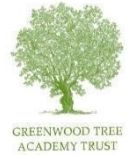




Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Year 1: Marnie

Year 2: Alfie

Year 3: George

Year 4: Layla - Mae



Job Vacancy – Happy Valley

We currently have a vacancy for a childcare supervisor in Happy Valley for 3 days a week. The hours are from 3-6pm (Wednesday – Friday).

Full details are on Dorset for you via the link: <https://jobs.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-support-staff-frome-valley-ce-first-school-childcare-supervisor-frome-valley-ce-first-school/33203.job>

Please note the closing date is **Sunday 18th October**. If you have any questions please speak to the school office.

Pupil Attendance

Now, more than ever, **regular attendance** is important for all pupils. We are working on a recovery curriculum to help pupils catch up with key skills and we need good attendance by our pupils to do this. We will be looking at attendance at half term. For any parent with a child with attendance of **less than 90%** (the Government define this as a persistent absence), Miss Thorp will write a letter to the child's parents to request a meeting to discuss attendance in more detail. During this meeting, we will discuss next steps and any way we can help you with improving your child's attendance. Your child's attendance will then be monitored for the next half term.

School Vision Boards

Thank you to everyone that has now voted for the vision board of their choice. We have only had about 15 responses from parents so please continue to send in your voting sheets. Please remember that voting ends this **Friday 16th October**. We will let you know which one is the winner after the half term break.

Parent Interviews

From **today until Wednesday 14th October**, teachers will have a clipboard with them during drop-off and pick up times. We ask that you agree to an appointment time with the class teacher during drop-off or pick up time. It will be on a first come first served basis. Please keep a social distance of 1m+ when speaking to the class teacher.

Flu Immunisation – Monday 2nd November

Full details of how to give consent for the flu immunisation was sent to parents via eSchools last Friday. In one of the letters was the unique code for our school. If anyone needs any help in completing the online consent, please speak to the school office as soon as possible.

School Nurse Information

In normal times, 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. Unfortunately these sessions are cancelled at the moment.

However, Karen is still very much here to help parents. If you would like to speak to her please email the school nurse admin support team on: dhc.snadmin.westdorset@nhs.net They will then pass your contact information on to Karen. Alternatively, if you are not able to email them, please speak to the school office and we can contact them on your behalf.

Communication with School

For the safety of the children and staff on the school site, we cannot allow parents into the building, **including into the foyer at the front of the school**. Instead, please continue to contact us by telephoning the school and by emailing the school office. Should you arrive late any morning, please telephone the school from outside the school entrance and a member of staff will collect your child.

We would like to remind everyone that if emailing school our protocol is to email the school office on office@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk. Please **do not use the staff Frome Valley email accounts.**

Please remember, if you need to speak to the class teacher or the Headteacher, they are more than happy to speak to you in the playground or by phone

Year 1 – Julia Donaldson Day – Thursday 15th October

A reminder to Year 1 parents that this **Thursday 15th October** Year 1 are having a special 'Julia Donaldson Day' On this day, we would like the children to come dressed to school as a character from one of her books. They will be having a fun day taking part in a variety of 'Julia Donaldson' themed activities. If you need any ideas for a costume please speak to Mrs Ashby.

Crossways Library

We have been contacted by Crossways Library giving details of the times they are currently open

New opening times are:

**Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am - 1pm and
Saturday 10am – 12 noon.**

Order & Collect is also available for people who don't wish to browse in the building themselves. Book reservations can also be made online.

Visit www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries or Tel: 01305 854080 for details.

The library is a wonderful addition to the village and is so helpful in encouraging the pleasure of reading for personal enjoyment. They have quarantine and safety precautions in place and are also welcoming readers at the library itself.

PTFA News

New PTFA team announced

We held our AGM last week and here is your new PTFA team!

Chair: Sam Bartlett (parent of Felicity in Preschool)

Treasurer: Liz Head (parent of Harriet in Year 4 and Benjamin in Year 1)

Secretary: Niki Bolton (parent of Hayden in Year 3)

Committee member: Kerri Aplin (parent of Ashton in Year 3)

Committee member: Emma Roper (parent of Jack in Year 1)

Volunteer: Mel Fynes (parent of Gethin in Year 1) who is the Chair of the PTFA at St Mary's

Special thanks goes to Louise Powditch (parent of Georgia in Year 3) for all of her help over the last few years as she's decided to step down from the Committee this year.



Bring back your Xmas card artwork by this Wednesday

The deadline to make your Christmas card, gift tag, wrapping paper and mug online orders plus give your child's original artwork back to their class teacher is **Wednesday 14 October**. If you make an order but don't return your child's design in time then we won't be able to process your order and you'll miss out. Thank you so much for supporting our annual Christmas fundraiser. The PTFA gets a percentage of all of your purchases which will go towards supporting this year's two 'special weeks' where the school goes off curriculum to give your children some exciting opportunities and experiences.

Can you help us with any raffle prizes?

Although there won't be the usual Christmas fair this year we will still be holding our very popular luxury Christmas hamper raffle. We're now starting to look for prize donations and will be approaching local businesses over the next week or so. Do you run a local business yourself or work for a company that might be able to make a donation to our raffle? A beauty care voucher, a free meal out, tickets to a tourist attraction, a free MOT, a garden centre voucher, a bottle of bubbly etc etc? If you can help in any way, please email the office and the PTFA will get in touch with you. Thank you again.

Finally,

We know that this half term has been rather different! However, it has been wonderful to have the children back in school with some sort of normality for everyone. Please remember that the last day of this half term is this **Friday 16th September**. **Children return to school on Monday 2nd November**. We hope everyone has a restful break.

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

