



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

‘Stars of the Week’

Reception Class: Arthor
Year 1: Eleanor
Year 2: Lewis
Year 3: Skylar
Year 4: Harriet



Face Masks

Thank you to everyone for reading News Weekly and for now wearing a face mask on the school grounds. Your help in keeping everyone safe is much appreciated by us all.

Children In Need – Friday 13th November

‘Children in Need’ is taking place this **Friday 13th November**. To raise money, we are asking children **to come to school wearing something spotty (for a donation to this very worthy cause)**. Don’t worry if you don’t have anything spotty – normal non-uniform is also ok!! Thank you in advance to everyone for raising as much money as possible. We will let you know next week, the amount we raise. Each class will have a pot for the money to go in when the children arrive in school.



Parent Interviews

Thank you to all parents for their support in the new format for parent interviews. We would appreciate any feedback on this new format. Please email the school office with any comments, be it good, bad or

Bikes and Scooters in the Playground

Can we gently please remind parents that children should **not** be riding their bicycles and scooters in the playground. It becomes very dangerous for other children and adults alike. Thank you for your help.

Crossways Community Food Cupboard

With News Weekly today, we have sent home information on a new local scheme called Crossways Community Food Cupboard. It offers free food and essentials to any Crossways resident needing a little help.

PTFA News

Dress Down Day next Wednesday

On Wednesday 18 November we'll be having a non-uniform day in exchange for prizes to go into our Christmas hampers that we'll be raffling off in the last week of term. Watch this space for details of when tickets go on sale. For those new to Frome Valley, please be aware that we welcome donations of alcohol. We also often theme hampers so all types of prizes including toiletries, gift sets, new toys and stationery, chocolates and sweets, food items (please check the use by date to ensure it is after 18 December) are all very much appreciated. As always, for those of you who are unable to or do not wish to contribute, your child can of course still dress down.

Can you help us with prizes?

We've had some generous donations so far from local businesses and companies where parents work - including a bike from Halfords! If you can help in any way by asking your employer to help or by personally offering a voucher, your services or a prize, please either email the office or the PTFA directly on fv.ptfa2020@gmail.com. We will, of course, promote your business when we put together our list of thank yous and send it out to all parents with the final News Weekly of 2020.

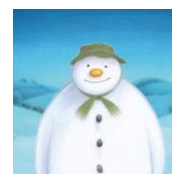
Can you donate a hamper?

We will be creating and photographing hampers later on this month. Do you have a hamper, basket or display box/crate that you could donate (all sizes welcome) for us to use? Please hand them in to your child's class teacher at either drop off or pick up. Thank you.



Local Food Links – Christmas Card Competition

With News Weekly today we have sent home details of a Christmas card competition. Please note that all entries need to be emailed **directly** to Local Food Links.



Individual School Photos

Individual school photos were due to take place next week. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this as the guidance from the DfE during the current lockdown advises against any non-essential visitors to school. When we have a new date, we will let you know.

Spot The Signs of County Lines

We have been given the below information from the Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Dorset Police colleagues are seeking the support of residents as well as people visiting the county, to be aware of the signs of County Lines exploitation and to contact the police if they spot anything." Signs to look for are:

- A young person going missing from school or home;
- Meeting with unfamiliar adults and/or a change in behaviour;
- Using drugs and alcohol;
- Money or expensive gifts they can't account for;
- A neighbour who has not been seen for a while;
- More people calling at a neighbour's home – often at unsociable hours;
- Suspicious vehicles/people attending a neighbour's home.

If you are concerned about an individual or group who pose a risk to young and vulnerable persons within the community through exploitation or through other criminal means such as county line drug lines drug supply you can pass on information using the online form at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/>

NEVER assume someone else has passed on the information you have. Duplicate information is better than none.

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

