



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Year 1: Olivia - Jane

Year 2: Eleanor

Year 3: Bella

Year 4: Harry



Helpers Urgently Required!!

With COVID restrictions now lifted, we are once again looking for helpers in school!! We are asking for any parents, grandparents, relatives or local villagers to come and spend a morning or afternoon in school each week. We especially need help with listening to the children read. Reception and Year 1 also often need help in their classrooms as well. If you are listening to children read, it's a lovely time where you read together outside the classroom. You then write a brief note in the child's reading record and in the teacher's reading record. It's as simple as that! Children love reading to an individual but we cannot do this without your help. So, if you can offer a regular morning or afternoon and would like to volunteer, please speak to Jane or Sian in the office or email the school office.. All helpers will be required to be DBS checked.

Open Morning Monday 18th October 9 – 11.30am

We will be holding an open morning on **Monday 18th October from 9 – 11.30am** for prospective parents to look around school and to meet our Headteacher. Do please come along to view the school. You can drop in at any point. Appointments are not required.

Church News - School Bag Blessing

Join us for our first All Age Service of the term at St. Aldhelm's Church.

We're holding a school bag blessing- bring your bags to be blessed as we pray for all those attending school or working in education.

A short, fun and friendly service led by Rev Gemma Donnell

Sunday 3rd October 10.30am

Trauma Informed Schools Parent Information Evening

As some of you may be aware, we are a Trauma Informed School and Ms Julie Thorp (Headteacher), Miss Sophie Padfield (Reception Teacher) and Miss Gemma Florance (Preschool Manager) are all trained practitioners. This focuses on how schools can support children that have suffered trauma as well as children that are finding school difficult and need support with their behaviour or emotions.

We are offering two parent information evenings on this subject. **These sessions will be useful for all parents. They will give you more insight into how to support your child's emotions, how to deescalate emotional outbursts and also give you more information on the effect of trauma on children.** Trauma includes abuse, parents separating or divorcing, domestic violence and bereavement.

We will also look at the importance of attachment and secure attachments in children and what happens when children become anxiously attached or adversely attached.

Please do come along and find out more. There will be some science as well as some practical tips to support you at home. You will also find out how the school can support your child too.

Thursday 7th October (6-7.30pm): focusing on: the brain (including positive and negative chemicals in the brain); trauma in children (including ACES); attachments in children and support to deescalate behaviour.

Thursday 25th November (6-7.30pm): focusing on anxiety in children and anger in children. It will also look at bereavement.

Please attend the 1st session if you are going to attend the 2nd session as there will be a lot of information from the 1st session required for the 2nd session.

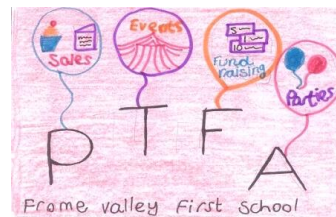
Community Share – Breakfast Cereal Donation

We have received donations of breakfast cereal from Community Share. Unfortunately, as they contain nuts we can't use them in school. If anyone would like any, they are in a box in the main reception. Please come and help yourself.

PTFA News

Look out for Xmas designs in book bags!

A letter, promotional flyer and your child's Christmas artwork (with order form on the back) will be sent out in book bags this week. You've got the chance to do some early Xmas shopping whilst raising money for the school. Your child's amazing design can go onto greetings cards, wrapping paper, key rings, magnets, mouse mats and **even chocolate bars!** The PTFA makes commission on every order so please support this annual fundraiser. Order forms must be completed and returned to school (with cash or a cheque) by **Friday 8 October**.



First lottery winner announced

Well done to Ms G – the parent of a year 1 child - who scooped up £20 cash on Saturday night. Our next draw is on **Saturday 2 October**. Please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and click on 'Buy a ticket'! Why not set up a direct debit for a ticket a week? It's a great way to raise money for the school at a time when budgets are ever tightening. Thank you to everyone who supported this week's draw. We raised £10 for the PTFA piggy-bank. Let's keep it up!

Can you spare some time for the PTFA?

The PTFA team really needs your help to keep going. Please contact the office for more information or email us direct at ptfapravevalley@gmail.com. Please also choose us as your charity when shopping via easyfundraising and Amazon. Every little helps!

Textile Recycling

A reminder of the date 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



Please note: that they are currently not collecting bedding, curtains and towels

We are accepting items in school from **Wednesday 6th until 9am on Friday 8th October**. If you would like another bag, please ask!

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

