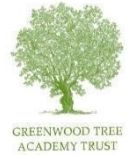




# Frome Valley First School News Weekly



## **Star of the Week**

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

Reception: Oliver

Year 1: Cooper

Year 2: Logan

Year 3: Isla

Year 4: Connor



## **Department of Education - COVID – 19 (Coronavirus)**

Dear Parents,

We know that this is a worrying time and that people are not only worrying about their children but also about the health of loved ones who are elderly or have underlying illnesses. As a school, we will continue to follow the **DfE advice for schools** and we are receiving daily updates. We have had quite a few phone calls from parents and please do continue to contact us with any question or concern that you might have.

We are working together, as teachers, to have an electronic pack to send to parents if a child/family is self-isolating for 7 days to give some guidance of work that could be completed at home during these 7 days (if you require this). Please make sure that your email address is up to date.

Should the decision be made to close schools in the future, we will then provide you with more information on how we will support learning at home.

### **We ask everyone to continue to follow the latest guidance:**

***To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.***

The symptoms are:

- **A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)**
- **A new, continuous cough**

### **Department for Education Coronavirus helpline**

The Department for Education has launched a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

As advised last week, schools will not close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

### **Year 2 Class Assembly – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 2 have their class assembly on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 9am**. All parents, relatives and friends of children in this class are welcome. It will last approximately 20 minutes.

### **Parent Interviews – Years 1, 2 and 4**

Parent interviews for Years 1, 2 and 4 are taking place the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. From today, there will be a form outside the classrooms with all the appointment times. Parents just need to write their child's name next to the time that they would like. If your child travels to school by minibus / taxi, we will contact you directly to arrange a suitable time.

### **Sharing Assembly**

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

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: (Years 3 and 4) at 9am and  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: (Reception Class, Years 1 and 2) at 9am**



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.***

### **Reception Class - School Entry Health Review Questionnaire and Hearing Check**

We have today sent home to parents of children in the Reception Class a 'School Entry Health Review Questionnaire'. This needs to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. It gives information on the Hearing Check that all children in the Reception Class will have carried out on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. If you don't want your child to have this very important check or you have any questions, **please contact the school nursing team direct.** Their contact details are in the accompanying leaflet.

### **Julia's House – The Extra Mile Fundraiser**

Please can all sponsor forms and money be returned by **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at the latest. The following day, we will be announcing how much we have raised. Thank you in advance for all the money that has been raised for both Julia's House and Frome Valley PTFA

## PTFA News

### **It's Dress Down Day on Friday**

On Friday 20 March it's Dress Down Day in exchange for Easter goodies such as chocolate eggs, Easter sweets, fluffy Easter bunnies and chicks, Easter craft sets and so on to use as Easter prizes. If you do not wish to make a contribution, your child can of course still wear non-uniform. As usual, a collection table will be put out opposite the office.



### **Magic show permission slips available**

Merlin the Magician – with a brand new act for the children to enjoy – will be in school on Friday 27 March (from 3.15pm to 4.30pm). The office has emailed a letter out today with all of the details. Please complete and hand in the permission form along with a contribution of £3 to the office and don't forget to Gift Aid if you can.

### **Keep handing in your sponsorship forms and money!**

Last Wednesday all children took part in the PTFA and Julia's House joint sponsored 'Extra Mile'. Please hand in your completed sponsorship forms and money (cash or cheques payable to Frome Valley First School PTFA) by Friday 20 March please. Please make sure that the amount written on sponsorship forms matches the money handed in. Half of all funds raised will go towards making the pond-dipping area ready for the children to enjoy this term. Thank you.

### **The book sale made £90**

Thank you so much for buying and donating books this month for our World Book Day sale.

### **The defibrillator is here!**

You may have noticed that the defibrillator has now been installed on the wall next to the green courtyard garden gate. As soon as all of the paperwork has been completed and the device is registered, we'll let you know when it's available to use.

### **New games for your children at break times**

We have just spent £330 on new playground games and equipment to put out at both morning break and at lunchtimes for all year groups to enjoy.

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



Please can we ask parents to double check ingredients in products. Mango appears in a number of items that you would not think of! Unfortunately the member of staff who has severe allergy doesn't need to eat or come into contact with mango to have a reaction. It only needs to be in the same room. Your help is very much appreciated by us all.