



# Frome Valley First School

## News Weekly



### Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the Stars of this week.

#### **'Star of the Week'**

Reception: Max  
Year 1: Logan  
Year 2: Dani  
Year 3: Myles  
Year 4: Brooke



### Plastic Free Lunch Day 3<sup>rd</sup> July

This July, the nation is being challenged to go plastic free, particularly with single use plastic. In support of this, we are holding a **plastic free lunch this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** and are 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  
The Eco Schools Team

### Health and Safety Reminders

#### Dogs on the School Premises

A parent came to tell us, on Friday, that there was a dog on the school premises. Please can we remind everyone (including extended families) that dogs are not allowed on school premises (including the playground and field) due to health and safety reasons. This includes any dogs being carried as well.

#### Playground Equipment

A parent advised us, on Friday, that children were playing with after school equipment from the archery club. The club leader had set up the equipment ready to be used by the archery club. Please can we remind parents that children are under your supervision after school and to ensure that children are not playing with after school equipment as they leave the school premises.

We also need to remind parents that on site playground equipment is for school time use only.

### Reception Class Parent Interviews

Parent interviews for the Reception class will be taking place on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. From tomorrow morning, there will be a form outside the classroom with all the appointment times. Parents just need to write their child's name next to the time that they would like.

## PTFA News

### **Family Barn Dance – this Friday from 5pm to 8pm!**

Please support the PTFA's first ever family barn dance fundraiser on Friday. Professional barn dance and Ceilidh Band, Black Sheep - with more than 30 years of performances under their belts – will be the callers and musicians for the night.



There will be a fully licenced bar including wine, beer and soft drinks. Ethnic Street pizza will be selling wood-fired pizzas and a percentage of takings will go straight into the PTFA piggy-bank. Mr Whirly's ice cream van will also be parked up and the PTFA will be selling refreshments including hot drinks, cakes and biscuits. So please arrive hungry and thirsty!

Games for the kids will include a 'Nerf gun' Shoot out, cactus hoopla plus a family tombola with prizes for all ages. Wild West toys and accessories, cowboy and cowgirl hats (£3) plus bandanas (£1) will also be on sale. There will also be fun props to use in our free 'photo booth'! Dressing up is optional of course...as is dancing! If you've never been to barn dance before, it's great fun for all ages - whether you're there to dance or just listen to the great live music.

There is still time to buy your tickets. Pick up a letter from the school office's carousel to purchase tickets for your family: **£4 per adult and £2 per child** - with under 3s free. If you've already ordered yours, they will be coming home in book bags throughout week.

### **Dress Down Day on Friday**

In return for no uniform this Friday, please can you make a donation of either:

#### **Barn dance bakes...**

We're looking to sell nut-free cakes and biscuits at Friday's barn dance. Please bring in your donations (either home bakes or shop-bought) for us to sell at the refreshment stall.

#### **...or chocolates and sweets!**

We'll be holding a raffle at each performance of the school play. We're looking for donations to fill three 'Willy Wonka' chocolate boxes full of sweet treats. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Can you help at the barn dance?**

We're looking for volunteers to help us at the barn dance on the games and refreshments stalls (for 30 minute slots only so you have plenty of time to enjoy the event). Volunteer sheets are outside each classroom. Thank you.

### **Summer Raffle success!**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the PTFA's big Summer Raffle by buying and selling raffle tickets. We raised a whopping **£573** which has been put towards the purchase of the new school sound system.

### **Leavers' books presented to Year 4s**

At Celebration Assembly last week, all Year 4s were presented with a gift from the PTFA. Each child received a school-branded, red 'autograph' book to collect special messages from friends and teachers. A little keepsake of treasured memories from their time at Frome Valley First School. We wish every Year 4 the best of luck in their next school.

### Year 4 trip

A reminder to parents that the Year 4 trip to the Chesil Beach Centre is now on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – not this week.**

### Local Food Links

Today, we are sending home a letter which gives information on how to register your child for meals and an activation code. If you also sign up for the email reminder on the front pages when registering, you will receive an email advising you when the new Autumn menu is live and when you can then start choosing meals. Please note that if your child has a food allergy and needs a specific diet, all the information and forms that need to be completed are also online. We have sample menus at the office for anyone that was not able to come to the taster session last week. Please ask if you would like one sent home



### Please can you help!

We need to move lots of equipment and props between school and Crossways Village hall. Is there anyone with a large van or a car with a big boot that can help us move things at the below times:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>: after school (or Friday 13<sup>th</sup> before school) (for the dress rehearsal)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> after the last performance (to bring everything back to school). If you can assist with any of the journeys we would be truly grateful. Please speak to the staff in the office asap. Thank you.

### Transfer Day

Transfer day is this **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. At drop off, please can all children go straight to their new classes. We hope that our Year 4 children enjoy their day at their respective Middle Schools.

### Parent Drop in Sessions

A reminder that this half term's drop in session takes place tomorrow **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. 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.

### **Summer Outings**

We appreciate that the next few weeks are exceptionally busy. A little reminder of the outings that are occurring in the next few weeks. We still have quite a few outstanding permission forms and would be grateful if they could be returned as soon as possible.

**10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 trip to Weymouth**

**11<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Class trip to Moors Valley Country Park**

**12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 trip to the Chesil Beach Centre**

**19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 trip to Moors Valley Country Park**

### **Happy Valley and Breakfast Club - September – October**

Booking forms for Happy Valley and Breakfast Club for the first half of the Autumn Term are now available on the carousel outside the school office. After school activities will not start until the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. If at all possible, we will advise parents before the summer holidays which clubs will be running and on which day.

### **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

Today, we are sending home a letter that gives full details of arrangements for the school play. This includes a separate order form for tickets. Any queries, please speak to the school office.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Later this week, we will be sending home, to all families, this years 'Parent Questionnaire'. Please can all completed questionnaires be returned by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at the latest. There is a yellow box at the office for them to be placed in. Thank you.

### **Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks**

A reminder to everyone that we have a child in school who has a very severe nut allergy. Please ensure that all lunches and snacks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help.

