



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the Stars of this week:

'Star of the Week'

Reception: Sophie
Year 1: Charlie
Year 2: Jamie
Year 3: Emma
Year 4: Kieran



Lunchtime Supervisor

We are currently recruiting for a new lunchtime supervisor. This vacancy is currently on the Dorset for you website:

<https://jobs.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-support-staff-frome-valley-ce-first-school-midday-supervisor-frome-valley-ce-first-school/27687.job>

The closing date for all applications is **Sunday 9th December**. If you would like any further information, please speak to the school office.

Sharing Assembly

A reminder that Sharing Assembly, for Years 3 and 4 takes place tomorrow, **Tuesday 27th November**, starting at 2.15pm. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome.



Walk to School Wednesday and Plastic Free Lunch Day

This Wednesday (**28th November**) is the date of our next 'Walking Wednesday' This is the day that we ask **as many parents and children as possible to walk, cycle or scooter to school**. Anything but the car! We will then let you know the results next week.

Also, on this day, following on from the initiative last July that we took part in, we will also be holding **a plastic free lunch day** and are asking for your help. Please try to use alternatives to single use plastic wrapper bag like cling film. Can you reduce the amount of small plastic contains (single wrapped cheese etc)? For any tips and advice, follow this link

<http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/a-z-alternatives.html>

Thank you for your support

The Eco Schools Team

Happy Valley News

We are sad to say that Terry in Happy Valley is leaving us in December. She has worked in Happy Valley for nearly five years and will be sorely missed. Her last working day is Wednesday 12th December. We are pleased to advise that Gemma, our Preschool Manager will be taking on the role in Happy Valley.

PTFA News

What a fun disco!

DJ Simon entertained 117 children at the school disco on Friday night and we managed to raise **£163.61** profit to put towards the play trail. If all parents had ticked the 'Gift Aid' box on their permission slips, we would have been able to claim an additional **£82** from the tax man. Unfortunately the majority of permission slips weren't fully completed.



Gift Aid plea!

We are currently in the process of applying to the HMRC to claim an additional 25p per £1 that you donate to the PTFA and should have formal approval by Christmas. **Please can everyone who gave a voluntary contribution of £3 per child to pay for the school disco fill in a 'Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation' sheet**, if they are a UK taxpayer, and hand it into the school office asap. The school office has emailed a copy out today and will be putting one in book bags and on the carousel. By signing this declaration, the Frome Valley First School PTFA can claim tax back for last week's disco and all future money that you donate. Information about Gift Aid can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid>. If your child didn't go to the disco this time, these forms will be available for you to complete at the next fund-raiser.

Christmas raffle tickets on sale now!

We've partnered up with the Rotary Club of Dorchester this year to help raise money for the new play trail. Raffle tickets will be put in book bags this week. There is a top prize of £500 cash to be won! Please hand in completed slips and £1 per ticket to the school office by **Friday 14th December**. Every penny of tickets sold will end up in the PTFA piggy bank along with a cash bonus 'top-up' from the Rotary Club. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Can you donate an unwanted bauble?

This year we'd love for the children to enjoy a new 'Lucky Christmas Tree' game at the Christmas Fair – but we need your help! We need some second-hand Christmas baubles – any type or size (but not glass) – to hang on the PTFA Christmas tree. We're also still looking for your quality, second-hand soft toy. Boxes for your kind donations are outside the school office. Thank you!

Cookie Crazy!

We sold over 130 warm cookies in less than 5 minutes last Thursday and raised **£47** to put towards the play trail. We didn't expect such a fantastic turn out so a huge sorry to anyone who didn't manage to buy a home bake. We'll be selling cookies again before the end of term and will be making lots more! Thank you this time to bakers: Elli White, Kate Davey and Niki Bolton for giving their baking time and ingredients. If you'd like to donate a batch of cookies next time, please let the PTFA or school office know.

The next PTFA meeting is this...

...**Thursday 29th November** at 3.20pm to finalise details of the Christmas Fair and the Christmas Gift Shop. We'd love to see some new faces so please do pop along.

Scholastic Book Club Magazine

A last reminder that any orders of books need to be with the school office by this **Friday 30th November**.

Payment can only be cash or cheque – **card payments cannot be accepted**. Cheques need to be made payable to *Frome Valley First School*.



Reception Class Parent Interviews

Parent interviews for the Reception Class are taking place on the **11th and 12th December**. From next Monday morning (**3rd December**) there will be a form outside the classroom with all the appointment times. Parents just need to write their child's name next to the time that they would like. Please remember that interviews are for a maximum of ten minutes. If you need to discuss something that requires more time than this, we would appreciate if you made a separate appointment direct with Miss Padfield.

Nativity Services

We are pleased to advise parents that after all three nativity services we will be collecting donations for Julia's House. Thank you in advance for all your donations to this very worthy cause.



Christingle Service

This Year's Christingle service will take place next **Monday 3rd December** at **1.30pm** in St Aldhelm Church. This is a wonderful service where all children receive a Christingle as we celebrate advent and the countdown to Christmas.

Today, we are sending home a **cardboard Christingle candle** for collecting donations to the Children's Society. Please can these then be returned to school ready for the afternoon service. All parents and relatives are welcome to join us for the service.



Hot Christmas Lunch

We have 72 children in school that are booked in for the Christmas Lunch on the **19th December**. Don't forget that if you would like to order a meal for your child, all orders need to be made online by **Tuesday 11th December**. If you need a reminder of your login details for Local Food Links, please speak to the staff in the office.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be in school, by the office, **from next Monday 3rd December until Thursday 20th December**. Everyone can post their Christmas cards in the box and the Year 4 children will deliver them to all the classes. Please remember to write the child's or adult's **Name and Year group** on the card so we can deliver the cards to the right people!!



Year 4 trip to Hooke Court

A reminder to parents that we need the permission slip and deposit of £30 for the trip to Hooke Court by next **Monday 3rd December**. If for any reason, you are unable to pay the deposit, please speak to the staff in the office.

Year 3 - Junk Modelling

Year 3 are looking for any junk modelling material for their next DT project. If you have anything, please drop it into Year 3 or the school office. Thank you.

Preschool Spaces

Frome Valley Preschool have today sent an information leaflet home to all parents. If you don't have any preschool aged children, we would be grateful if you could pass it on to anyone that may be interested. Thank you.

Dorchester Middle School – Open Afternoon

We have been asked to let our Year 4 parents know that Dorchester Middle School are holding an open afternoon this **Wednesday 28th November** from 2 - 3pm for any prospective parents.

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 and snacks do not contain nuts or mango. Thank you for your help.

