



# Frome Valley First School

## News Weekly



### Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the Stars of this week:

### **‘Star of the Week’**

Year 1: George

Year 2: Hope

Year 3: Louie

Year 4: Eilidh



### Parent Interviews – Years 1 – 4

A reminder that parent interviews are this week for children in Years 1 – 4. 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 with your child’s teacher. If for any reason you are unavailable, please speak to the class teacher directly to arrange a different suitable time.

### Children In Need

‘Children in Need’ is taking place this **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**.

To raise money we are asking children ***to come to school wearing something spotty (for a donation to this very worthy cause).***

Don’t worry if you don’t have anything spotty – normal non uniform is also ok!!

Thank you in advance to everyone for raising as much money as possible. We will let you know next week, the amount we raise.



### Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, the school laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service in Crossways. Thank you to Amelia and Noah in Year 4 that represented the school so beautifully and laid the wreath at the war memorial during the service. It was also lovely to see many children and parents at the service or at the war memorial,

### Scooter Parking

Please can we ask parents to ensure that their children are parking their scooters in the scooter park area if at all possible. One day this week, the scooter rack was empty with 13 scooters dotted around the area instead. Thank you.

### Sharing Assembly

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

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November:** (Reception, Years 1 and 2) at 2pm

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November:** (Years 3 and 4) at 2.15pm

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 all the children's achievements. If your child has been awarded anything outside of school, please bring all certificates etc. to the school office.***

### After School Trampolining

We have been advised by Action Van that they are unavailable for the last session on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. By the end of this week, we will send home to parents a credit note to use on Happy Valley or other after school activities. If you require childcare please speak to the school office as soon as possible as places are limited in Happy Valley.

### Local Food Links

Local Food links have asked us to pass the below information to parents with regards to the ordering of meals.

1. LFL menus are normally for half a term **PLUS** the first week of the following half term. Seven days' notice is always required to order or cancel a meal.
2. Many parents have forgotten when ordering (particularly if ordering on a mobile phone) to press either the order button each week and then the Pay and Confirm Button (even for free meals) at the end of the process. An easy way of checking after placing an order is by pressing the "View" button which will list all confirmed orders.
3. Local Food Links parent database was cleansed this year (GDPR) and currently has very few addresses. Parents are able to sign up to the database via their website: <https://www.localfoodlinks.org.uk/for-parents/>  
If you sign up to the website, you will then be emailed when new menus are available and other useful information.

We hope this information helps but if we can assist please speak to the school office.

### Scholastic Book Club Magazine

Today, we have sent home the latest edition of the Scholastic Book Club Magazine. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form in the middle of the book and return it to the school office with full payment. Payment can only be cash or cheque – **card payments cannot be accepted**. Cheques need to be made payable to *Frome Valley First School*. Please can all orders be with the school office **by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.



## **PTFA News**

### **What a Bake Off success!**

Congratulations to everyone involved in baking, decorating and then eating the 54 outstanding cakes to support the PTFA's Bake Off last week. You helped to raise **£147** for your children and the school. The seven winning bakers were:



**Star Baker (Ms Thorp's choice): Spooky spider by Finley**

**Children's Choice 1st place: Fireworks by Harriet**

**Children's Choice 2nd place: 'No gherkins please' Burger cake by Jaxon**

**Children's Choice 3rd place: Galaxy cake by Erin**

**Most Creative Baker (Staff Choice) 1st place: Autumn cake by Nicole and Jacob**

**Most Creative Baker (Staff Choice) 2nd place: Guy Fawkes bonfire cake by Alex**

**Most Creative Baker (Staff Choice) 3rd place: 'Our school' cake by Millie and Jack**

### **It's time to hand in your disco slips!**

The first school disco of the year is on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** from 3.15pm to 5pm. The school office has emailed a disco letter out today with all of the details. Please hand in your completed permission slips – along with a donation of £3 per child – to the office by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Don't forget to help us claim a further 25p per £1 by ticking the Gift Aid box and adding your name, address with postcode plus signature!

We're delighted to welcome a brand new children's entertainer to Frome Valley this time: DJ Simon from Count Backwards Entertainments based in Bournemouth. A trained actor, magician and Punch and Judy specialist, Simon Western has over 25 years' experience working around the world for holiday companies and on cruise ships. He guarantees to keep all year groups engaged and entertained with well thought out, interactive games, competitions and party dances.

### **Christmas cards update**

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'design your own Christmas card' fundraiser this year. The PTFA received **£154.50** as a percentage of all purchases made. Your cards, gift wrap and gift tag orders will be put into book bags by the end of the month.

### **Do you have any unwanted soft toys?**

We're looking for your quality, pre-loved fluffy toy donations to use as prizes on a Christmas Fair stall. A plastic box is outside the school office for any donations that you may have.

### **Christmas Fair donations – thank you!**

Thank you for all of the Christmas hamper raffle prizes that you donated last Friday. If you forgot to bring anything in and would still like to give something then please hand your item into the office this week. Disco day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is also a Dress Down Day but this time in exchange for bottles for the Christmas tombola.

### **The next PTFA meeting is on...**

...**Thursday 29 November** at 3.20pm to finalise details of the Christmas Fair and the Christmas Gift Shop. We'd love to see some new faces so please do pop along.

### **Dorchester Arts Apollo Project**

We are today emailing to parents details of a project that Dorchester Arts are holding in July next year.

### **Broadmayne First School – Save our Pool**

We have received the below message from Broadmayne First School asking for our help.

#### **Please vote to save Broadmayne School Pool!**

Broadmayne First School is very lucky to have an outdoor swimming pool. It was funded and built by parents in the early 1970s and opened by Harry Corbett and Sooty in 1972. The PTA has been raising funds ever since to keep the pool running, heated and repaired. However the ageing pool infrastructure has got to the point where we need major investment to keep it running and save it for future generations.

Our plans include new outdoor seating, steps and resurfacing, a new boiler room with toilet and solar panels, and we need some urgent repairs to the pool itself this winter. With better facilities, we will be able to make the pool available to more groups, such as schools like Frome Valley, and open it proudly to the public during the summer holidays. We are at the voting stage of the Aviva Community Fund and desperately need your votes!

Please take a couple of minutes to vote for us at [www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk](http://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk) or using this live link [Vote Here](#). Voting closes 20th November.

### **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 and snacks do not contain nuts or mango. Thank you for your help.

