



Frome Valley First School

News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the

'Stars of the Week'

Reception: Daniel

Year 1: Ewan

Year 2: Ashton

Year 3: Grace Wh

Year 4: Max R



Dorchester Family Partnership – Drop In

Dorchester Family Partnership Zone are once again holding their drop in at Frome Valley in the spring term. They will be on hand to discuss any issues you may have regarding your child's behaviour. They are able to offer practical advice themselves and can also signpost you to other services.

The first session is on **Tuesday 28th January from 9-10.30am**.

Today, we have also sent home to parents a leaflet giving details of a couple of evening sessions in Dorchester for any parents that have other commitments on a Tuesday morning.

If you would like any further information, please speak to Ms Thorp or Mrs Essex (Year 4 teacher and SENCO).

Year 4 Class Assembly 30th January

Year 4 have their class assembly on **Thursday 30th January starting at 9am** in the school hall. All parents, friends and relatives of children in Year 4 are welcome.

Year 3 – Bottle Request

Year 3 are needing 1 and 2 litre bottles for their latest project. If anyone has any please can they drop them to Year 3 or the school office by **Thursday 23rd January (am)**. Thank you.

Dropping off and Picking up Children

Please can we remind everyone that **the main entrance to school, by the school office** is only to be used for late arrivals, late pickups and for children using school transport. Everyone else **must use the other entrances to drop off and pick up their children**. These are located next to the Reception Class and from the school playground. Thank you for your assistance in adhering to this.

Art Week 10th – 13th February

For one of the activities we have planned for the upcoming Art Week, we are hoping to create a 3D art fixture. For this, we will need 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**. As we will need lots of these items for this piece of artwork, we need to start collecting them now. If you have any items that would be suitable, in any of the five colours mentioned above, we would be grateful if you could start bringing them in to school. Thank you for your help.

Parent Drop In – Year 1 – 4

A reminder to parents that we have the next parent drop in sessions for Years 1 - 4 next **Tuesday 28th January. As previously advised the Reception class drop in is the following week, Tuesday 4th February.** 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.

Walk to School Wednesday and Plastic Free Lunch Day

Our Eco Schools Team are once more introducing regular 'Walk to School Wednesdays' and 'Plastic Free Lunch' days throughout the rest of this academic year.

Walk to School Wednesday

This Wednesday (**22nd January**) is the date of our first 'Walking Wednesday'. This is the day that we ask **as many parents and children as possible to walk, cycle or scooter to school.** Anything but the car! We understand that it may not always be possible to walk to school due to living arrangements. However, we would appreciate the support of as many as possible. Walk to School Wednesday can include 'Parking and Striding' which involves parking away from the school site and walking the final leg of the journey into school. This should be approximately a 5 minute walk. Not only will it hopefully reduce the number of cars entering the car park, it will also help energise children and preparing them for the school day.

Plastic Free Lunch Day

Also, on this day we will also be holding **a plastic free lunch day** and are again asking for your help. Please try to use alternatives to single use plastic wrapper bag like cling film. Can you reduce the amount of small plastic contains (single wrapped cheese etc)? For any tips and advice, follow this link

<http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/a-z-alternatives.html>

Thank you for your support

TerraCycle – Recycling Scheme

We want to remind parents that we are still taking part in the following recycling schemes. TerraCycle are helping us to eliminate the idea of waste and raise funds for school at the same time.

The three collections we are taking part in are:

Writing Instrument Recycling: We accept any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot, correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen (cap included) regardless of their composition (plastic, metal).

Pladis Biscuit and Snack Recycling: We accept any brand of cracker wrappers and non-savoury biscuit wrappers such as digestives, rich tea etc. This includes the likes of Penguin's etc but not chocolate bars like Mars, Snickers etc, or the inside plastic tray as they are made from a different material.

Bread Bag Recycling Scheme: We accept any brand of bread loaf bags. Please note that it is bread only, not baguette, rolls, bagels, and croissants etc – **JUST BREAD!!**

We have attached a poster that gives full information on acceptable products.

We are happy to accept items from the wider community, so please let others know.

Thank you for your help.

Frome Valley Eco School Team

Textile Recycling

A reminder that we are Textile Recycling next week. 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
- Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).



We are accepting items in school from **Monday 27th January until 9am on Monday 3rd February**. If you would like another bag, please ask!

PTFA News

Don't forget to hand in your animal show slips

Make sure that your child doesn't miss out on the chance to meet an amazing line-up of unusual critters at the Mad4Animals show on Friday 31st January (from 3.15pm to 4.30pm). Permission slips are on the carousel. We're asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 which includes the show, biscuits and squash. Please Gift Aid if you can (which means that we can get an extra 75p from the HMRC per child). You must fill in your full name and address - including postcode – to make it count! Without this information our PTFA Treasurer is unable to make a claim.



Can you help with our Summer Event plans?

Plans for June's school Summer Party are now underway. We are hoping for as successful an event as last year packed full of live entertainment, dance, music, hot food, a fully licenced bar, ice creams, game stalls, a tombola, a raffle, a bouncy castle (or some sort of inflatable). You get the picture! If you know anyone who might like to take part – such as a martial arts demonstration perhaps or a group of musicians – then please contact the PTFA team or the school office. Do you know someone with a mobile catering company who may be able to sell pizzas, fish and chips, a hog roast or BBQ food? Is your child involved in a local drama group that may like to perform and showcase their talents? We'd love to hear from you. Thank you.

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.

