



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



"Together, with God's love, we learn, nurture and grow, without limits."

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Year 1: Emma
Year 2: Lorenna
Year 3: Jack R
Year 4: Hollie



Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

A reminder to all, that families can check quickly and confidentially at the link below to see if they are eligible for free school meals:

<http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

However, if it is easier, you can also call 01305 221090.

After School - Multi Skills

There is still space in after school multi skills. Please speak to the staff in the office for further information.

Harvest Festival Service - Thursday 6th October

A reminder that our Harvest Festival service is due to take place next Thursday 6th October at 2.15pm in St Aldhelms Church. For families new to Frome Valley, St Aldhelms is the building next to the school main entrance. All are welcome to this special service.

Harvest Festival Collection

This year for our harvest Festival we are collecting items for Dorchester Food Bank that are based at Dorford Baptist Church in Dorchester. With News Weekly today, we have also emailed a list of most needed items. Please can any items be brought to school during the week of **Monday 3rd to Friday 7th October**. Thank you in advance for all your kind donations.

DPCC SEND Annual Information Day

Dorset Parent Carer (DPCC) is holding an [Information Day](#) at Kingston Maurward College (DT2 8XP) on **4 October**. The event is for parents and carers of children who are preschool age up to 14 who are disabled or have additional needs. At the event, you can meet services and organisations from across education, health, care and much more. There is free parking and there is no need to book, simply drop in anytime between **10am and 2pm**.

Cost of Living Help / Advice

Dorset Council has a dedicated webpage offering help and advice in these difficult times. Please use the link below.

https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/cost-of-living-help?p_l_back_url=%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dcost%2Bof%2Bliving

Current COVID - 19 Advice

Please find below advice from Public Health Dorset.

COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities, so there are things we can all do to reduce the spread of the virus and other respiratory infections. This includes keeping children off school when they are unwell.

If a child is unwell with symptoms of a respiratory virus, they should:

- Stay at home and avoid contact with others where possible
- Return to school and normal activities when they no longer have a temperature and feel well enough to attend

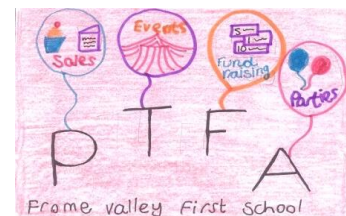
If a child has a positive COVID-19 test, they should:

- Stay at home and avoid contact with others for 3 days after they took the test
- Return to school and normal activities after 3 days if they no longer have a temperature and feel well enough to do so

PTFA News

This year, we have a whole new team of parents that would like to join the PTFA. We would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting where you can vote for the new PTFA members or just come along and find out what you could do to help. We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends and have a growing list of volunteers who could commit some of their time to help the association.

Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at events or wrapping lucky dip prizes or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable. If you would like to join us please come along to our next meeting or email us on fromevalleyptfa@gmail.com. Please complete and return the reply slip at the bottom of the flyer that went out last week by Thursday 29th September. We look forward to seeing some of you there and welcome the new PTFA members!



Parent Drop In – Tuesday 18th October

The first of this year's drop in sessions are taking place on **Tuesday 18th October**.

We are slightly changing the format of Drop Ins this year.

You will still be able to drop in and look at your child's work and let them show you their classroom.

If you would then like to speak to the teacher, just let the teacher know.

If the teacher needs to speak to you, she will also come over and speak to you.

Please remember that if you wish to speak to your child's teacher for longer than a few minutes then we are happy to arrange a separate time.

For Drop Ins, there is an early morning session from **8.15 - 8.40am** and an afternoon session from **2.15 - 3pm**. You can drop in at any time during this session and we look forward to seeing you there.

Diary Dates

Dairy Dates will be available as soon as possible to parents. Please find below the first few dates.

October

6th – Harvest Festival: 2.15pm – all welcome

18th – Parent Drop In: 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm

21st – INSET day – school closed to children

24th – 28th: Half term

31st – INSET day: school closed to children

November

1st – 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

