



# Frome Valley First School

## News Weekly



### **Star of the Week**

Congratulations to the following children who are the

*'Stars of the Week'*

Year 1: Sophie

Year 2: Jayden

Year 3: Ella

Year 4: Alex C



### **Helpers Urgently Required!!**

It's that time again when the school asks, begs and pleads for helpers!! 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. All helpers will be required to be DBS checked.

### **Diary Dates – First Half - Autumn Term**

As advised last week – dates of events will all be on the calendar section of the school website as soon as possible. Dates will also be advised and updated in News Weekly on a regular basis. Please find below dates for the first half of the Autumn Term.

#### **September**

24<sup>th</sup> – School Nurse Drop in - 8.50am

#### **October**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Harvest Festival - 1.15pm – all welcome –

8<sup>th</sup> – Parent Drop in sessions (8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm)

9<sup>th</sup> – Parent Information Evening - 6pm – Read Write Inc

10<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning – Reception Class 2020 – 9am – 12pm

17<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Magic Show - 3.15 – 4.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> – Individual school photos

23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Information Evening - 6pm (more details to follow)

25<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term

#### **November**

4<sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day – school closed to children

5<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school 8.40 – 8.50am

## **PTFA News**

### **Your PTFA Committee needs you!**

Following last week's Annual General Meeting (AGM) we remain the same small committee of five dedicated mums: Denise Bunce, Chair (Jaxon, Year 4); Niki Bolton, Secretary (Hayden, Year 2); Katie Ayres-Turner, Treasurer (Zoe, Year 2); Kerri Aplin, Committee Member (Ashton, Year 2; Hayden, Year 4); and Louise Powditch, Committee Member (Georgia, Year 2). However, thank you to Mel Fynes (Gethin's mum from Reception) who has come on board as a volunteer and will be joining our meetings. Don't forget, if you're unable to make the meetings but would like to help us, please email us at [fromevalleyptfa@gmail.com](mailto:fromevalleyptfa@gmail.com) or speak to the office. We'd love to hear from you with your ideas and details of any of your skills that we could put to good use to help raise much needed funds for the school and your children. We also want to welcome Miss Dixon who is now the PTFA's teacher liaison.



### **We're buying a defibrillator!**

We are delighted to announce that we have been given the green light to install a defibrillator on the school building (outside the main entrance) which will be able to be used both by the school and the local community 24/7. The PTFA has already started working with Sian Gray - the school's Health and Safety Co-ordinator – so we hope to get this project up and running ASAP this Autumn term. We'll keep you posted with our progress.

### **Beetle Drive this Friday**

The Owermoigne Village Hall Committee is hosting a fun family Beetle Drive at the hall this Friday 20 September (5pm to 6.30pm) with proceeds going to the Frome Valley First School PTFA and the Children's Kingfisher Ward at Dorset County Hospital. There will be a raffle, a Ploughman's tea and plenty of fun games and prizes to be won...so please come along! £3 for an adult and £2 for a child.

### **Sand pit toy donations please**

The sand pit is still awaiting its lid and a few design tweaks but please do check your shed in case you have any spare buckets, spades, rakes and toys for the children to use when it is officially opened. Please hand them into the office. Thank you.

### **Aldi 'Kit for Schools'**

You may have seen Aldi's adverts on television. If you shop at Aldi, you'll get a Team GB Sticker for every £30 you spend. Please hand these stickers to the school office. A school needs 300 stickers to get an exclusive sports kit plus the chance to win one of 20 prizes of £20,000 cash. To make this more achievable, all schools within the Greenwood Tree Academy Trust have agreed to work together and combine their stickers plus share any winnings. As a reminder, the schools within the Academy are: St Mary's Middle School in Puddletown; Frome Valley First School; Milborne St Andrew First School; Piddle Valley First School; and Puddletown First School. Visit [www.aldi.co.uk](http://www.aldi.co.uk) for all of the details. This promotion ends on 3 November 2019.

### **The 'Bake Off' is back!**

Following the success of last year's fundraiser, the Great Frome Valley Bake Off returns on Thursday 3 October...but this time it's all about 'harvest-themed' biscuits instead of cakes! Please put the date in your diaries for 3pm onwards - after Harvest Festival – where awards will be given out and all of the entries will be available to buy (along with a nice cup of tea!) Look out for all of the details in next week's News Weekly.

### **Trial Piano Lessons Years 2 - 4**

Chris Hill our piano teacher, through DASP, is offering free piano lessons on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September at Frome Valley School.

These will take place in the afternoon during lesson time.

If you would like a free trial piano lesson, please email Chris at [chrispianohill@hotmail.com](mailto:chrispianohill@hotmail.com)

### **Data Collection Forms**

Later this week, a data collection form will be sent home with all children. Please can the form be checked, signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we particularly have the correct contact information for parents to ensure that in an emergency we can contact you easily and without delay. Thank you for your help.

### **Head Lice**

Unfortunately, we are already being advised by some parents that head lice are becoming a problem. Please can all parents check everyone in the family and treat appropriately. Thank you for your help.

### **Open Morning Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9am -12pm**

We will be holding an open morning on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** from 9.00am - 12pm 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.

### **Dates for School Nurse drop in sessions**

Every half term, we have a drop in session for parents to come and talk to our school nurse (Specialist Community Public Health team), **Karen Caines**. She is able to help with a variety of issues including, bed-wetting, advice on head lice, healthy eating, support and much more.

The date for this half term is:

**8.50am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

If you would like to speak to Karen, you just need to come to the school office at 8.50am – no appointment is required.

### **Frome Valley Reading Challenge**

Please can all entries for the reading Challenge be in by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**.

Children will then be presented with a certificate during assembly the following Friday.

### **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.

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 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.

