



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Coronavirus Update

Dear All,

There have been so many developments during such a short space of time of the Christmas Holidays. We know that many of you will have concerns regarding the rising cases of coronavirus, particularly in the South and South East of the country with the new strain. We continue to follow DfE guidelines so that the school is currently open and we look forward to welcoming children back to school tomorrow.

We know that cases in Dorset have risen but they are still much lower than national cases.

We will continue to keep children in their class bubble with a continual focus on cleaning of hands and the cleaning of surfaces.

Please do get in touch with us if you want to discuss the school situation in more depth.

Face Masks

With the rising number of cases both nationally and locally, we felt it was prudent for teachers to wear face masks at drop off and pick up times until further notice.

Drop off and Pick Up Times

Please do keep to the drop off and pick up times as this means that each class bubble is using the shared cloakroom area at one time. We found, at the end of last term, that some children were arriving late, outside of the 10 minutes allocated time.

Wellbeing Day

A reminder that tomorrow, (**Tuesday 5th January**), we are holding our **Wellbeing Day**. This is a day when we focus on positive mental wellbeing in the morning and anti-bullying in the afternoon. We would like all children to come to school wearing blue clothes. This is to remind everyone of our **NO BULLYING** ethos, as blue is the universal 'no bullying' colour.

Reception Class Vision Screening – Wednesday 13th January

All children in the Reception class are being offered vision screening on Wednesday 13th January. Information has today been emailed to parents. Please note that if you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have the test you must return the opt- out form by **Monday 11th January at the latest**.

Warm P.E Kits

This half term, Years 2 and 4 have a cricket coach teaching them on a Tuesday morning and Year 1 has Trevor Senior on a Friday morning coaching them in ball skills. Please can parents ensure that children have in school a warm outdoor P.E kit. Don't forget hats and gloves!

Outdoor Wear

It looks as though the weather is continuing to be cold! Please can parents ensure that children have in school warm outerwear for when the children are outside at break and lunchtime. This needs to include hats, gloves etc, Thank you.

Dates For This Half Term

January

5th – Wellbeing day

13th – Reception Class – Vision Screening

27th – Walk to School Wednesday – Plastic Free Lunch day

February

12th – Staff Training Day

15th – 19th - Half Term

22nd – Children return to school

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

