



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the
'Stars of the Week'

Reception : Honey

Year 1: Jacob

Year 2: Georgia

Year 3: Lilly

Year 4: Mitchell



After School Activities

There is still space in after school football starting tonight and swimming starting on Wednesday. If you are planning on attending swimming, please can you complete a form and pay, as numbers are looking quite low at the moment. Thank you.

Incorrect Dates

Apologies, but a couple of the PTFA event dates and timings were incorrect in News Weekly last week.

The correct day and times are as follows:

31st January – PTFA – Mad for Animals Show – 3.15 – 4.30pm (not a 5pm finish)

27th March– PTFA Magic Show – 3.15 – 4.30pm (not on the 20th March)

Please note that on both of these dates Film Club will be cancelled.

Dorchester Family Partnership – Drop In

Dorchester Family Partnership Zone are once more holding their drop in at Frome Valley in the spring term. They will be on hand 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 is on **Tuesday 28th January from 9-10.30am**. If you would like any further information, please speak to Ms Thorp or Mrs Essex (Year 4 teacher and SENCO).

Healthy Lunch Boxes

As a healthy school, please remember that **sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed in children's packed lunches**. As a basic rule, if it is an item from the confectionary aisle in the supermarket, please do not include it in your child's lunchbox. This includes items such as Mars Bars, Haribo or other supermarket branded equivalent items. Thank you for your support.



Lost Property

There is a huge pile of lost property located by the playground doors. Items include coats and hats – all unnamed. Please can everyone have a look to see if any of the items can be reclaimed!

Anything left by Friday 24th January will be recycled!

Reception Class - Height and Weight Check

Information on Height and Weight checks for children in the Reception class was emailed to parents last week. Please remember that if for any reason you wish to opt out of this for your child, you must speak to the school office as soon as possible.

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).



We are accepting items in school from **Monday 27th January until 9am on Monday 3rd February**. If you would like another bag, please ask!

School Nurse Drop In

A reminder that our school nurse Karen Caines is in for her drop in next **Monday 20th January**. She is able to help with a variety of issues including, bed-wetting, advice on head lice, healthy eating, support and much more.

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

Walk to School Wednesday and Plastic Free Lunch Day

Our Eco Schools Team are once more introducing regular 'Walk to School Wednesdays' and 'Plastic Free Lunch' days throughout the rest of this academic year.

Walk to School Wednesday

Next Wednesday (**22nd January**) is the date of our first 'Walking Wednesday'. This is the day that we ask **as many parents and children as possible to walk, cycle or scooter to school.** Anything but the car! We understand that it may not always be possible to walk to school due to living arrangements. However, we would appreciate the support of as many as possible. Walk to School Wednesday can include 'Parking and Striding' which involves parking away from the school site and walking the final leg of the journey into school. This should be approximately a 5 minute walk. Not only will it hopefully reduce the number of cars entering the car park, it will also help energise children and preparing them for the school day.

Plastic Free Lunch Day

Also, on this day we will also be holding a **plastic free lunch day** and are again asking for your help. **Please try to use alternatives to single use plastic wrapper bag like cling film.** Can you reduce the amount of small plastic contains (single wrapped cheese etc)? For any tips and advice, follow this link

<http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/a-z-alternatives.html>

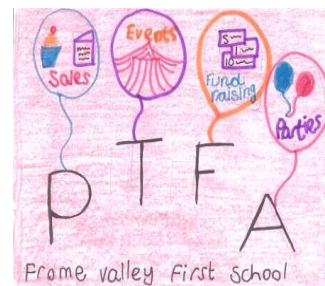
Thank you for your support

The Eco Schools Team

PTFA News

New for 2020: an after school animal show!

For the first time, Mad4Animals will be visiting school on Friday 31st January (from 3.15pm to 4.30pm) to showcase their vast array of exciting animals including snakes, a tarantula, Leopard Geckos, hissing cockroaches and Giant snails to name but a few. The performance will give all of the children the chance to get up close with the animals whilst learning some fascinating and fun facts along the way. Some children will have the opportunity to hold them too. The school office has emailed out an animal show letter today with all of the details. We're asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 which includes the show, biscuits and squash. If you can Gift Aid (which means that we can claim back a further 75p per child) please fill in your name, address and postcode on the permission form and hand it into the office ASAP. The show is suitable for all year groups.



PTFA meeting this Thursday

It's our first meeting of the year on Thursday this week (16 January at 3.15pm). We'd love to see some new faces so please pop along – even for the first half hour. Children can play whilst we chat about forthcoming fundraisers.

Merlin the Magician comes to Frome soon!

Magic shows have been so popular with the children that we've booked 'Merlin the Magician' (aka Kevin Burke from Swanage who is a member of the Magic Circle) to visit the school from 3.15pm to 4.30pm on Friday 27 March. (Please note that the date in last week's News Weekly was incorrect.)

Two disco dates for your diary

We've already booked discos for this and next term on Friday 28 February and Friday 15 May from 3.15pm until 5pm.

News Weekly

We were contacted by several parents last week advising that they hadn't received News Weekly. It looks as though for some reason last week, it went into some spam boxes. Just to remind everyone that if for any reason they don't receive the newsletter, it is also in 2 different places on the school website. The latest one is always on the main page and then also under the Newsletters page, separated into terms.

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.

