss seeing their own child take part in a dance or a race! **Currently, only three working mums are on the PTFA Committee so currently these school events will not be supported.**

Lottery update
Congratulations to Saturday night's 'Your School Lottery' winner: Mr K! Everyone who buys a ticket is making such a huge difference. Thank you.

Class Photos

Proofs for class photos have been sent home today. All orders need to be made online by Friday 13th May.

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