



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly

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



## COVID-19 Update

Cases are still high within school and we've had a further 23 cases since last Monday. These are spread throughout all years so we ask all parents to be vigilant. We are still having reports of symptoms such as a headache and upset stomach before testing positive as well as the standard below symptoms. Please remember that if your child is showing any of the three key symptoms they will still need to isolate and have a PCR test:

**A fever / high temperature (temperature above 37.8)**

**A new, continuous cough**

**A loss or change to sense of smell or taste**

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'**

Year 1: Matilda

Year 2: Eleanor

Year 3: Azaan

Year 4: Seren



## Comic Relief - Friday 18th March

Thank you to everyone that donated on Friday to Comic Relief. **We raised £68.50.**

### **Sharing Assembly**

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

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** (Years 3 and 4) at 9am

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** (Reception, Years 1 and 2) at 9am



**Please note that we have made the decision for both Sharing Assemblies to take place outside on the school playground due to so many Covid cases in school and in the community. They will both be dependent on the weather. If we have to cancel them, we will try to give parents as much notice as possible.**

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.***

### **Parent Interviews Years 1 – 4**

A reminder to parents that all parent interviews this week **are now online via Google Meet**. 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, we 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.

### **Special School Week**

**From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

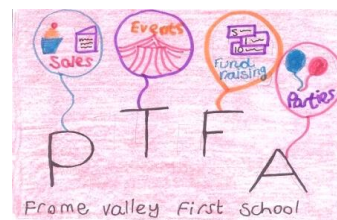
### **Reception Class – National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)**

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

## PTFA News

### **Easter raffle**

Easter raffle tickets will be put into book bags this week and the draw will take place on Wednesday 6 April. You'll receive 5 duplicate strips of cloakroom raffle tickets. All you have to do is tear the strip in half, keeping one strip in a safe place ready for the draw. On the other strip, please write your child's name and year group OR your name and phone number, on each ticket. That means, for every strip purchased you'll need to write a name and either a phone number or year group five times. Every child is being given 25 tickets (5 strips of 5 tickets) worth £5 in total or £1 per strip. Please hand in cash or a cheque (payable to Frome Valley First School PTFA) plus the tickets that have your contact details on, to your child's teacher at drop-off or pick-up. If you would like more tickets to sell to friends and family, please email the office stating how many extra strips you need and they'll be put into your child's book bag. Please also return any unwanted tickets. Thanks for your support!



### **Dress Down Day this Friday**

To collect some fantastic goodies for our Easter raffle, we're holding a regular Dress Down Day on Friday 25 March. Eggs, sweets, fluffy bunnies, Easter craft sets, Easter stationery and so on are all welcome. No nuts please. If you are unable to, or do not wish to, contribute your child can - of course - still dress down. Look out for photos of the prize haul in next week's News Weekly and on the PTFA Facebook page.

### **This week's lottery winner is...**

Congratulations to Ms J who won Saturday night's cash prize for the third time! They've automatically been entered into the prize draw to win a £500 bike voucher next month. But you've got to be in it to win it! Type 'Your School Lottery' into google and search for 'Frome Valley First School' to buy a ticket for this weekend's draw.

### **We've bought musical instruments!**

Have you ever played a boomwhacker? Well, soon your child will have the chance to! We've just spent £190 on ten sets of these colourful percussion tubes for use in music lessons. We've used all monies raised from the 'pirate-treasure' fundraiser plus profits from the weekly lottery draw to cover this cost. So thank you very much for your continued support.

### **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

