



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



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

Welcome Back and COVID-19 Update

As advised last week, close contacts of positive cases of COVID-19 are no longer notified and asked to test. However, we thought parents would like to know that we currently have eight children and three adults (from school and preschool) who have tested positive and are currently isolating. Only Year 4 has no positive cases at the moment!

Please remember that if your child is showing any of the three key symptoms:

A fever / high temperature (temperature above 37.8)

A new, continuous cough

A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

They will still need to isolate and have a PCR test. We appreciate that it is no longer legally binding for anyone to isolate but we are sure that parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school, given the potential risk to others. **This is also the continuing guidance from the DfE.**

Children may then return to school if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature, or feel too ill to attend school. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 (e.g. 8am in the morning) and the morning of day 6 (e.g. 8am in the morning), they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day

We appreciate that it is an ever changing situation. As and when legislation changes, we will update you once more with the guidance from the DfE

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Reception: Harvey

Year 1: Oscar

Year 2: Jack S

Year 3: Fred

Year 4: Jessica



Reception Class and Preschool – Early Years Information Session

Unfortunately due to staff illness **we have to cancel the information sessions** that was due to take place on Thursday 10th March (for Reception class and Preschool parents) and Tuesday 15th March (online session). As soon as we have alternative dates, we will let parents know.

World Book Day and Stories at 6 – Thursday 3rd March

Thank you to everyone that came to 'Stories at 6' last week. The children were so excited to be in school in the evening in their pyjamas. It was a joy to see and hear.

PTFA News

Dress Down Day: 25 March

There's a dress down day on Friday 25 March in exchange for an Easter donation: chocolate eggs (no nuts), fluffy bunnies, sweets, Easter craft packs etc. So do take advantage of the current supermarket early bird offers!

Easter raffle and craft competition

The PTFA will be running an Easter raffle later this month along with a craft competition where every child will be given a paper plate to transform into something Easter-related. Watch this space for more details. If you have some fundraising ideas to share, please do get in touch and consider joining the PTFA team. Contact the office for more details.



This half term's lottery offer: £500 bike voucher

We now have 25 Your School Lottery supporters. Why not have a flutter and join us in raising much needed funds for the school. Search 'Your School Lottery' and type in Frome Valley First School to get started. If you buy a ticket before 23 April, you'll be in with a chance of winning a £500 voucher to spend at The Bike Factory. A huge thank you also goes to Year 2 mum – Ms J – who won twice in a row over the half term and donated all of her winnings (£21 cash) to the PTFA plus Saturday night's winner (Mr M) who donated his winnings to us within minutes!

We've been spending...

We have supported the eco-school committee this month by buying more litter-picking equipment and funded additional den-building equipment for Forest School. We'll also be giving £350 to the school for them to spend on exciting activities for your children during its special 'off-curriculum' week starting on Monday 4 April. Without your support, there would be no money available to make these purchases on an ad hoc basis throughout the year. So thank you again!

Whole School Cricket Sessions

This Wednesday, 9th March, all classes will have a cricket lesson by Sean Fitzgerald from Dorchester Cricket Club. Please can parents ensure that children have in school a warm outdoor P.E kit suitable for all weather including light rain.

Reception Class – National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Karen Caines, our school nurse, will be in on **Monday 28th March** to weigh and measure the children in the Reception Class. Full details of the NCMP were emailed to parents on the 2nd March. Please remember that, if you wish to opt out, you need to notify the school office as soon as possible.

Sharing Assembly

Sharing Assemblies take place this half term on the following dates:

Thursday 24th March: (Years 3 and 4) at 9am

Thursday 31st March: (Reception, Years 1 and 2) at 9am



For parents new to Frome Valley, Sharing Assembly is a chance for all classes to share what they have learned this term. We will also present the Citizenship Certificates for each class for children that have been particularly kind and helpful this term. We look forward to welcoming all parents, friends and relatives to these special assemblies.

At Sharing Assembly, we like to share in all the children's achievements. If your child has been awarded anything outside of school, please bring all certificates etc. to the school office.

Lost Property

As the weather was wet last week, we will continue to put the lost property out for parents to look through until **Wednesday 9th March**. Anything after this date will then be recycled or used as second hand uniform.

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

