



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



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

Stars of the Week



Reception	Blake
Year 1	Oliver
Year 2	Minnie
Year 3	Thomas M
Year 4	Toby

Disabled Parking Space

We have one disabled parking space in the school car park. There have been occasions recently when it could not be accessed as visitors had parked behind it. We appreciate that the car park is not huge **but the top area of the car park (where the disabled space is) is only for staff, disabled parking and school transport.** Thank you for your help in ensuring we have access to school for all visitors.

Local Food Links – Taster Day

On Thursday 18th January, we will have some spare meals for children to try if they wish.

The menu for the day is:

Pork and Apple Burger (with Baked Beans and Corn Wedge) or
Cheese and Bean Burger (with Baked Beans and Corn Wedge) or
Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise and cucumber.

This is followed by Jammy Shortbread or Fresh Fruit.

If you would like for your child to try a hot meal (free of charge), please speak to the school office.



Fresh, Healthy, Tasty

Goodbye and Welcome

Last half term, we said goodbye to Mrs Glasspool in Happy Valley and Mrs Caines, one of our cleaners. We send them our best wishes for their future roles.

We welcome to school this half term Mr Warne, who is a trainee teacher. He is based in Year 1 with Mrs Ashby and Mrs Hunter. We hope he enjoys his time at Frome Valley

Year 4 Singing Festival

Every year (for the last 17 years at least!), Year 4 children take part in a singing festival with other first schools from Dorchester and the surrounding area. Hanna Trevorow, music lead for Wessex MAT, will be starting rehearsals in school with Year 4 next Monday 15th January.

The singing festival will then take place on **Wednesday 13th March from 6.30 – 7.30pm** at The Thomas Hardy School. Parents are invited to this performance.

Further details will be sent home to parents later this half term.

Missing Shoe

We have, in our lost property, one black shoe size 12 ½. This has appeared in the first week of term so will hopefully be reunited with its owner easily!

School Attendance

We would like to remind everyone that the first bell goes at 8.40am and the second at 8.45am. Children should be in school by the time of the second bell. If your child is absent, please contact the school office either by phone, email or in person **by 9am**. We do need to know what is wrong with them – rather than just unwell – as we have to record reasons for absence. If we do not hear from parents with a reason as to why their child is absent **it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.**

Jewellery

We would like to remind everyone of our school uniform policy in relation to jewellery.

The school rules on jewellery are as follows:

- One pair of stud earrings may be worn – no other piercings are permitted.
- A simple wristwatch may be worn (not a smartwatch).

For health and safety reasons, no other jewellery please, including necklaces.

After School Activities

After school skateboarding and musical theatre start this week.

We now have a waiting list for skateboarding.

If you would like your child to be on the list, if anyone drops out, please speak to the school office.

Thank you.



Preloved Uniform

A reminder to everyone that we have a rail of preloved uniform permanently in the meeting room.

All items are free of charge.

If anyone has any uniform that they would like to donate, please bring all items to the school office. Many thanks.



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

25th January	Parent Drop In 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15-3pm	5th – 8th February	Special School Week Science
2nd February	Safer Internet Day (instead of 06/02/24)	9th February	INSET Day – school closed to children
2nd February	PTFA – Magic Show (after school)	12th – 16th February	Half Term

Science Week

Do you use science? If so, we need your help!

During science week (5-8 February 2024), we want to introduce our children to a range of people who work in science-related jobs, or who use science on a daily basis.

Science includes working in or with:

Agriculture, animals, medicines, health and hygiene, food, transportation, communication, construction, engineering, product design, water systems, plants, sound and music, and so much more...

If you want to help by introducing yourself and explaining how you use science, please contact Mrs Croft at year3@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk.

You can help in many different ways, such as:

- Coming into school to talk to a class or the whole school,
- Making and sending us a short 4-5 minute film clip,
- Preparing a few digital photographs with an explanation of how science is useful to you.

What are we learning in our classrooms this week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
We are exploring the story, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and will be using describing words to make a wanted poster for The Troll!	In Literacy, we will be writing stories based on different pictures.	In Literacy, we will be learning about giant African land snails to write fact files.	In Literacy, we are using adverbs to express time, place and cause.	In Literacy, alongside our work on The Butterfly Lion, we will be revising our understanding of apostrophes.
We are consolidating our learning about 'one more' and 'one less' than a number.	In Numeracy, we are looking at how to calculate the mass of objects.	In Numeracy, we will be continuing to use money to calculate amounts and give change.	In Numeracy, we are multiplying and dividing by 3.	In Numeracy we are learning how to divide and multiply by 100 and 10.
In Science, we will be investigating which material would be the strongest to make a bridge out of for the Billy Goats to cross over.	In History, we are looking at the events that led up to the first moon landings.	In Design and Technology, we will begin our topic exploring wheels and axles.	In Computing, we are choosing commands to control our "sprites" (characters).	In History we are learning about the beliefs the Anglo-Saxons had and how they changed through that era.

Do ask your child about their learning!

If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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