



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Welcome Back

We hope that everyone had a restful break. This half term is quite a long half term (7 weeks) but there is still so much to fit in. We look forward to sharing the upcoming events with you including sharing assembly, nativities and Carols by Candlelight.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the

'Stars of the Week'

Reception Class: Logan

Year 1: Faith

Year 2: Savannah

Year 3: Hope

Year 4: Alex K



Parent Interviews – Years 1 – 4

Parent interviews for **Years 1 – 4** are taking place the week beginning **Monday 11th November**. Later 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:

Tuesday 19th November: (Reception, Years 1 and 2) at 2pm

Tuesday 26th November: (Years 3 and 4) at 2.15pm

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.

Remembrance Day Poppies

Just to let everyone know that we have poppies available this week at the school office.



PTFA News

Please order your Christmas Cards now!

Your child designed their own Christmas card last month during school time. This week, artwork and information on how to order your child's cards will be put into book bags. The deadline for orders is **Monday 11 November** and you will receive your cards during the last week of November. The PTFA get a percentage of all sales – so thank you in advance for supporting this Christmas fundraiser.



It's the school disco this Friday (3.15pm to 5pm)

Don't forget to hand in a completed permission slip with your £3 contribution ASAP this week. **If you are able to Gift Aid, please tick the box plus fill in your full name and address – including postcode.** Unfortunately quite a few slips have not had a both a full name and full address on them – which means that we can't make a claim for the extra 75p from the HMRC. We really need parent helpers too to serve squash from the kitchen and stay in the hall with the children during the disco. Please sign up on the volunteer lists outside your child's classroom. Thank you!

Deadline extended – Gift Shop order forms

Don't miss out on having a surprise under the Christmas tree from your child this year. Last year we filled the 'Christmas Gift Shop' with an extensive selection of jewellery items, cuddly toys, games, toiletries, chocolates, mugs, books, scarves, candle holders...the list goes on! You now have until this Friday to fill in your order forms and hand in your payment of £2.50 per gift to the office.

Hampers, baskets and boxes please

We need to create and display our luxury Christmas raffle hampers by the end of the month. If you have a hamper, basket, nice plastic box or festive cardboard box to donate, please leave it in the collection area opposite the school office. Thank you!

Today's 'I am Turtle' performance

The PTFA have paid for theatre company – The Makeshift Ensemble – to visit the school this afternoon (Tuesday 5 November) to perform 'I am Turtle' to all year groups. It's based on the book 'Turtle's Song' by Alan Brown and is all about the magical world of sea turtles. I hope your child comes home today talking about the wonderful puppetry, catchy songs and the important message of what we can all do to reduce our use of plastics. Please visit www.themakeshiftensemble.com to find out more.

Thank you for your tombola donations

We collected so many lovely prizes for the Xmas tombola stall on the last Friday before half term. Thank you! There is still time to make a donation if you forgot to. Just hand in a bottle or prize to the office at any point this week.

Individual School Photos

Proofs of the school photos are being sent home to parents today. Please note: **all orders need to be made online by next Tuesday 12th November**. We can no longer accept orders via the school office.

Dorchester Family Partnership Zone – The Coat Bank

Would like to help every child
keep warm this winter!

We are asking for your help to make this happen! Please have a rummage around for any winter coats you may have lying around that no longer fit or are not used. They need to have lots of life left in them & aged between 4-12years.

Please can donations be dropped off at Poundbury Children's Centre, Dorchester, DT1 3WA or **bring them to the school office and we will drop them off on your behalf.**

Thank you for your support

Local Food Links Autumn Menu – Second Half

Please can we remind parents to order meals for the second half of the autumn term? We appreciate that when parents forget it is not done deliberately, but as you can imagine, when we have to feed an extra 10 children last minute, it can't always be done. We only have spare meals if children are off school unwell, so it becomes rather difficult for everyone involved.



Year 1 – Old Toy – New Toy

A reminder that children in Year 1 need to bring in their oldest or newest toy **this Friday 8th November** as part of their cross curricular topic of Old Toy? New Toy? All toys will go home at the end of the day. Thank you

Trauma Informed Schools Parent Information Evening

A reminder to parents, that attended the first session, that the second parent information session is on:

Tuesday 26th November (6-7.30pm): focusing on anxiety in children and anger in children. It will also look at bereavement.

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.

