



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

‘Stars of the Week’

Reception: Flora

Year 2: Torben

Year 3: Henry

Year 4: Amelia



Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to the 41 families that have already responded to the parent questionnaire. We really do value your opinions and comments. We would like to have at least 50 families contributions if possible so have therefore extended the deadline to the end of term

The link to the form is below.

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Thank you in advance.

Year 4 Leavers Assembly

Year 4 have their Leaver's Assembly on **Friday 23rd July at 2pm**. All parents of children in Year 4 are invited to this very special assembly. It will be outside on the playground, weather permitting. If it is raining, it will be in the hall.

Summer Reading Challenge

Each class was visited by a librarian from Crossways library last week to explain and excite the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Please sign your child up! It's free and books can be read by you the parent as well as the child. Try a variety: non-fiction as well as non-fiction, poetry, picture books as well as chapter books. Make a cosy reading den in or outside, cuddle up and enjoy!

Each child that completes the Summer Reading Challenge will receive a certificate sent to the school and given out in a class or whole school assembly to celebrate.

Wellbeing Day

Just to let everyone know our first Wellbeing day of the new academic year will be on **Friday 3rd September**, This is a day when we focus on positive mental wellbeing in the morning and anti-bullying in the afternoon. We would like all children to come to school wearing blue clothes. This is to remind everyone of our **NO BULLYING** ethos, as blue is the universal 'no bullying' colour.

Headteacher's End of Year Review

I cannot believe that another academic year is now coming to an end. It has been an incredibly challenging sixteen months for all of us and, although we are now officially out of lockdown, I am sure that there will be yet more challenges down the line.

We have all had to adapt in so many ways and the structures and routines at school have changed beyond recognition. However, we have still continued to teach and support our children at school in both their progress and their emotional wellbeing. As a Trauma Informed School, we have been so thankful that we had all this in place before the pandemic because we have needed to support the wellbeing of our pupils more this year than ever.

Within school, we have still progressed, moving forward - even if Covid-19 and yet another lockdown have both tried to slow us down! We have been focusing on reviewing our school vision, including a new school motto and a new school Bible quote linked to the motto. We are very much looking forward to our Vision Day on Wednesday when we will be creating our new school vision board.

The school has also focused on reviewing how our curriculum is designed to support knowledge being stored in a child's long term memory (the definitely of learning!). More about this next academic year but you may have already seen or heard about our Flashback Fives which are one way of cementing knowledge in our long term memory!

I cannot thank you all enough for your support during the lockdown in January. Within one week on moving to online learning, we had over 95% of pupils online, accessing their learning each day. This only happened because of you. Without a doubt, Frome Valley parents were amazing during the second lockdown and we had more children online than any other school in GTAT. I know that I will look back on the second lockdown with pride on how the whole school community supported each other to help our children continue to learn.

I now wish you all a relaxing summer holiday, however you may be spending it. And, hopefully, it will be a summer break without any isolation or illness. We look forward to welcoming all the children back in September when the school should once more resemble the school before March 2019.

Once again, many thanks for all your support this year.

Julie Thorp

Finally,

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Thursday 2nd September**.