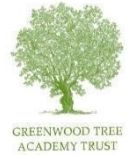




Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Every week, all teachers choose a child from their class that is
'Star of the Week'

They are chosen for a number of reasons that include:
Attitude in class; good citizenship and outstanding behaviour.
Each week, in News Weekly, we will let parents know who the
'stars' are for the following week.



Congratulations to the following children that are the 'Stars' for this week.

Year 1: Benjamin

Year 2: Harry (Also James, Bella and Olivia, who have been stars for the past 3 weeks)

Year 3: Harry

Year 4: Grace E

Reception Class: Miss Padfield will start to choose her 'Stars' after half term, when the children have settled in.

Reminders

We would like to remind all parents of a few health and safety requirements that we have at the moment:

- To limit the number of people on site, we ask that only **one** parent brings their child / children to school and picks them up. Not one per child – one per family. Please, please stick to this as we have noticed that numbers have increased.
- Please do not let your child play on any of the play equipment.
- If you arrive late or need to drop something into school, please wait outside the main entrance and phone school. Someone will then come outside and meet you.
- Please leave school grounds as soon as you have dropped your child off or picked them up and maintain social distance with any other adults and children at all times.

Communication with School

For the safety of the children and staff on the school site, we cannot allow parents into the building, **including into the foyer at the front of the school**. Instead, please continue to contact us by telephoning the school and by emailing the school office. Should you arrive late any morning, please telephone the school from outside the school entrance and a member of staff will collect your child.

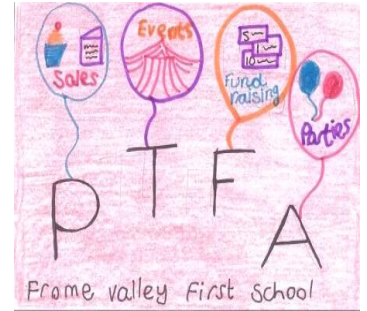
We would like to remind everyone that if emailing school our protocol is to email the school office on office@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk. Please do not use the staff Frome Valley email accounts.

Please remember, if you need to speak to the class teacher or Headteacher, they are more than happy to speak to you in the playground or by phone.

PTFA News

The PTFA AGM

We will be holding our AGM via Zoom on Tuesday 6 October at 19.30 to formally elect a new Committee and to chat about forthcoming fundraising activities. Liz Head (parent of Harriet in Year 4 and Benjamin in Year 1) will officially become the new Treasurer. Niki Bolton (parent of Hayden in Year 3) will continue her role as PTFA Secretary. We're also delighted to announce that Sam Bartlett (parent of Felicity in Preschool) would like to take on the role of Chair. Longstanding committee members, Kerri Aplin (parent of Ashton in Year 3) and Louise Powditch (parent of Georgia in Year 3) also want to be re-elected onto the Committee. We'd love to see some new faces at the meeting who wish to either be regular volunteers or take on the role of a member of the Committee. Please email the office if you'd like to join us plus Miss Dixon (Year 2 teacher) and Ms Thorp next week.



We're already thinking Christmas!

It may only seem like summer has just ended but children will soon be designing their own Christmas cards in class again. The process is a little different this year. Your child's original artwork will be sent home in book bags over the next week or so along with details of how to order packs of cards (12 for £5.50 or £6.50), gifts tags (12 for ££2.50) and, for the first time, mugs (£6.50 each). You must then return your child's artwork to school after you've made your online order by Wednesday 14 October. If you're not making an order, there is no need to return artwork. If you make an order but don't return your child's artwork in time then we won't be able to process your order and you'll miss out. Thank you in advance for supporting our annual Christmas fundraiser

Staffing Changes

We have had a few changes in staff that we thought you would like to know. Very sadly for us all at Frome Valley, we have said goodbye and happy retirement to Mrs Baden. She has worked at Owermoigne and then Frome Valley School for over 20 years. We will all miss her but wish her a lovely retirement. Over the lockdown and holidays, we also said goodbye and good luck to Miss Welch, Mrs Redford, Mrs Morris, Mrs Murray and Mrs Winch. We wish them lots of luck in their new ventures. We welcome to the Frome Valley family: Mrs Barker, Mrs Caines, Mrs Smith and Mrs Bascombe. Year 1 also have Miss Forbes (a trainee teacher) with them for the Autumn and Summer term.

Data Collection Forms

Data Collection Forms were sent home last week. Please remember, **we do not want them returned to school this year**. Please just email the school office via office@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk with any amendments.

Absence During Term Time

We are trying to reduce the amount of paperwork that is sent between school and home. To help with this we will no longer routinely be sending home any paper absence requests. If requested, we will email the form for parents to complete and then return to the office email address. Ms Thorp will then phone parents to discuss the absence. However, if for any reason a parent requesting a leave of absence form cannot fill it online then please let us know.

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

Coats and Warm P.E Kits

Please can parents ensure that their child now has a school coat at school as it is definitely turning chilly! At break and lunchtimes, even in light rain, the children play outside. Children also need to have in school a cold weather P.E kit for them to wear. All P.E lessons are currently outside (unless pouring with rain!) Thank you for your help.

Flu Vaccine Date

Just to let parents know that the date that all children will be offered the flu vaccine is **Monday 2nd November**. Full details will be sent home to parents as soon as we have the details from the immunisation team.

Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that all lunches, snacks and drinks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help

