



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'

Reception: Bella
Year 1: Jamelah
Year 2: Grace E
Year 3: Jacob
Year 4: Archie



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: 14th December and 21st December

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

Don't forget that there is no after school trampolining or cookery next week. If you require child care on those days, please let us know as soon as possible as places are limited.



Reception Class Parent Interviews - 11th and 12th December

A reminder that parent interviews are this week for children in the Reception class. Parent Interviews 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 to see Miss Padfield. If for any reason you are unavailable, please speak to her to arrange another suitable time.

Carols by Candlelight – Thursday 13th December 6pm

A reminder that 'Carols by Candlelight' is this **Thursday 13th December** starting at 6pm. All children, parents and relatives are invited to come along to this very special evening and join in with some of the singing! The evening lasts about an hour with refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.



New Play Trail

There is great excitement in school as the new play trail is being fitted this week. Access to both sides of school will be unaffected. We hope that if the weather is dry the children may get to play on it before the end of term.

Nativity Services

Pre School and Reception Class: Tuesday 18th December 9.10am
Years 1–4: Monday 17th December 1.30pm and Wednesday 19th December 9.10am



We know that all services will be very popular and we therefore ask parents, relatives and friends to only come to the Preschool / Reception nativity if they have a child in these years. Also if you have a child in Years 1 – 4 we ask that you only attend one of the services.

For parents of the Reception Class, if you can stay and help with changing the children into their costume, after their arrival in school, it would be very much appreciated.

***After both of the morning services,
coffee and mince pies will be available to parents.***

Nativity Service: Photographs and Videos

As a Church school, our Nativity is very important to us and we try to create a Nativity Service rather than a performance. Therefore, we would be grateful if parents refrained **from taking photos during the service or recording the Nativity services** next week. We will provide an opportunity for parents and relatives to take photos at the end of the service and you are more than welcome to take an individual photo of your child when he/she returns to the classroom. Please also be aware that group photos must not be used on social media sites, such as Facebook.

Party Lunch – Friday 21st December

Please can all completed forms and monetary contributions for the party lunch on the last day of term be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Non Uniform Day – Friday 21st December

As the last Friday of this half term is 'Party Day,' children can come into school wearing non uniform. However, we would recommend play clothes, rather than party clothes and dresses.

Local Food Links – New Menu

The menu for the next half term of hot school meals is being sent home to parents tomorrow. If you have re-registered your email address with them you will then receive a notification when the menu is live and orders can be made.

Please remember that current meals go up to the **week ending Friday 11th January** – don't forget that orders need to be made at least one week before then! Can we please ask that parents make sure that they have ordered meals for that week as numbers are looking very low. Thank you.



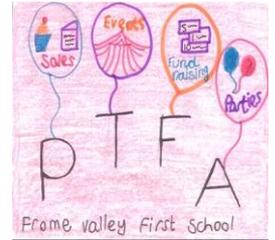
After School Swimming

A reminder that there is no after school swimming this Wednesday 12th December

PTFA News

Cookie sale tomorrow: Tuesday 11th December

We will be selling **lots and lots** of fresh, homemade cookies on Tuesday after school in the playground - including Smarties, white choc chip, milk choc chip and cinnamon and raisin! It's 40p per cookie or 3 for £1. If your child is at Happy Valley, please give 40p to the office and we'll make sure that your child receives a cookie.



Please hand in your Rotary Club Raffle ticket books this week!

As you know, we've partnered up with the Rotary Club of Dorchester this year to help boost our fundraising. We keep every penny of all tickets sold and get a cash bonus from the Rotary Club too. Please hand in completed slips and £1 per ticket to the school office by Friday. There is a top prize of £500 cash to be won!

Green fingers required for our next project: Saturday 15th December

The PTFA team is embarking on a brand new project and we'd love your help on Saturday 15th December to start the ball rolling! We would like to transform the overgrown and currently unused courtyard area (through the gates between the church and the main school entrance) into a gardening zone. We want all year groups to be given more opportunities to venture outside of the classroom and enjoy practical learning by rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty! The first stage of our garden development plan is to create a 'raised bed' for each year group to be responsible for, to help teach them about growing and nurturing plants and vegetables from seed. Mrs Duerdoth would like this part of the garden to be ready for the children by February – so time is of the essence. Please contact the office or the PTFA team if you are able to give up some time on Saturday morning between 10am and 12pm to help us do some of the groundwork - clearing, turning over soil, moving current shrubs etc – in readiness for constructing the raised beds. We'd particularly love to hear from any parents who are landscape gardeners or anyone with a connection to garden centres, nurseries, timber yards and so on. Thank you!

What a Christmas Fair!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on Friday. We raised a whopping **£943** to put towards the new play trail. A special thank you goes to the army of volunteer parents and grandparents plus teachers who helped on stalls or with setting up/tidying up. We couldn't have done it without you!

Luxury Christmas Hamper raffle WINNING ticket!

If you have the winning ticket for the 1st luxury hamper prize, please speak to the school office asap:

Yellow ticket 354

Guessing game winners

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Bear was called 'Toffee' and has been won by Hayden from Year 1. The remote control helicopter, bottle of bubbly, Ted Baker gift set and Christmas activity book has been won by Connor from Year 3 who guessed that there were 935 green beads on the string.

Head Lice

We have had several parents advise that they have found Head lice, especially in Year 1. Please can all parents check and treat as appropriate the whole family.

Mango Allergy

Please can we ask parents to be extra vigilant in making sure that lunch boxes don't contain any mango products, including drinks. Thank you for your help in keeping Mrs Winch safe and well.

After School Clubs

Full details of after school clubs in the spring term will be emailed to parents later this week. Some of the clubs are now also open to the Reception Class. We have several different clubs available this half term, including Dance Fit, Tag Rugby and Tri Golf. Please speak to the staff in the office, if you require further information

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.

