



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the

'Stars of the Week'

Year 1: Jack

Year 2: Ollie

Year 3: Korben

Year 4: Alice



Parent Drop In

The first of this year's drop in sessions is on **Tuesday 8th October**. Parents will be able to speak to the class teacher and look at their child's work. Teachers can discuss your child's next step in their learning and how you can support your child at home. You can drop in at any time during this session and the class teachers look forward to seeing you there.

There is an early morning session from **8.15 – 8.40am** and an afternoon session from **2.15 – 3pm**.

There are often many parents that would like to speak to the teacher so we ask that parents write their name on the whiteboard in the classroom as they arrive. Teachers will then speak to parents in order of their arrival!

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.

Parent Information Evening – Read Write Inc

On **Wednesday evening, 9th October, at 6pm**, there is an information evening for Reception parents on the Read Write Inc Phonics scheme. This session is also open to any KS1 parents that would like a reminder of how the scheme works or whom are new to Frome Valley. The session will last for a maximum of 45 minutes.

Open Morning Thursday 10th October 9am -12pm

We will be holding an open morning this **Thursday 10th October** from 9.00am - 12pm 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.

Year 2 trip to Ringstead Beach

Year 2 are visiting Ringstead Beach on **Thursday 24th October**. Please remember that if you would like us to order an away day lunch for your child we need your permission slip returned by next **Tuesday 15th October** at the latest.

St Mary's Middle School Ofsted

We are pleased to inform parents that St Mary's Middle School Puddletown has published the report from its recent Ofsted Inspection. The school has moved from requires improvement to good and is the only Middle School in the Dorchester Pyramid that has been assessed as Good by Ofsted. Comments from the report included: "Leaders have very high expectations of pupils", "Pupils behave very well" and "Leaders offer a rich and varied curriculum to pupils". All 5 schools in the Greenwood Tree Multi Academy Trust work very closely together to provide the best education for our pupils from the age of 2 to 13.

Junk Modelling Needed

Year 1 are looking for any junk modelling materials, boxes etc, as they are building castles at the end of next week! If you have anything available please drop it into Year 1 or the office. Thank you.

Term Dates

A reminder to everyone that term dates for this academic year and next are on the school website. As previously advised, October half term in 2020 will be for 2 weeks from Monday 19th to Friday 30th October.

Shoe Boxes Needed

The Reception class require lots of empty shoe boxes. If you have anything available please drop them into the Reception class or the office. Thank you.

PTFA News

What a Bake Off success!

Congratulations to everyone involved in baking, decorating and then eating the 35 outstanding biscuit creations to support the PTFA's Bake Off last week. You helped to raise **over £130** for your children and the school. The winner of the Farmer Palmer's Family Pass was Maeve from Year 4. The seven winning bakers were:

- Star Baker (Ms Thorp's choice): Benjamin
- Children's Choice 1st place: Jacob
- Children's Choice 2nd place: Lotte and Torben
- Children's Choice 3rd place: Jaxon
- Most Creative Baker (Staff Choice) 1st place: Layla
- Most Creative Baker (Staff Choice) 2nd place: Georgia
- Most Creative Baker (Staff Choice) 3rd place: Alex



It's time to hand in your Magic Show slips!

We're delighted to welcome back children's entertainer and professional magician, Count Backwards - aka Simon Western – on Thursday 17 October (3.15pm to 4.30pm). The school office has emailed a Magic show letter out today with all of the details. We're asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 which includes the show, biscuits and squash. If you can Gift Aid (which means that we can claim back a further 75p per child) please fill in your name, address and postcode on the permission form and hand it into the office ASAP. The show is suitable for all year groups.

Trauma Informed Schools Parent Information Evening

As some of you may be aware, Miss Thorp has attended a 10 day course on Trauma Informed Schools. This focuses on how schools can support children that have suffered trauma as well as children that are finding school difficult.

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.

Wednesday 23rd October (6-7.30pm): focusing on the brain (including positive and negative chemicals in the brain), trauma in children (including ACES) and attachments in children.

Tuesday 26th 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.

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.



Please can we ask parents to double check ingredients in products. Mango appears in a number of items that you would not think of! Unfortunately the member of staff who has severe allergy doesn't need to eat or come into contact with mango to have a reaction. It only needs to be in the same room. Your help is very much appreciated by us all.