



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the

'Stars of the Week'

Reception: Hope

Year 1: Paige

Year 2: Lucas

Year 3: Amelia

Year 4: Jacob



R.E Week

What a wonderful week we had. Thank you to everyone that helped to make the week such a success. Special thanks to all the staff that arranged all the different visits and activities. Thank you to everyone that entered the competition to create a piece of art that represented the schools values. The entries were truly lovely. Congratulations to the following winning entries.

Year R: 1st prize Logan. 2nd prize Benjamin

Year 1: 1st prize Jack

Year 2: 1st prize Hayden

Year 3: 1st prize Harriet, 2nd prize Freya

Year 4: 1st prize Alex C, 2nd prizes Zara and Scarlett

Parents winner – Gilly

Reception Class Parent Interviews 10th and 11th December

A reminder that parent interviews for the Reception class are this Tuesday and Wednesday. These are crucial meetings to ensure that we work in partnership with you to secure the best outcomes for your child. Please do make sure that you have made an appointment to see Miss Padfield. If for any reason you are unavailable, please speak to Miss Padfield directly to arrange a suitable time. Please remember that interviews are for **a maximum of ten minutes**. If you need to discuss something that requires more time than this, we would appreciate if you made a separate appointment

Carols by Candlelight – Thursday 12th December 6pm

A reminder that 'Carols by Candlelight' is this Thursday 12th December starting at 6pm. All children, parents and relatives are invited to come along to this very special evening and join in with some of the singing! The evening lasts about an hour with refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.



Christingle Service

This year's Christingle service will take place this **Friday 13th December at 1.30pm** in St Aldhelm Church. This is a wonderful service where all children receive a Christingle as we celebrate advent and the countdown to Christmas. All parents and relatives are welcome to join us for the service.



Year 1 Nativity Photo

This Thursday afternoon, we have the dress rehearsal for the Nativity service. While it is taking place the Dorset Echo are in to take a photo of the children in Year 1. A photo consent form was emailed last Friday to parents of Year 1 children. Please can these be returned by Thursday morning at the latest. Unfortunately, if we don't have a completed form your child will be omitted from the photo. Thank you.

Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December

This Friday 13th December is Christmas Jumper Day!!

To raise money for Save the Children, we would like all children to wear their favourite Christmas jumper, T-Shirt or anything they wish with a Christmas theme **(for a donation to this very worthy cause)**. ***This is to be worn with their normal school uniform – instead of their school jumper, cardigan fleece etc.***

Thank you in advance for all your donations.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Hot Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

Have you ordered the Christmas Lunch yet...?

A last reminder that all orders have to be placed by tomorrow, **Tuesday 10th December**. As it is the busiest day of the year for Local Food Links, they are unable to accept any late orders.



PTFA News

What a Christmas Fayre!

Thank you to everyone who took part in last Friday's Christmas Fayre by either coming along, volunteering, donating cakes and prizes or buying raffle tickets. We raised a massive **£1177 profit**. The winner of Santa's dog was Olivia from Year 2 and the winner of the '12 days of Christmas' picture trail was Marnie from Reception. The Year 4s did a great job on their stalls and raised £78.47 to put towards their leavers trip in July. Also, a big thank you to Miss Hunter and her choir. If you donated a home bake, don't forget to pick up your plates, tubs and tins on Monday from the table outside of school office.

Please help us run the Christmas Gift Shop

We're looking for some willing volunteers to give up an hour or so of their time on Thursday 19 December to help in the PTFA Christmas Gift Shop. We've had around 150 orders for presents and need some parents to help children choose, wrap and then personally label their gifts.

Please contact the office or PTFA team if you're able to lend a hand. To support our eco-school ethos we will have both regular wrapping paper and tape plus recycled paper and string to give children the option of putting a 'green' gift under the tree. Thank you in advance.

Dates for your 2020 calendar...

We've already been busy booking some exciting after school events for your children next term. Please put Friday 31 January in the diary when Mad4Animals will be visiting the school from 3.15pm to 4.30pm and the next disco is on Friday 28 February.



Local Food Links – New Menu

The menu for the next half term of hot school meals is being sent home to parents tomorrow. Please remember that current meals go up to the **week ending Friday 10th January** – don't forget that orders need to be made at least one week before then! If the school office orders your meals, please can you ensure your menu choices are with the office by next **Tuesday 17th December**.



Nativity Services

Pre School and Reception Class – Tuesday 17th December 9.10am
Years 1 – 4 Monday 16th December 1.30pm and Wednesday 18th December 9.10am

We know that all services will be very popular and we therefore ask parents, relatives and friends to only come to the Preschool / Reception nativity if they have a child in these years. Also if you have a child in Years 1 – 4 we ask that you only attend one of the services.

For parents of the Reception Class, if you can stay and help with changing the children into their costume, after their arrival in school, it would be very much appreciated.

After both of the morning services, coffee and mince pies will be available to parents.



Nativity Service: Photographs and Videos

As a Church school, our Nativity is very important to us and we try to create a Nativity Service rather than a performance. **Therefore, we would be grateful if parents refrained from taking photos during the service or recording the Nativity services next week.** We will provide an opportunity for parents and relatives to take photos at the end of the service and you are more than welcome to take an individual photo of your child when he/she returns to the classroom. **Please also be aware that group photos must not be used on social media sites, such as Facebook.**

Scholastic Half Price Book Fair

The Scholastic Book fair is in school from **tomorrow until Monday 16th December.**

All books are **half price**, so please come and pick up a bargain! The book fair will be available for parents to view books and place orders every morning and afternoon. The book fair will be unmanned so parents will need to complete an order form and place it in an envelope with full payment. Books will then be sent home as soon as possible.

Please do not take books home off the shelf.

Party Lunch on Friday 20th December

Please can all forms and contributions be returned to school as soon as possible for the party lunch on the last day of term. Thank you.

Non Uniform Day – Friday 20th December

As the last Friday of this half term is 'Party Day,' children can come into school wearing non uniform. However, we would recommend play clothes, rather than party clothes and dresses.

After School Clubs

Full details of after school clubs in the spring term will be emailed to parents later this week. Some of the clubs are now also open to the Reception Class. Please speak to the staff in the office, if you require further information.

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.

Please can we ask parents to double check ingredients in products. Mango appears in a number of items that you would not think of! Unfortunately the member of staff who has severe allergy doesn't need to eat or come into contact with mango to have a reaction. It only needs to be in the same room. Your help is very much appreciated by us all.

