



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly

*"Together, with God's love, we learn, nurture and grow, without limits."*



## Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

### 'Stars of the Week'

Reception Class: Alice

Year 1: Katie

Year 2: Esme

Year 3: Benjamin

Year 4: Ivy



## Carols By Candlelight – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm

A reminder that 'Carols by Candlelight' is this Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6pm. All children, parents and relatives are invited to come along to this very special evening and join in with some of the singing! The evening lasts about an hour. We look forward to seeing you there.

During Carols by Candlelight we like to serve refreshments. We are looking for **donations of cakes, mince pies and other scrummy things. Please bring any items to the school office on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.** Thank you in advance for all your donations.



## Dick o The Banks Road Entrance

Last week we advised parents that the gate to Dick o the Banks Road will now be closed at 8.45am. **Can we remind parents that arrive after this time to please NOT climb over the gate or get their children to climb over the gate.** As part of our safeguarding work with children, we teach them that they must never climb gates or fences. If children arrive after 8.45am they need to be brought to the main entrance and signed in.

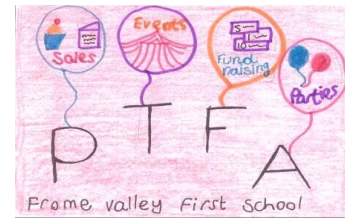
Thank you for your cooperation.

## Parent Interviews – Reception Class

Parent Interviews for the Reception class are taking place this Tuesday and Wednesday. Google meet invitations for the online interviews will be sent out by the end of today. If you have not received it by then, please speak to the school office. Thank you.

## PTFA News

Well done to Ivy in Year 1 who won the Elf and a Haribo advent calendar. She named him Twinkle bell. Thank You again to everyone who came to the photoshoot. Please let us know if you have not received your photos yet. All photos were sent out within 48 hours of the photoshoot, so please email us.



Thank you to everyone who donated or bought a Christmas jumper and to Sarah for manning the stall.

Our Christmas raffle will be held on Monday 12th December. Tickets went home on Friday with details on how to pay. It is only a week away, so please ensure to bring your completed tickets back as soon as possible. If you do not wish to buy any tickets, please drop off any unused ones to the office. We have lots of fantastic prizes (please see attached flyer for prizes and companies that have donated)

Well done to Mrs H for winning the school lottery and donating her winnings back to the PTFA.

Are you using the easyfundraising app? Remember, you can be in with a chance to win an Amazon Echo Dot. Competition ends this Friday.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with putting the hampers together for the raffle. Please let us know if you think you can spare some time on Friday 9th December in the afternoon. We are always looking for volunteers, if you think you could spare some time on occasion, please speak to one of our PTFA members or email us at [ptfafromevalley@gmail.com](mailto:ptfafromevalley@gmail.com).

If you have any spare tissue paper, hamper baskets, wrapping paper, or gift bags that you are able to donate towards the raffle and Elfridges, please can these be handed into the office by Wednesday morning at the latest.

If you ordered wrapping paper from IQ cards and your child would like to use this to wrap their Elfridges presents, please can you send the paper in with them on Wednesday.

Thursday is Christmas jumper day in exchange for any raffle prizes to include craft items, alcohol, sweet treats etc...

## R.E Week

R.E week started today with the children learning about Islam. A reminder that all competition entries need to be in school by **9am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Christingle Service

We are holding a special Christingle Service in St Aldhelm's Church on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm**. All parents, friends and relatives are welcome to this service. All children will be making a Christingle candle during our special school week which is focussing on R.E.



### Nativity Services

**Pre School and Reception Class: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.10am**

**Years 1–4: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.10am and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**



We know that all services will be very popular and we therefore ask parents, relatives and friends to only come to the Preschool / Reception nativity if they have a child in these years. If you have a child in Years 1–4, we ask that you only attend one of the services.

The children in Year 1 will be provided with a costume by school. The children in Year 2 will be playing instruments accompanying the service.

**After both of the morning services, coffee and mince pies will be available to parents.**

### Reception Class – Vision Screening – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

A letter giving information on vision screening was emailed to parents of children in the reception class last Friday. Please note that to view the results or opt out you need to register on the portal. If you have any queries please contact the number provided.

### Hot Meal Order

We are having an increasing number of children that have a hot meal ordered but have a packed lunch to eat. If you don't require a hot meal for your child but it is too late to cancel online with Local Food Links, we would be grateful if you could let the school office know. Sadly, we are throwing away quite a few meals every day. Thank you for your help

### Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be in school, **from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Everyone can bring their cards into school and they will be popped into the box by the class teacher. **Please remember to write the child's name or adult's name and the year group on the card** so we can deliver the cards to the right people!!



### 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