



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



School Cleaner

We are desperately still looking for a school cleaner to cover maternity leave. At the moment, the role is being filled by staff and our cleaner on a temporary basis. **If you know of anyone that may be interested in this role, we would be grateful if you could let them know and pass on this information.** Applications need to be made via 'Dorset for You' through the following link: <https://jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-support-staff-frome-valley-ce-first-school-cleaner-maternity-cover-frome-valley-ce-first-school/36962.job>

Are there any parents that would like to job share the 2 hours of work per day? If this is something you may be interested in, please speak to the school office as soon as possible. Alternatively, if someone only wishes to cover the hours until Christmas – please speak to us. We can hopefully make anything work!

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Year 1: Thomas M

Year 2: Emily

Year 3: Hollie

Year 4: Finley



Textile Recycling

A reminder of the date for textile recycling. The more we collect in weight, the more funds we raise for school.

Accepted textiles include:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Belts
- Soft toys

Please note: that they are currently not collecting bedding, curtains and towels



We are accepting items in school from this Wednesday 6th until 9am on Friday 8th October.

Open Morning Monday 18th October 9 – 11.30am

We will be holding an open morning on **Monday 18th October from 9 – 11.30am** for prospective parents to look around school and to meet our Headteacher. Do please come along to view the school. You can drop in at any point. Appointments are not required.

Local Food – Christmas Card – Competition

Attached to News Weekly today is a poster giving details of a Christmas card competition run by Local Food Links. Please note that all entries need to be emailed to Local Food Links by Friday 19th November.



Reception Class – Hearing Check

On the 15th September we emailed the parents of children in the Reception class a letter from the School Nursing Team, giving information on a hearing check. Please note that if you don't wish for this to be carried out you need to contact the School Nursing Admin Hub by tomorrow, **Tuesday 5th October**. Their contact telephone number is 01929 557558.

Trauma Informed Schools Parent Information Evening

As some of you may be aware, we are a Trauma Informed School and Ms Julie Thorp (Headteacher), Miss Sophie Padfield (Reception Teacher) and Miss Gemma Florance (Preschool Manager) are all trained practitioners. This focuses on how schools can support children that have suffered trauma as well as children that are finding school difficult and need support with their behaviour or emotions.

We are offering two parent information evenings on this subject. **These sessions will be useful for all parents. They will give you more insight into how to support your child's emotions, how to deescalate emotional outbursts and also give you more information on the effect of trauma on children.** Trauma includes abuse, parents separating or divorcing, domestic violence and bereavement.

We will also look at the importance of attachment and secure attachments in children and what happens when children become anxiously attached or adversely attached.

Please do come along and find out more. There will be some science as well as some practical tips to support you at home. You will also find out how the school can support your child too.

Thursday 7th October (6-7.30pm): focusing on: the brain (including positive and negative chemicals in the brain); trauma in children (including ACES); attachments in children and support to deescalate behaviour.

Thursday 25th November (6-7.30pm): focusing on anxiety in children and anger in children. It will also look at bereavement.

Please attend the 1st session if you are going to attend the 2nd session as there will be a lot of information from the 1st session required for the 2nd session.

Autumn Term - Diary Dates

Details of events in the autumn term were emailed to parents last week. Please remember that events may change or be cancelled at short notice.

October

- 7th – Trauma Informed School – parent information evening (Part 1) 6 – 7.30pm
- 11th – PTFA Non Uniform Day
- 12th – Parent Drop In: 8.15am and 2.15pm
- 13th – Harvest Festival: 2pm
- 18th – School Vision Day
- 19th – Last day of half term
- 20th – 29th – Half Term Break

November

- 1st – Children return to school
- 2nd – Read Write Inc – parent information evening: 6pm
- 8th and 9th – Parent Interviews: Year 1
- 9th and 10th – Parent Interviews: Year 2
- 9th and 11th – Parent Interviews : Years 3 and 4
- 15th – Individual School Photos
- 15th – 19th – Anti Bullying Week
- 16th – Sharing Assembly – Reception, Years 1 and 2: 2pm
- 17th – Hooke Court Meeting: 3.15pm
- 23rd - Sharing Assembly - Years 3 and 4: 2.15pm
- 24th – Flu Vaccination – All children with parental permission
- 25th - Trauma Informed School – parent information evening (Part 2): 6 – 7.30pm

December

- 3rd – Reports home to parents (Reception class)
- 7th and 8th – Parent Interviews – Reception Class
- 9th – Carols by Candlelight: 6pm
- 13th – Nativity (Years 1 -4): 9.10am
- 14th – Nativity (Reception Class and Preschool): 9.10am
- 15th – Nativity (Years 1 – 4): 2pm
- 17th – Last day of term
- 20th – 3rd January – Christmas Holidays

January

- 4th – Children return to school
- 4th – Wellbeing Day – Children wear blue all day to represent the anti-bullying colour of blue

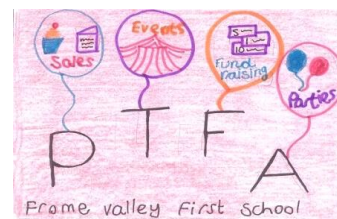
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PTFA News

A new dress down day next Monday!

On Monday (11 October), we're having the first ever 'Mix it up Monday' dress down day in exchange for £1. Children can mix up uniform and home clothes. For children who prefer wearing uniform, they could just choose different socks.

Others may want to wear a football kit and only wear their school shoes. Anything goes! We're currently raising money to put towards December's special 'off-curriculum' week where the PTFA always gifts £350 towards resources. Please give a £1 voluntary donation to your child's class teacher on the day. Thank you for your continued support.



Order your Christmas gifts by Friday

A letter, promotional flyer and your child's Christmas artwork (with order form on the back) was sent out in book bags last week. Your child's amazing design can go onto Christmas cards, postcards, sticky labels, wrapping paper, key rings, magnets, mouse mats and even chocolate bars! The PTFA makes commission on every order so please support this annual fundraiser. Order forms must be completed and returned to school (with cash or a cheque) **by Friday 8 October**.

Second lottery winner announced

Well done to Mrs C – the parent of a year 4 child - who won £20 cash on Saturday night. Our next draw is on **Saturday 9 October**. Please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and consider setting up a regular direct debit for £1 per week. Just click on 'Buy a ticket'! The PTFA made £12 profit from this week's draw. Thank you!

Please join the PTFA?

If you can give up a little of your spare time to support your child's school and raise some much needed funds, please either contact the office or email us direct at ptfafromevalley@gmail.com.

Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow'

Frome Valley School is now registered for Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' Scheme. The scheme runs until **Sunday 24th October**. Please think of us and assign your grow tokens to Frome Valley when shopping. All tokens are assigned through the MyMorrisons app. Thank you.

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

