



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly



## Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the Stars of this week and last:

### 'Star of the Week'

Reception: Harriet

Year 1: Nicole and Harry

Year 2: Imogen

Year 3: Connor and Harry

Year 4: Lizzie



## Textile Recycling

Today, every child in school is bringing home a Bag2School carrier bag for everyone to fill for textile recycling. The more we collect in weight, the more funds we raise for school.

Accepted textiles include:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers. Please note that these items are also acceptable – even though it says No on the bag!!

We are accepting items in school from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** until 9am on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. If you would like another bag, please ask!

## Family Partnership – Drop In –Starting 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Before the holidays, we announced a new monthly drop-in service that will be available to you, starting in January. It will be run by two members of staff from the Family Partnership Zone who will be on hand for you to discuss any issues you might have regarding your child's behaviour. They are able to offer practical advice themselves and can also signpost you to other services. The first session will be held in the Meeting Room between 9.00 am and 10.30 am on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019. Please do use this valuable service.

If you would like any further information, please speak to Ms Thorp or Mrs Essex (Year 4 teacher and SENCO).

## PTFA News



### **Magic Show tickets on sale for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

For the first time ever, Frome Valley's school hall will be transformed into a place of magic and fun! Professional Magician, Professor Count Backwards, will be providing a first class children's comedy magic show after school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 3.15pm to 4.30pm** for a contribution of **£2.50** – including biscuits and squash. **The show is suitable for all year groups.** Please fill in the permission slip which has been emailed to you today by the school office and hand it in by Friday 1 February with cash or a cheque payable to Frome Valley First School PTFA.

Don't forget to Gift Aid so that we can claim back 25p per £1! If you haven't already done so for November's disco, please fill in a 'Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation' sheet, if you are a UK taxpayer, and hand it into the school office. Copies are on the carousel and have been emailed to you today. We're also looking for volunteer helpers so please sign-up on the sheet outside your child's classroom. Thank you.

### **Courtyard Garden volunteer day announced: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

As mentioned before Christmas, the PTFA team's next project is to transform the overgrown and currently unused courtyard area (through the gates between the church and the main school entrance) into a gardening zone. All monies raised this term will be put towards buying materials to construct a large raised bed for each year group to be responsible for. Mrs Duerdoth would like this part of the garden to be ready for the children by the end of February – so time is of the essence. Please contact the office or the PTFA team if you are able to give up some time on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January between 10am and 12pm** to help us do some of the groundwork - clearing, turning over soil, moving current shrubs etc – in readiness for the raised beds. We'd particularly love to hear from any parents who are landscape gardeners or anyone with a connection to garden centres, nurseries, timber yards and so on. Thank you!

### **Disco dates for your diary...**

There will be school discos on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Christmas Gift Shop success**

We hope that you enjoyed opening your surprise presents on Christmas Day as much as your children enjoyed wrapping and labelling them last term. We are delighted to announce that the Gift shop made well over £200 profit. We're now up to £1770 raised so far this academic year. Thank you for your support.

### **PTFA meeting on Thursday at 3.20pm**

Please come along to our next PTFA meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January where we'll be discussing fundraising ideas for 2019.

### **Closing soon! STEM Returners programme with Atlas Elektronik in Winfrith**

Have you taken a career break from engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the ATLAS ELEKTRONIK 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in April 2019 in Winfrith. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit [www.stemreturners.com](http://www.stemreturners.com) or email [hello@stemreturners.com](mailto:hello@stemreturners.com).

More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2018/10/24/atlas-elektronik-uk-supports-stem-returner-programme-dorset/>

### **Dorchester Library – Harry Potter Night**

Today, we have emailed to parents information on a Harry Potter Night that Dorchester Library are holding on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Further information is available by calling them on 01305 224440.

### **Hooke Court**

Year 4's trip to Hooke Court is now only 10 weeks away! Please remember that full payment for the trip needs to be made by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at the latest. If anyone needs any help or advice with the kit list, please speak to the staff in the office. We will shortly be completing dietary requirement forms. If there any food allergies that we are not aware of we would again be grateful if you could speak to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Year 4 trip to Nothe Fort**

A reminder that Year 4 are visiting Nothe Fort next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. We still have a number of outstanding permission slips and monies. Please can these be sent into school by this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at the latest.

### **Nut Free / Mango Free School Lunches and Snacks**

A reminder to everyone that we have in school a child and an adult with very severe nut and mango allergies respectively. Please ensure that all lunches, snacks and drinks do not contain nuts or mango. Thank you for your help.

