



# Frome Valley First School

## News Weekly



### Welcome Back

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful break. We welcome all children back to school and, in particular, the new families who have started at Frome Valley School and Preschool.



### Star of the Week

Every week, all teachers choose a child from their class that is

#### **'Star of the Week'**

They are chosen for a number of reasons that include: attitude in class; good citizenship and outstanding behaviour. Each week, in News Weekly, we will let parents know who are the 'stars' for the following week. Congratulations to the following children that are the 'Stars' for this week.

Year 1: Finley

Year 2: Ethan

Year 3: Rufus

Year 4: Millie

*Reception Class: Miss Padfield will start to choose her 'Stars' after half term, when the children have settled in.*



### Helpers Urgently Required!!

It's that time again when the school asks, begs and pleads for helpers!! We are asking for any parents, grandparents, relatives or local villagers to come and spend a morning or afternoon in school each week. We especially need help with listening to the children read. Reception and Year 1 also often need help in their classrooms as well. If you are listening to children read, it's a lovely time where you read together outside the classroom. You then write a brief note in the child's reading record and in the teacher's reading record. It's as simple as that! Children love reading to an individual but we cannot do this without your help. So, if you can offer a regular morning or afternoon and would like to volunteer, please speak to Jane or Sian in the office. All helpers will be required to be DBS checked.

### After School Clubs

Full details of after school clubs for this half term will be emailed to parents tomorrow. Please note that the only club that the Reception class are able to take part in is swimming on a Wednesday. All clubs will start from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**.

## **PTFA News**

### **How much did we raise last year?**

You helped us to raise £7037 during the 2018/19 academic year. Thank you! That includes £2000 received from coming second in the Tesco 'Bags for life' initiative over the summer holidays for our Courtyard Garden project. It also includes £337 raised from raffle and refreshments sales at the Mary Poppins performances plus the Waitrose 'Community Matters programme' sent us a cheque for £255 last month. We still haven't heard back from the Co-op but will keep you posted!



### **The PTFA AGM: Thursday 12 September 2019 (3.20pm)**

We are only a small committee of five mums and would love to see some new faces on the Committee or as part of our amazing 'volunteer army' of mums, dads and grandparents to help us make this year another great success. Please join us at the first meeting of the year after school if you're free. Children can play, read, colour in etc. whilst we chat and eat biscuits! We officially have to elect our Committee members again (the only formal bit as we're a registered charity!) but we'll also be talking about some upcoming fundraising activities and any new ideas people may have to spend money we have or raise much needed funds for the school. Please feel free to just come along to say hello and listen. No strings attached. If you're unable to make the meetings but would like to help us, please email us at [fromevalleyptfa@gmail.com](mailto:fromevalleyptfa@gmail.com) or speak to the office and we'll get in touch with you. Also, please let us know if you have any relevant skills or interests that we might be able to use. Are you in a band? Are you a children's entertainer? Are you a home baker or chef? Do you work for a gardening or construction firm? Can you do magic or make balloon models? Could you run an art or crafts workshop? We'd love to hear from you. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Disco and Magic Show dates unveiled**

Please put Friday 8 November (3.15pm to 5pm) into your diary for the school disco and Thursday 17 October (3.15pm to 4.30pm) into your diary for an after-school Magic Show. As always, these events are suitable for all age groups.

### **Beetle Drive**

The Owermoigne Village Hall Committee, who run regular 'Family Time' events, are hosting a fun Beetle Drive at the hall on Friday 20 September (5pm to 6.30pm) with proceeds going to the Frome Valley First School PTFA and the Children's Kingfisher Ward at Dorset County Hospital. Please come along if you can for a few games and a Harvest tea. £3 for an adult and £2 for a child.

### **What's been happening over the summer holidays?**

The PTFA team has been very active over the holidays. The Courtyard garden was kept well-watered and everything is flourishing. Do take a peek. Local gardening firm, H B Gardening, have also been giving up lots of their time to improve the school's outdoor space. They have cleared away one of the large, overgrown hedges in the Courtyard garden to make more room for planting. They also dug out and created a new sand pit next to the wooden play trail too for all year groups to enjoy.

### **Sand pit toy donations please**

If you have any spare buckets, spades, rakes, diggers, sieves and so on lurking in your shed for the new playground sandpit, please hand them into the office. Thank you so much!

### **Mary Poppins Download**

If you have ordered a download of Mary Poppins, we will be sending home a letter later this week giving details of how to download it. Please remember to download it by the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Diary Dates**

We are just finalising diary dates for this academic year. All events will then be on the school website under the section 'Calendar'. We will also give an update every half term in News Weekly.

The first event that all children are involved in is Harvest Festival. This will be on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 1.15pm**. All are welcome to this special service.

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We have a Safeguarding Policy that can be accessed on the school's website for your information. The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) for Child Protection is **Ms Julie Thorp** and the Deputy DSL is **Mrs Judith Essex**. If you have any worries or concerns then please speak to one of these members of staff. Thank you.

### **Cushions Wanted!**

Our lunchtime book group are looking for some extra cushions. If you have any that you are happy to donate to school please drop them into Year 3 or the school office. Thank you.

### **Information from Public Health Dorset**

**Be up to date on vaccines**

The UK has lost its 'measles free' status this week.

It's important to be up-to-date on vaccines. To be protected from measles, children and adults should have been immunised with two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine.

We are asking that parents and carers look at their children's Red Book to ensure their children are up-to-date with scheduled immunisations.

### **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 the 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.