



# Frome Valley First School

## News Weekly



### Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now living in a new normal at school and in society and unless the Government changes its guidance documentation for schools re Covid-19, this new normal is here to stay. I know that for both home and school this has been a disruptive half term. We are following all guidelines when a child has a positive Lateral Flow Test or a positive PCR test. All positive PCR tests are also reported to the Local Authority and Public Health Dorset.

We are collecting information when there is a positive PCR test so that we can try and pinpoint how a child might have caught Covid-19. With there being no lockdown restrictions outside of school, we know that even with all the extra precautions we take in school, there are still so many ways children can now catch Covid-19 as well as from being in school. Children are now socialising more outside of school and some are attending after school clubs. The world is also now open for all adults and many are back at work. Plus, children are catching Covid-19 through other family members, especially older siblings.

When there are quite a few cases in a class, we are putting in extra measures in school to reduce the opportunity for that class to mix with other classes within school. Staff in that class are also taking additional precautions. As always, regular hygiene and cleaning within the school day continues including regular washing of hands, cleaning of tables and cleaning of touch points.

All we can do is try our best to limit the number of cases and the spread of Covid-19 and we can't stress enough that PCR tests and LFTs are the only way to do this.

We decided to cancel drop-in sessions as we felt that to have parents in at the moment (as well as parents moving from one class to another) was a risk that we did not need to take. Our Harvest Festival is this Wednesday and the weather looks dry so we look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival outside on the playground.

Many thanks for all your support in this challenging time.

Julie Thorp

### Star of the Week

**Congratulations to the following children who are the:**

**'Stars of the Week'**

Year 1: Sophie

Year 2: Austin

Year 3: Rosie

Year 4: Georgia



### **Open Morning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9 – 11.30am**

We will be holding an open morning on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 9 – 11.30am** for prospective parents to look around school and to meet our Headteacher. Do please come along to view the school. You can drop in at any point. Appointments are not required.

### **Parent Drop In – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

As advised last Friday, we regretfully have to cancel the parent drop in due to take place tomorrow. We regularly review the cases of COVID we have in school and if the numbers increase we will then take appropriate action in cancelling events in school. We hope parents understand that the health and safety of all is paramount.

### **Harvest Festival**

A reminder to parents that our 'Harvest Festival service takes place this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. It will take place outside in the playground. If for any reason we need to cancel this service, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

### **Year 1 – Julia Donaldson Day – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October**



A reminder to Year 1 parents that this **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** Year 1 are holding a special 'Julia Donaldson Day' where the children will take part in fun Julia Donaldson activities and come to school dressed as a character from one of her books. If you need any help with costume ideas, please speak to Mrs Ashby as soon as possible.



### **Parent Interviews Years 1 - 4**

This year, parent interviews are following the format of one afternoon online and one afternoon face to face. They will take place on the following days:

#### **Year 1**

8<sup>th</sup> November (face to face)

9<sup>th</sup> November (online)

#### **Year 2**

9<sup>th</sup> November (online)

10<sup>th</sup> November (face to face)

#### **Year 3**

9<sup>th</sup> November (online)

11<sup>th</sup> November (face to face)

#### **Year 4**

9<sup>th</sup> November (face to face)

11<sup>th</sup> November (online)

From this **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** teachers will have a clipboard with them during drop-off and pick up times. We ask that you agree on an appointment time with the class teacher during this time. It will be on a first come first served basis. Thank you.

## PTFA News

### Lottery winner and Harry Potter promotion

Well done to Mrs B – the parent of a year 4 child - who won £20 cash on Saturday night. Our next draw is on **Saturday 16**

**October**. Anyone who buys a ticket this half term will be put in a prize draw to win family tickets to both a performance of Harry Potter & The Cursed Child in London's West End and the Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio Tour! So what are you waiting

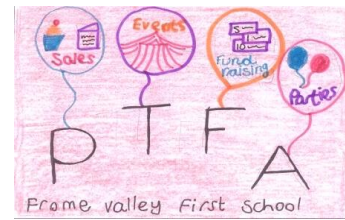
for! Visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and click on 'Buy a ticket'. You can either set up a monthly recurring payment plan via Direct Debit or use a debit/credit card and pay for a block of 1, 3, 6 or 12 months of weekly tickets on a non-recurring basis. It costs £1 a ticket so the lowest amount that you can commit to is £4 for one ticket per week for one month. Unfortunately, the company won't accept one-off payments for a single week as it would cost too much in admin. The PTFA made £16 profit from this week's draw. Thank you! Look out for more Harry Potter info in book bags this week.

### Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who made a Christmas card and gift order. We had around 80 order forms returned! Also, many thanks for supporting today's 'Mix it up Monday' dress down day by making a cash donation. We'll be putting the money raised towards funding 30 pairs of children's gardening gloves for use in the courtyard garden during outdoor class sessions.

### The PTFA needs you!

You may not realise this but there are actually only three mums currently giving up their time each week to raise funds for the school. If you have any spare time to help out, please either contact the office or email us direct at [ptfafromevalley@gmail.com](mailto:ptfafromevalley@gmail.com).



### Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow'

Frome Valley School is now registered for Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' Scheme. The scheme runs until **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. Please think of us and assign your grow tokens to Frome Valley when shopping. All tokens are assigned through the MyMorrisons app. Thank you.

### 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

