



# 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: Azaan

Year 1: Honey and Lily-Mae

Year 2: Jake

Year 3: Alfie

Year 4: Molly



### Mary Poppins

The dress rehearsal went well on Friday and we are now all looking forward to the 3 performances. At this moment in time we still have tickets available for all performances. However, we do anticipate that we will sell out. If you have not yet placed an order or would like extra tickets, please speak to the staff in the office.

#### Help Please!

On Wednesday, we will be walking to the village hall for the afternoon performance. We are looking for a couple of extra people to help with this. If you are available to be at school for 12.30pm, please let your child's teacher know.

#### Last Reminders!

As previously advised, on Wednesday, children need to wear play clothes to school on this day and bring their costume (Year R-3) in a carrier bag. They will get changed into their costumes at lunch time and will leave their play clothes at school for you to collect the next day. We ask that, if your child has a packed lunch, could you please send a disposable lunch to school on this day. Finally, no book bags on this day too! Please collect your child from the village hall at 3.15pm.

### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone for their completed questionnaires. We now have **40 out of 114 returned to school**. Your views are very important to us and this is a yearly opportunity to tell us how you feel we are progressing as a school. Please can any further responses be returned **before the end of term**. The yellow box for them is outside the school office.

### Family Partnership – Drop In – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

We would like to let parents know that the Family Partnership are in tomorrow **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. They are able to discuss any issues you might have regarding your child's behaviour, offer practical advice themselves and can also signpost you to other services. The session will be held in the Meeting Room **between 9.00 am and 10.30 am**.

### Local Food Links

Menus for the new academic year have today been sent home. Orders for September will be able to be placed later this week. If anyone has any queries or concerns, please speak to the staff in the office.

### Mango in Lunch Boxes

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 the 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.

## **PTFA News**

### **School play refreshments and raffles**

At each play performance the PTFA will have a refreshment stall selling hot and cold drinks, crisps, snacks and popcorn to buy for yourself and your children. For the first time we're also selling ice pops for 25p to help cool everyone down! We will have a raffle each night for a Mary Poppins 'spoonful of sugar' treat box which will include a great day out for the family: either a family ticket to Pirates at the Pavilion pantomime in Weymouth; passes to River Dart Country Park or a trip on Swanage Railway. Please bring along your pennies to support us one last time. Thank you.



### **What a 'Wacky Wednesday' last week!**

Thank you for getting behind last week's special dress down day. What amazing outfits and hairstyles. We also received lots of sweet and chocolate donations which were very much appreciated. The winners were:

Rosie, Reception

Florence, Year 1

Leila-Mae, Year 2

Dani, Year 3

Dee Dee, Year 4

### **Last ice lolly sale on Friday!**

We've decided to squeeze another ice lolly sale on Friday (19 July) so please come along with your 40ps! Last week we raised £23 which we have doubled and given to the daughter of Teaching Assistant, Mrs Norris, who is taking part in a 4-week National Citizenship Service program. Her team is looking to reach a target of £450 to transform an area in Frome Valley's school grounds into a sensory garden which will particularly benefit children with autism and learning difficulties. A link to their 'go fund me' page has been posted on the PTFA facebook page.

### **Please continue to shop at Waitrose Dorchester until 31 July**

The Community Matters programme at Waitrose Dorchester have chosen to support our Courtyard Garden project this month. Please use your green tokens to support the school. Thank you.

### **Last but not least...a huge thank you to you all!**

You've helped us to raise over £5600 so far this year for the school and your children. That doesn't include the money we'll receive from both Tesco and Waitrose over the summer break plus profits from the school play refreshments and raffle ticket sales. Thank you to everyone who has helped us this year by baking, donating, gardening, volunteering, sponsoring and generally supporting our events.

You'll remember that this year, in addition to the regular activities that we financially support such as the two special weeks, Christmas parties, class dojo prizes and so on, we also donated £1000 towards the new play trail and proudly delivered on the Courtyard garden which we are very pleased to see being put to good use.

Looking ahead, in partnership with the school we are currently researching into: a 'community accessible' defibrillator; an area of astro-turf or 'all weather sports surface' to enable the children to play outside sports when the field is wet and muddy; and the construction of a large sandpit for both playtime and long-jump practice. We are very keen to cover the cost of the first two projects using the funds we have raised throughout this year and finance the sand pit using next year's profits. We've already booked in a Magic Show after school on Thursday 17 October and a school disco on Friday 8 November plus there are lots of other fund-raising ideas currently up our sleeves. So watch this space...

### **The PTFA AGM: Thursday 12 September 2019**

We are only a small committee of five mums and would love to see some new faces on the Committee to help us make next year another great success. Please join us at the first meeting of the year where we officially elect our Committee members again.

### Eco Schools Day

Next **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** we are holding an Eco Schools Day. The children will take part in a range of activities to do with sustainability and our environment. Parents are welcome to learn alongside their child.

One of the activities is a collaborative project to build a stool for the reflection area with eco bricks. This week children will be asked to bring back from lunch any clean, non-recyclable plastic from their lunch boxes. We also need 500ml clean drinks bottles. If you have any please drop them into the school office.

We will be litter picking in the community so any support with this is very much welcome. If you can help, please speak to your class teacher.

### Walk to School Monday and Plastic Free Lunch Day

In conjunction with our Eco Schools Day, **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** is the date of our next 'Walking Monday' 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!

Also, on this day we will also be holding a **plastic free lunch day** 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**

### Small World Play Items Required

Do you have any **small world play items** that you no longer need? If so, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to school. We are looking for such items as: Disney characters; items from a doll's house; animals; fantasy objects; people of all shapes and sizes; small objects from board games; food items; dinosaurs... Any small object!! Please just bring them into the school office.

Many thanks

### Wow Assembly

On the last day of term, **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**, we will hold a **short assembly at 9am** to present books to any children that have completed their Gold Wow cards. This assembly normally lasts about 10 minutes. Any parent is welcome to attend.

### Leavers Assembly

Leavers Assembly takes place on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 2pm**. All parents, relatives and friends of children in Year 4 are invited to this very special assembly. Tissues may be required!!

### Citizenship Day

Just to let you know that our first Citizenship Day in the next academic year will be on Thursday **5<sup>th</sup> September**. This is the day when we focus on anti-bullying and Global Citizenship. On the day we would like all children to come to school wearing blue clothes. This is to remind everyone of our **NO BULLYING** ethos, as blue is the universal 'no bullying' colour.

### Finally,

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.