



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the

'Stars of the Week'

Reception: Reuben

Year 1: James

Year 2: Hector

Year 3: Daniel

Year 4: Max H



Absent Children

Please can we remind parents that if their child is absent from school, for any reason, **parents need to notify the school office before 9.30am.** This can be by phone or email. If you leave a message, please advise us of the reason they are off, including details of the illness. If a child is off for a number of days, we still need to be updated on a daily basis.

If we are not aware of any reason that a child is absent (including ongoing illnesses), it will be marked in the register as an unauthorised absence. This is treated the same way as unauthorised holiday absence. Please note that a penalty notice (fine) may be issued to parents if the child is absent for 10 or more half days absence over a 12 week period.

Eco School

As an Eco School, one of our initiatives is to try and reduce our energy consumption. In the mornings, to help with this, the door by the Reception class and the doors by the main playground will no longer be hooked open but held open with a door wedge. This will then be removed after the second bell at 8.50am. Thank you for your help.

Frome Valley Eco Team

Late Pick Ups

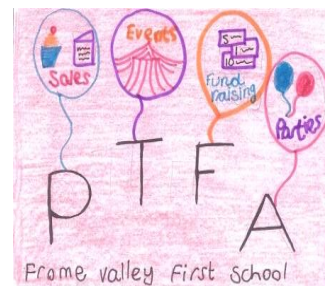
Please can we gently remind parents that school finishes at **3.15 pm**. We are having more regular occurrences of parents being late to pick up their child. We understand that this can occasionally happen (e.g. a parent is stuck in traffic). However, we do not have adults available to regularly look after individual children, sometimes till after 3.30pm. Please can we ask parents to be at school on time to pick up their child.

PTFA News

Summer Event date for your diary: Saturday 6 June

Please keep Saturday 6 June free (2pm to 5pm) to come along to the PTFA's Summer Party. It'll be free entry as usual with entertainment, music, games, food, fun and drinks. Once again, if you know anyone who might like to take part or provide outdoor catering at the event, then please contact the PTFA team or the school office ASAP. We're also looking to borrow space hoppers.

If you have one lurking in the shed that we could borrow for the day, please get in contact.



Don't forget the disco: 28 February!

On the first Friday back after half term, it'll be disco time again. Letters and permission slips will be emailed out by the office next week. We'll also be looking for volunteers as usual.

Thinking of clearing out your book shelves?

We will be selling quality second-hand books again at next month's 'Stories at 6' on World Book Day. Please look out for the collection box which will be put outside of the school office on the first day back after half term. Non-fiction and fiction, adult and children's books are all welcome.

Bakers needed next week please

On the last day of term when you are able to view your child's Art Week creations, we will be selling refreshments (tea, coffee, cans and bottled drinks) and home-baked cookies, cakes and biscuits. If you're able to bake for us, please contact the school office or one of the PTFA team. Thank you for your support.

Animal show success

We raised £201.50 by inviting Mad4Animals to entertain the children last week (not including Gift Aid money.) Thank you for your support and a big thank you to all of our parent volunteers - especially the mums and dads who took part in the show, holding large snakes, cockroaches and spiders!

Art Week 10th – 13th February

Can anyone help with the following bits and pieces that we need for Art Week.

- small 'found' or waste items, no bigger than 5cm wide of a single colour.

For example: bottle tops, buttons, old pieces of lego, small pieces of broken toys, small plastic spoons/forks, hair clips, straws etc.

The colours we need are: **red, yellow, green, orange and blue.**

- Small cardboard boxes
- Newspaper
- Colourful plastic bags
- Toilet roll, Kitchen towel tubes
- Large or unusual shells to look at and inspire art work

Thank you in advance for all your collecting!

Parent Drop In – Reception Class

A reminder to parents that the drop in for the Reception class is tomorrow **Tuesday 4th February**. Parents will be able to speak to Miss Padfield and look at their child's work. Miss Padfield 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. **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. Miss Padfield will then speak to parents in order of their arrival!

Please remember that if you wish to speak to Miss Padfield for longer than a few minutes then we are happy to arrange a separate time.

Year 4 Trip to Nothe Fort

A reminder to parents that Year 4 are visiting Nothe Fort this **Friday 7th February**.

Please can any outstanding permission slips and monies be returned as soon as possible. Don't forget: the children are dressing up for the day and also need a homemade gas mask box and a small teddy bear!

If you need any inspiration or advice with any of these, please speak to Mrs Essex.

Year 3 visit from The Priest's House Museum

Year 3 have The Priest's House Museum visiting them in school this Friday 7th February. Please can all permission slips and contributions be returned to school as soon as possible.

After School Swimming

A reminder to parents that there is no after school swimming this week, (5th February), as Steve is unavailable.

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.

