



Frome Valley First School News Weekly

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



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Reception Class: Ava

Year 1: Isaac

Year 2: Logan

Year 3: Lewis

Year 4: Jayden



Queens Platinum Jubilee – Extra Bank Holiday

You may be aware that next year, in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee, there is an extra-long bank holiday weekend from **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June**. As the extra bank holiday is during the half term break, all schools need to organise an extra day's holiday. We will be taking our extra day on the last day of term. Therefore, school will finish a day early at the end of the summer term. **This means the last day of the summer term will now be:**

Thursday 21st July 2022.

Parent Interviews – Reception Class

A reminder to parents of children in the Reception class that parent interviews are today and tomorrow. Google Meet invitations were sent out last week. If you have not yet received your invitation, please speak to the office as soon as possible.

Please remember that, as we are working online, Miss Padfield will not be able to continue a conversation beyond 10 minutes as the next parent will be waiting remotely.

Therefore, we ask that parents are punctual in starting and ending their meeting.

If you feel you need a longer meeting then we can of course arrange one for another time.

Starting School and Transferring to Middle School – September 2022

A reminder to parents, that if your child is due to start school in September 2022, or is in Year 4 and moving to Middle School, the deadline for applying for their school place is **this Saturday 15th January.**

Applications are made online via the following link.

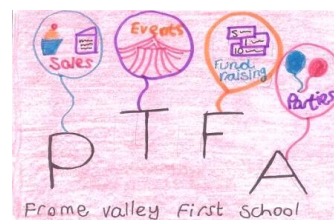
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-school-place>

If anyone needs any help with their application, please speak to the school office as soon as possible.

PTFA News

Make supporting our lottery your New Year's Resolution!
We unfortunately now only have 20 supporters (staff and parents) keeping our school lottery afloat.

Donating £1 a week can make a real difference! Also, register and buy a ticket this half term and you could win a holiday to Cornwall in a luxury cabin with Forest Holidays worth £500! Here's a reminder of what it's all about.



Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000! Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT! There is also a guaranteed Frome Valley winner every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

Signing up is easy. You just need to give your name, email address, and postal address plus date of birth to validate you are over 16. You can either set up a monthly recurring payment plan via Direct Debit or payment card OR pay for a block of 1, 3, 6 or 12 months of weekly tickets on a non-recurring basis. There is no commitment to stay in the lottery and you can choose to leave at any time. You can't just buy a ticket for a single week due to processing charges unfortunately so the minimum you can pay is £4 (£1 a week for a month). The PTFA gets 40p per £1 ticket and another 36p goes into the school's prize pot.

A flyer will be in book bags this week with details of this half term's offer. So what are you waiting for! Visit yourschoollottery.co.uk today.

What a cracking Christmas!

We have now totalled all monies raised from our Xmas fundraisers. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Xmas Raffle: £472

Christmas Stocking Sling: £774

Guess the name of the advent bear: £27.50

Grand total for last half term's festive fundraising = £1273.50

Why not join us!

Your PTFA team really needs some new recruits to ensure that fun fundraisers continue from September onwards. Your three-strong team will go down to just one (our Treasurer) when our children move up to St Mary's. Now's the time to come aboard, learn the ropes and make a real, positive difference to your child's school life. Please let the school office know if you are interested in joining the PTFA.

Inset Days – 2022-2023

The following dates have been agreed as INSET / staff training days for the 2022 – 2023 academic year:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Monday 31st October and

Friday 10th February 2023

There will be one further day. When this has been agreed, we will let parents know.

Please note that this means that the autumn half term in 2022 will be one week and two days only (including the two INSET Days).

The 2022 – 2023 term dates can be found on the Dorset for you Website via the following link. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/school-term-holiday-dates>

Reception Class Vision Screening - Wednesday 9th February

Dorset Vision Screening Service will be in school on **Wednesday 9th February** to assess the vision of children in the Reception class. This check is recommended in order to pick up undetected, treatable vision problems in your child's first year at school. The assessment only takes a few minutes, and will involve measuring your child's vision with each eye in turn using a simple letter matching test. If there are any concerns from this assessment, your child will be offered an appointment at their nearest hospital eye department for further investigation.

For your child to be assessed parents need to register on a secure portal for Dorset Vision Screening Service. The link to this is:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/5555/p/hUHD84/141777>

If anyone is having difficulties with registration they can call the parent support line on: **0203 958 4181**

If you wish to opt out, you will still need to register via the above link.

The deadline for all registrations is 12pm on Monday 7th February.

Local Food Links

Local Food Links regularly send out reminders and news through Facebook and via their email subscription – if you would like to sign up, please use this link



<https://localfoodlinks.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=3b7d983a2d593932f2445ec75&id=90720ab1af>

This is separate to the link for ordering meals.

Trauma Informed Schools Parent Information Evening – Revised Date

For parents that attended the first TIS parent information evening, the revised second parent information session is on **Thursday 20th January (6-7.30pm)**. It will focus on anxiety in children and anger in children. It will also look at bereavement.

Resilience and Emotional Health in Children

With news weekly, we have today also attached a flyer on 'How to build resilience and emotional health in children'. We hope that parents may find it useful.

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

