



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Welcome Back,

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful half term break. It's very hard to think that Christmas is now only seven and a half weeks away! This half term is normally very busy. We are hoping to still take part in some of the usual activities but adapted for the current climate. When we have any further details, we will let you know. With the new lockdown starting later this week please remember that school will be open as usual, following all the Dfe guidelines. We hope to see all the children in school every day.

Mask Wearing on School Site

Just before half term, we were advised by Public Health Dorset and the Local Authority to ask parents to wear masks on the school site when dropping off and picking up their children. We ask that all adults begin to wear masks on the school site, even when on the school playground. This is just another measure that we can all take to keep everyone safe.

Reminders

We would like to remind all parents of a few health and safety requirements that we have at the moment: With the new national lockdown later this week, it is more important than ever that we all work together to ensure the safety of all of us.

- To limit the number of people on site, we ask that only **one** parent brings their child / children to school and picks them up. Not one per child – one per family. Please, please stick to this as we have noticed that numbers have increased.
- Please do not let your child play on any of the play equipment.
- If you arrive late or need to drop something into school, please wait outside the main entrance and phone school. Someone will then come outside and meet you.
- Please leave the school grounds as soon as you have dropped your child off or picked them up and maintain social distance with any other adults and children at all times.

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 Headteacher, they are more than happy to speak to you in the playground or by phone.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Year 1: Jack S
Year 2: Ivy
Year 3: Florence
Year 4: Grace Wa



Parent Governor Election

Information on the parent governor election was emailed to parents **on the 19th October**. All parents of registered pupils are entitled to vote. Each parent can submit one ballot form, regardless of the number of children you have attending the school.

This is a secret ballot. Due to COVID-19, we are able to receive electronic votes as well as votes returned in a sealed envelope. Votes will remain unopened until after 9am on 6th November. Votes will be counted and verified by two witnesses. Your voting paper should be returned to the Clerk to the Governors at clerk@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk or in a sealed envelope in your child's book bag, to arrive at the school by **9am on Friday 6th November 2020**.

School Vision Boards

Many thanks to all the parents and members of the community that sent in their school vision board voting form. Children and staff also voted for their favourite vision board.

The results are as follows:

The aeroplane: 66

The boat: 96

Before the end of term, the children and staff will be creating our new boat vision board in our school.

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews are taking place this week. If you have not received your invitation for the google meet interview, please speak to the school office as soon as possible. Please remember that interviews must be in the allotted time slots. If you need to talk for longer than 10 minutes, please arrange a separate time to talk further. Many thanks.

Poppy Appeal 2020

Due to the current Covid situation the Poppy Appeal is unable to run in the normal way.

We have today emailed home a colour in poppy and poster giving details of how you can donate to this very worthy cause.



Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 13th October, we celebrated our Harvest Festival as a whole school. We were outside with each class in a different area of the playground but it was still a magical experience to have the whole school together for the first time this term. All classes took part in the Harvest Festival with each year group focusing on one area. The sun shone down on us and we even managed to sing a few hymns together. The raindrops began to fall just as we were saying our final prayer!

It was so nice for the Reception children to see the other classes (even from afar!) as they have not yet even seen some of the children in our school.

We wish you'd have been there to celebrate with us but we wanted to say that all the children were wonderful and they made us very proud!

Local Food Links

A reminder to parents that the new menu starts next Monday 9th November. If you need any assistance in placing an order, please speak to the staff in the school office. Please remember that orders need to be made five days in advance.

PTFA News

Xmas card thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who bought Xmas cards, tags and mugs. We raised over £200! Orders will be with you later on this month. Watch this space for details.

The PTFA have a new email address!

If you'd like to get in touch with your PTFA team, please email us on fv.ptfa2020@gmail.com and don't forget to join our facebook page.

Can you help us with any raffle prizes?

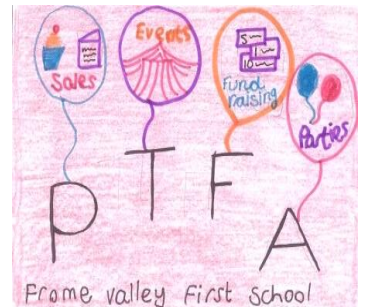
We've been busy over the half term asking local businesses for Xmas raffle prize donations. If you can help in any way by offering a voucher, your services or a prize, please either email the office or the PTFA directly. Thank you!

Dress Down Days for your diary

Wednesday is the new Friday for dress down days this term at Frome Valley! On Wednesday 18 November we'll be having a normal dress down day in exchange for prizes to go into our luxury Christmas hampers that we'll be raffling off in the last week of term. Back by popular demand, it's then Wacky Wednesday the following week on 25 November...once again, in exchange for a hamper donation! For those of you new to Frome, on Wacky Wednesday please send your child to school in the craziest outfit they can throw together. There will be a prize per class for the silliest, funniest, wackiest, maddest outfit. Colourful, big hair. Inside out clothes. A mismatch of fancy dress outfits. Anything goes on Wacky Wednesday so really go to town! As always, for those of you who are unable to or do not wish to contribute, your child can of course still dress down or dress wacky!

Help us whilst you shop online with easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

Many of us are doing more shopping online this year so please consider raising money for the PTFA whilst you do your Christmas shopping. Either register to use Amazon Smile or go onto easyfundraising and search for Frome Valley First School PTFA when asked to pick a charity of your choice. Thank you!



Diary Dates for this Half Term

November

2nd – Flu Immunisation

2nd – 4th – Parent Interviews

17th – Individual School Photos

December

16th – Local Food Links – Christmas Lunch

18th – Last Day of Term

21st – 1st January – Christmas Holidays

January

4th – Staff Training Day

5th – Children return to school

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

