



Frome Valley First School News Weekly

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



COVID-19 Update

As you may be aware, Covid-19 cases are again on the rise nationally and locally. Since last Friday (4th March), we've had 36 cases in school of which 10 were staff members. Please be aware that the cases are throughout every class in school, including Preschool. All we can ask is for parents to be vigilant in testing if their child is unwell or if their child is a close contact. Outside of the main symptoms, we know that quite a few people have reported headaches, a cold and an upset tummy before testing positive.

With numerous staff being off, we had to cancel the late session of Happy Valley one day last week. Unfortunately, there was no one with a first aid certificate who was able to cover and work until 6pm. We even tried supply agencies too! We would like to thank the parents we contacted for picking their children up early. We appreciate your help in these difficult times.

Please remember that if your child is showing any of the three key symptoms:

A fever / high temperature (temperature above 37.8)

A new, continuous cough

A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

They will still need to isolate and have a PCR test. We appreciate that it is no longer legally binding for anyone to isolate but we are sure that parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school, given the potential risk to others. **This is also the continuing guidance from the DfE.**

Children may then return to school if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature, or feel too ill to attend school. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 (e.g. 8am in the morning) and the morning of day 6 (e.g. 8am in the morning), they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. Children can return after day 10 (i.e. on day 11) even if their lateral flow test is showing a positive, as long as they do not have a temperature.

We thank you all for your support at the moment. These are very difficult times for everyone concerned.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:
'Stars of the Week'

Reception: Lucien
Year 1: Olivia H
Year 2: Gethin
Year 3: James
Year 4: Honey



Parent Interviews – Years 1 - 4 – 21st – 23rd March

Due to the dramatic increase in cases in school this week and last week, we have decided that **all parent interviews will take place online next week.** They will take place on the following days:

Year 1

21st March: 3.30-5pm

22nd March: 3.30-7pm

Year 2

21st March: 3.30-5pm

22nd March: 3.30-7pm

Year 3

22nd March: 3.30-5pm

24th March: 3.30-7pm

Year 4

22nd March: 3.30-5pm

23rd March: 3.30-7pm

From tomorrow, teachers will have a clipboard with them during drop-off and pick up times. We ask that you agree on an appointment time with the class teacher during this time. It will be on a first come first served basis.

If your child is not currently in school, please ring the school office from tomorrow morning to arrange a suitable time

Thank you.

Comic Relief - Friday 18th March

To raise money for Comic Relief, we are asking children to wear their wackiest, funniest outfit for the day on Friday for a donation to Comic Relief. However, if they would prefer just normal play clothes or school uniform - that is fine also. Please give any donations to your child's class teacher. We will let you know next week how much we have raised.

For safeguarding reasons, please can parents ensure that children can still go to the toilet without removing all of their clothes. If they are wearing an all in one outfit please ensure that they have other clothing underneath - such as a t-shirt and shorts. Not just underwear.

Year 4 – Hooke Court

A last reminder that all payments for Hooke Court need to be paid by next **Monday 21st March**. Last week, we sent home to parents a dietary requirement form. Any outstanding forms need to be returned by tomorrow morning.

Special School Week

From Monday 4th – Thursday 7th April, we are holding a special school week, where the children will be off time table for the week. This year, the theme is Health and Fitness. Full details of events planned for the week will be sent home closer to the time.

One item we need for the week is small plastic bottles with a lid – similar size to a small bottle of fizzy drink. We need one for each child in school. If you can start saving them and sending them into school we would be very grateful.

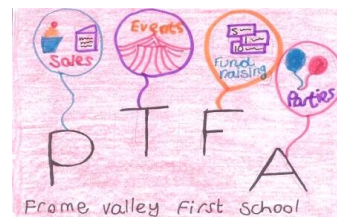
Reception Class – National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Karen Caines, our school nurse, will be in on **Monday 28th March** to weigh and measure the children in the Reception Class. Full details of the NCMP were emailed to parents on the 2nd March. Please remember that, if you wish to opt out, you need to notify the school office as soon as possible.

PTFA News

Buy a lottery ticket, win a bike!

Congratulations to Ms B who won Saturday night's cash prize. They've automatically been entered into the prize draw to win a £500 bike voucher next month. Good luck! Why not have a go yourself? Search 'Your School Lottery' and type in Frome Valley First School to get started and buy a ticket for this weekend's draw. (NB: you must spend a minimum of £1 per week for 4 weeks due to admin costs.)



Textile Recycling – Date for your diary – Monday 23rd May

The date for our next textile recycling is **Monday 23rd May**. We have attached a leaflet giving full details of items they will accept. If you are having a spring clean, please think of this. We will be accepting items in school **from Wednesday 18th May to 9am on Monday 23rd May**.

Sharing Assembly

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

Thursday 24th March: (Years 3 and 4) at 9am

Thursday 31st March: (Reception, Years 1 and 2) at 9am



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

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

