



Frome Valley First School News Weekly

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



COVID – 19 Update

Dear Parents,

I have never known a time like the time we are going through at the moment. There are daily confirmed cases of Covid-19 amongst staff and pupils and we are struggling with the number of staff absent from school. I know that a lot of parents are also catching Covid-19 and are feeling very ill with it. We are in daily contact with Public Health Dorset and staff are now wearing masks in class as well as in the corridors and around school. We really are in a very difficult situation at school.

I can't thank parents enough for completing daily lateral flows and for also arranging for PCR tests as required. We had 4 cases in one day last week of children testing positive for Covid-19 and all 4 children were asymptomatic. Please continue to complete daily lateral flows for the next few weeks.

The DfE guidance is that children can be in school if they are awaiting their PCR test results **and have no coronavirus symptoms**. However, we understand if some parents would prefer their child to be at home while waiting for the results.

Thank you for your continued support in this extremely challenging time.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Reception: Alfie

Year 1: Evelyn

Year 2: Jack R

Year 3: Finley

Year 4: Savannah



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone that donated to 'Children In Need' We raised

£139.10



Individual School Photos

Proofs for individual school photos were sent home last week. The closing date for all online orders is **Friday 3rd December**. All orders will then be sent home before the end of term.

Happy Valley – Half Price Fridays

For the rest of this half term, Happy Valley is half price on a Friday. We know the countdown to Christmas is upon us so take advantage of these discounted prices to go Christmas shopping while your child is enjoying Happy Valley.

The sessions will be at the following **discounted** prices:

3.15 – 4.30pm: £2.25

3.15 – 5pm: £3.00

3.15 – 6pm: £4.50

Half Price Fridays: 3rd December, 10th December and 17th December

Places are limited, so please book as soon as possible.



Choir Practice and Carols By Candlelight

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel choir practice today and next Monday 6th December, as Mrs Hunter has tested positive with COVID-19. We are also cancelling 'Carols by Candlelight' that was due to take place on Thursday 9th December. If we can possibly rearrange it to the last week of term, we will do so.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be in school, **from next Monday 6th December until Thursday 16th December**. Everyone can bring their cards into school and they will be popped into the box by the class teacher. Please remember to write the child's or adult's **Name and Year group** on the card so we can deliver the cards to the right people!!



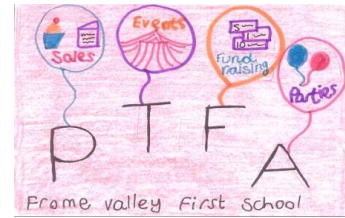
Year 4 – Hooke Court

A quick reminder to parents that we need permission slips and a deposit for Hooke Court by **Monday 6th December**. If you have any queries or we can help in any way, please speak to the school office or Mrs Essex as soon as possible.

PTFA News

Dress for Christmas this Wednesday

It's 'The Great Christmas Stocking Sling' sponsored throwing event on Wednesday (1 December). Children can wear festive outfits, jumpers, head gear and accessories. The child who hurls their stocking the furthest will win a prize (one per class) and everyone will bring home a participation certificate showing the distance of their throw. Please fill in sponsorship forms and hand them in with sponsorship money as soon as possible. Cash or cheques payable to Frome Valley First School PTFA please. Make sure that everyone puts a tick in the 'Gift Aid' column if they're a UK tax payer. All columns must be completed so that we're able to claim back 25p per £1 donation. Thank you!



Guess the name of the Christmas 'advent calendar' bear

Your child has got until drop off on Wednesday (1 December) to enter! Just hand in 50p along with their 'bear name' guess (plus their name and class) on a piece of paper. Good luck!

Lottery winner!

On Saturday night, Ms T won the 'your school lottery' draw! Thank you for your support. And a huge thank you to last week's winner who kindly donated her winnings to the PTFA. Please keep buying tickets to keep the lottery alive!

Dress Down Day: Wed 8 December

To collect more bottle donations for our fantastic annual Christmas hamper raffle, we're holding a regular dress down day next Wednesday. Alcohol is welcomed along with toiletries, perfumes and soft drinks. Of course, any raffle prize donation will be appreciated. Raffle tickets will be going out in book bags next week so watch out for details of our amazing list of prizes! Thank you also for all of your generous Xmas hamper raffle prize donations last week. Wacky Wednesday was loved by all the children – as always.

Boxes and gift wrap needed please

Do you have any hampers, baskets, nice boxes, festive gift wrap, bows or tissue paper that we could use for our Christmas raffle? Please hand them in to the office.

Buy Stikins sticky labels to help us

We've just received our first cheque from Stikins. Thank you for buying your multipurpose labels using our school fundraising number: 36201. The stickers are great for naming school uniform, clothes for school trips (such as Hooke Court), shoes, lunchboxes, pencil cases and so on. Please support us.

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

