



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly

*"Together, with God's love, we learn,  
nurture and grow, without limits."*



## Stars of the Week



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| Reception | Bentley |
| Year 1    | Lydia   |
| Year 2    | Caleb   |
| Year 3    | Leo     |
| Year 4    | CJ      |

## Rainproof Coats, Hats, Gloves

It may officially be spring but the weather is very unpredictable at the moment!! Even when its raining, the children will often go outside for some fresh air at break and lunch time. The wind has particularly been chilly this last week too! Please can parents ensure that children have in school a rain coat, hat and gloves.

*Thank you!*

## We Need Your Help!!

This week, as part of World Book Day, all children in school will be visiting Crossways Library.

The timings are as follows.

Year 2 – **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – leaving school at **10.10am**

Reception Class – **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – leaving school at **10.40am**

Year 1 – **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – leaving school at **10.10am**

Year 3 – **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – leaving school at **9.40am**

Year 4 – **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – leaving school at **11.10am**

*Can anyone help with the visits walking to and from the library. If yes, please speak to the class teacher or school office. Each visit will be for around 1.25 hours, including walking there and back.*

*Thank you in advance to all our volunteers.*

## Bikeability

Bikeability is taking place next week. If you have signed your child up for the sessions you will receive a letter tomorrow confirming, which day your child will be taking part. If you have any queries, please speak to the school office.



### World Book Day and Stories at 6

World Book Day take place this **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. On the day, we would like all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they wish to. All children are also invited to return to school in the evening in their PJ's or Onesie to listen to stories read by their teachers and to drink hot chocolate. Children will need to bring a plastic cup to school for their hot chocolate!

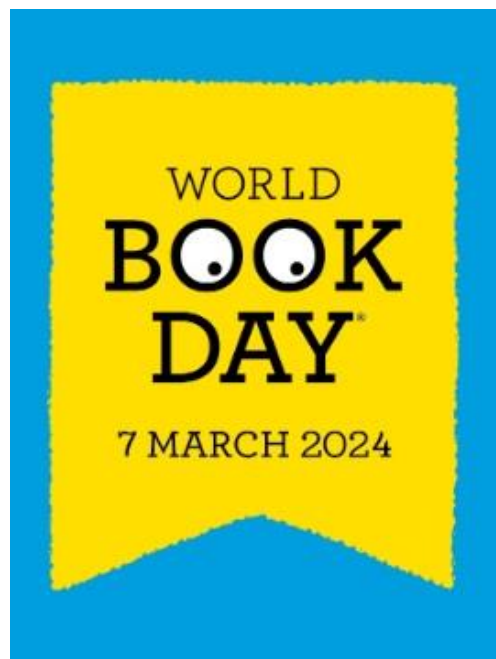
**The session will start at 6pm and finish at 6.30pm.**

Parents are welcome to wait in the hall and have a hot drink while they wait.

### PTFA Book Sale

On World Book Day, the PTFA are holding a second-hand book sale. Books will be available to view from 3-3.30pm and then from 6-6.45pm in the school hall.

***The PTFA are still looking for any book donations. If you have any you wish to donate, please bring them to the school office.***



### Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day is next **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. To raise funds for this worthy cause, we are holding a non-uniform day. Children can wear whatever they wish, or stay in uniform if that is what they prefer. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 if possible. Please give all cash donations to your child's class teacher on Friday morning.



### Phonics Resource Help

Over the past few weeks, we have been focusing on updating our phonics resources in school. If any parents or grandparents etc could **offer an hour or two to come into school** to do some sticking, cutting or laminating we would greatly appreciate it! Please speak to the office.

### Local Area SEND & AP Inspection – For Dorset Council and its partners

Dorset Council have received formal notification of an inspection for local area arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Ofsted would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives and how it has helped you and your child. This survey is for parents/carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:

[Area SEND inspection for Dorset Local Area Partnership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)



## Sharing Assemblies

Sharing Assemblies take place this half term on the following dates:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: (Years 3 and 4) at 9am**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Reception, Years 1 and 2) at 9am**

For parents new to Frome Valley, Sharing Assembly is a chance for all classes to share what they have learned this term. We will also present the Citizenship Certificates for each class for children that have been particularly kind and helpful this term. We look forward to welcoming all parents, friends and relatives to these special assemblies.

At Sharing Assembly, we like to share in all the children's achievements. If your child has been awarded anything outside of school, please bring all certificates etc. to the school office.



## Year 2 Cake Sale – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

As part of their Active Citizen work, Year 2 are fundraising for the organisation International Animal Rescue. They will be holding a cake sale on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** from 3pm. We will give more information nearer the time.



## Household Support Fund

We wanted to make sure that families were aware of the Household Support Fund and the funding that any Dorset resident can apply for. The support offered is a £150 supermarket voucher.

The full details are at the link below link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/household-support-fund>

Dorset Council households are eligible to apply if they have: an annual household net income of less than £30,000 and savings of less than £16,000 and not applied for a previous HSF payment within the last 6 months.

### When to apply:

The next round of applications starts at 10am on the following dates:

**Tuesday 5 March 2024 – that is tomorrow!!**

Funds are limited for each application window and the form will close when they have been allocated.

**If anyone needs any help applying or the use of a laptop, please speak to Sian in the school office.**

## Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

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| <b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>                    | Vision Screening – Reception Class                  | <b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>                       | Sharing Assembly 9am (Reception Class, Years 1 and 2) |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>                    | World book Day and Stories @ 6pm                    | <b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar – 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> | Easter Holidays                                       |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>                   | Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival                      | <b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>                       | Wellbeing Day   |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>                   | Sharing Assembly 9am (Years 3 & 4) and Red Nose Day | <b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>                          | Bank Holiday  |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> | Parent Interviews (Years 1-4)                       | <b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>                         | Parent Drop In 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm           |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>                   | Class Photos  | <b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>                         | Years 1&2 trip to Lorton Meadows                      |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> | Year 4 – Hooke Court Residential                    |  |   |

## What are we learning in our classrooms this week?

| Reception   | Year 1   | Year 2  | Year 3   | Year 4   |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| In Literacy, we will be revisiting rhyming words and making 'rhyming silly soup' to practice continuing a rhyming string. E.g. dog, log, frog, bog. | In Literacy, we are focusing on exclamation marks for single words that show a strong emotion and for commands e.g. Wow! Sit down! | In Literacy, we will be looking at different types of sentences, exclamations and statements. | In Literacy, we are planning our own adventure story.  | In Literacy we are continuing to learn about expanded noun phrases.                              |
| In Numeracy, we are making 9 and 10 in different ways and practicing finding one more and one less than those numbers.                              | In Numeracy, we are focusing on subtraction to 20 by counting back and by using number bonds to help us.                           | In Numeracy, we are learning to use centimetres and metres for measuring height and length.   | In Numeracy, we are continuing to practice using a formal written method for multiplication. | In Numeracy, we are learning to add fractions together.  |
| In RE, we are beginning to learn about Easter and will be acting out 'Palm Sunday' and making our own palm leaves to wave!                          | In PSHCE, we are looking at what is healthy and what is unhealthy, including sleep, being active and having a balanced diet.       | In Art, we are exploring the work of Monet and creating our own images of the seaside.        | In Science, we are investigating which materials are attracted to a magnet.                  | In PSHCE, we are looking at how we can eat healthy and what difference that makes to our bodies. |

**Do ask your child about their learning!**

**If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.**

## 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

Week beginning: 04.03.2024