



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the 'Stars' of this week.

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Reception: Oliver

Year 1: Lucas

Year 2: Lotte

Year 3: Alex G

Year 4: Alice



Cleaner Vacancy: PLEASE READ

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner in school. The position is a job share with a current member of staff. The role is for 2 hours per day. **We can be flexible with the hours worked so you could work from 3.30-5.30pm or from 4.30-6.30pm.** We can also offer **free child care** in Happy Valley for school aged children up until 6pm, if this is required, whilst you are cleaning. If you would like further information please speak to the school office. All applications need to be made online on the Dorset for you website – following the below link.

<https://jobs.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-support-staff-frome-valley-ce-first-school-cleaner-frome-valley-ce-first-school/28948.job>

We would be very grateful if you could let anyone know who may be interested in the position.

The closing date for all applications is on **Wednesday 1st May.**

New Scooter and Bicycle Area

It is wonderful that so many of the children cycle or scooter to school and we know that the current area for leaving bikes and scooters is often very full! We have therefore created **a new area** for the children to store them.

It is on the opposite side of school to the current area, so will be closer for children who come to school via School Drive. The area is next to the entrance near the Reception classroom. You will see a scooter and bicycle park sign!! Please start using this area from tomorrow onwards. You can also still park scooters and bikes in the original area too.



Year 3 – Help please

In Year 3 the children will be learning about the human body. If anybody can loan a human skeleton to the class it would be very much appreciated.

Dorset Music Service – Musicianship Programme

Dorset Music Service have, from this year, changed the year group to Year 4 that take part in the musicianship programme. Therefore, our Year 4 children have begun a 10 week violin program with a trained musician. ***Children must remember to bring their violin into school every Monday.*** The lesson is from 1.10pm. On one of the last weeks, there will be a short presentation by the children to celebrate all they have learnt during the program (date to be confirmed). Please see the letter that comes home with your child today for further details of this program.



Inset Days 2019 - 2020

We would like to advise parents of the dates for INSET Days in the 2019–2020 academic year. They are:

Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September
Monday 4th November
Friday 14th February and
Monday 20th July

Later this week, there will be a new section on the schools website labelled Term Dates. This will have term dates for the academic years up to 2021.

PTFA News

Easter Games Night fun!

Even though only around 45 people supported last week's fundraising event, we still managed to make a profit of £135 to put towards our new target of improving the playground. All monies raised will give your children even more opportunities to fully enjoy their break and lunch times in all weathers. More details to come soon but we're currently researching options and costs, including the possibility of adding an artificial sports surface. A big thank you to everyone who came along on the night, baked or donated prizes. Your support is always greatly appreciated.



Easter Bunny Hunt winner

Well done to Erin from Year 4 who has won a cuddly bunny and eggs by correctly finding and naming all 15 lost rabbits during the Easter break.

Tesco voting starts on Wednesday

To help us receive a £2000 cheque in July, please shop at Tesco Dorchester from **1st May to 30th June** and use your shopping 'token' to vote for our courtyard garden. Thank you for your support.

Diary dates...

Don't forget that the school disco is on Friday 17th May. Permission slips will be available next week. On Thursday 9th May we'll be selling homemade cookies in the playground after school for 3 for £1. If you'd like to help by donating a batch, please let the PTFA or the office know. Thursday 9th May is also the date of our next PTFA meeting at 3.25pm. Do come along and join us. Please also keep Saturday 8th June from 3pm to 6pm clear in your calendars as it is the PTFA Summer event with live music, a BBQ and lots more. Full details to be announced soon!

Dorchester Cricket Club

Dorchester Cricket Club have sent us the following information:

Dorchester Cricket Club are excited to announce that cricket training and matches are getting underway this term and all boys and girls from Frome Valley School are very welcome. Along with the All Stars on Saturday mornings for 5 to 8yr olds where registration is completed in a couple of minutes online by visiting the All Stars website and typing in Dorchester CC we are also offering opportunities for U9s, U11s & U13s in Sunday mornings from 10 till 1130.

This will all take place at Dorchester Recreation Ground with qualified coaches with the very best facilities and events, festivals, BBQ's are organised throughout the summer and starts on Sunday 5th May.

For further information please contact Simon Joslin on 01305 262850 or alternatively just turn up and give it a go!

Term Dates 2020 - 2021: October Half Term

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that the October half term in 2020 will be from Monday 19th to Friday 30th October. The majority of DASP schools will be having this two week half term, including all the GTAT schools and Thomas Hardy School.

This two week half term will enable you to take advantage of the potential lower holiday prices and not to take your children out of school during the school term for unauthorised holidays. Please note: this is not an extra week of school holiday. Two of the days during the long October 2020 half term will be INSET days and we will be returning to school earlier in September 2020 than other Dorset schools.

Please email any comments to the DASP office: dasppoffice@manorpark.dorset.sch.uk by the end of June 2019.

The rest of the term dates for 2020-2021 will be on the school website by the end of this week.

Bank Holiday Monday

Don't forget that next **Monday 6th May** is a Bank Holiday so we are closed for the day. Enjoy the extra-long weekend.

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.

