



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Welcome Back

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter break and managed to spend time with family and friends. The summer term has arrived and as in previous years is very busy! The sound of music will soon be heard across the village as all classes will start practising for their May Day dances. We hope you can join us in May for this wonderful traditional event.

Star of the Week

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

'Star of the Week'

Reception: Harry
Year 1: Olivia
Year 2: Shianne
Year 3: Louie
Year 4: Isaac



Cleaner Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner in school. The position is a job share with a current member of staff. The role is for 2 hours per day 4.30 – 6.30pm, 5 days a week, term time only. Full details are available on the Dorset for You website. The closing date for all applications is next **Wednesday 1st May**.

After School Activities – First Half - Summer Term

All after school activities start this week. This half term, we have the following clubs:

Monday – Athletics

Wednesday – Swimming and Recorder

Friday – Gymnastics and Film Club

At this moment in time, we have spaces in all of these clubs.

After School Science – Thursdays

The after school science club is full. Please note that this club finishes at the slightly earlier time of **4.15pm**

Local Food Links – Summer Term Menu

Can we remind parents that they are now able to place orders online for the first half of the summer term.



PTFA News

Easter Games Night this Thursday!

Please come along on Thursday (**25th April**) for some family fun and games. It's just £2 per person for a games pack and there are some fantastic prizes to be won throughout the evening. Doors open at 5.15pm and games will start at 5.30pm and finish at around 6.30pm/6.45pm. There will be bingo, a quiz, a fun photo round, card games and lots, lots more. There is a raffle (£1 per strip) plus refreshments including homemade cakes and cookies for 50p each. If you would like to donate cakes or biscuits, please leave your contribution on the table outside the office on Thursday morning. Thank you for your continued support.



Easter Bunny Hunt Fun

I hope you found all 15 escapee bunnies hidden around Crossways over the Easter holiday. Please hand in your completed forms by 8.50am on Thursday. A winner will be drawn at random at the Easter Games Night and will also be announced in News Weekly next week. Thank you for supporting our Easter fundraiser.

Shop at Tesco Dorchester to help us get up to £2000

A few months ago, the PTFA team applied to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme and have been successful. Our courtyard garden project - along with two other successful projects in the area - will go forward to a vote in Tesco Dorchester where customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from **Wednesday 1st May to Sunday 30th June** so please consider doing your weekly shop in Tesco Dorchester to help support the school. We could receive a £2000 cheque in July if we win!

Welly Wang fundraiser

Thank you for supporting last term's fun sponsorship event. We raised a whopping £742!

Gift Aid

Thank you to everyone who has opted to Gift Aid. Our Treasurer, Katie Ayres-Turner, has been busy claiming back 25p every time you've donated £1. We've just got £330 paid into our bank account by the HMRC.

School Play

Before the Easter holidays there was great excitement in Year 4 as the title of this year's school play was announced. This year the school production will be Mary Poppins. The children in Year 4 play the main parts but every child in school will take a turn to shine on stage. Further information will be given to all parents later this term.

PROPS: *if you know of anyone that has a chest of drawers that they are about to get rid of, please let us know as we need one for our school play!!*

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property that has resurfaced over the break. Please can everyone look through the pile located near the main playground doors to see if they can reclaim anything. Any items left by next **Monday 29th April** will be disposed of.

Eco Team – items needed please

In the next couple of weeks, the Eco Team are rebuilding the Habitat Hotel we have in school. If anyone has any of the following items to help with the rebuild we would be very grateful.

Pine Cones
Bundles of twigs
Old bamboo sticks

Please can any items be dropped off in the courtyard garden area or taken to the school office. Thank you in advance for all your items.

Summer Weather!!

A few reminders to parents now we are in the summer term and will hopefully have lots of sunshine! Please can parents ensure that their children have in school **a named sun hat** and that, if the weather is warm, **they have sunscreen applied before school**. We recommend that parents apply a long lasting sun cream rather than reapplying during the school day. If this is not possible, please ensure that all bottles that come to school are named. **Please be advised that children will need to apply the cream themselves.** For safety reasons, please remember that children need to continue to wear suitable school footwear. **Flip flops, sandals, trainers and croc style shoes** are not allowed in school. This needs to be adhered to on non-uniform days as well please (though trainers are allowed on non-uniform days).

Water bottles – there are quite a few children that do not have a water bottle in school. In the warmer weather, this is more important than ever. If you wish to purchase one from school we still have metal and plastic ones available. Please speak to the school office if you wish to purchase one.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Nut Free / Mango Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we have in school a child and an adult with very severe nut and mango allergies respectively. Please ensure that all lunches, snacks and drinks do not contain nuts or mango. Thank you for your help.

