



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Reception: Thomas.G

Year 1: Leila

Year 2: Hollie

Year 3: Finley

Year 4: Amelia



Reminders to Help Keep Everyone Safe

1. Before and After School please can we ask parents to ensure that, **while children are in school grounds waiting to go into school**, they stay away from other children (obviously not siblings) **in other bubbles**. Otherwise, all the hard work of keeping bubbles separate in school is being undone. Please can parents reinforce this while on the school grounds.
2. Please can you make sure that **only one parent** is on site for drop off and pick up. There have been some concerns from parents that they have seen some parents arriving at school with other family members. We need to limit the number of adults on site to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Christmas Activity Day – Thursday 10th December

On **Thursday 10th December**, children will be off time table and spending the day taking part in lots of different Christmas activities. On this day, children can wear a Christmas jumper if they wish.

Nativity Service - A highlight of this time of year is normally our nativity service. This year, we are still having a service but with a difference. Each class will record a section of the nativity, which will then be shown to the whole school (in their classrooms) as part of a collective worship. We will put some photos on Google Classrooms to share this with you.

Harvest Festival Donations to Dorchester Food Bank

When we held our Harvest Festival in October, you may remember that we advised you that before Christmas we would be asking for donations for Dorchester Food Bank.

From next Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December we will be accepting donations. The foodbank have advised us that the following items are really needed by them at the moment:

UHT milk, tinned fruit, rice pudding and custard, jam, coffee (including sachets) tinned potatoes and instant mash, tinned fish (but not necessarily tuna!), laundry gel/tabs, washing up liquid, bleach, multipurpose and anti bac sprays, spray deodorants and shaving gel. And of course, Christmas sweet treats are very popular!

Thank you in advance for all your kind donations.

Christmas Cards

We have been thinking of a way for children to still send Christmas cards to each other, safely, this year. We have devised a plan that will keep everyone safe, but still let children have the enjoyment of sending their friends a card.

In December, children can bring cards into school, but only on a **Tuesday and a Friday. This means we can accept cards on the 1st, 4th, 8th, 11th and 15th December only.** Each class will have a post box for the cards to go in. The cards will then stay in the box for a minimum of 48 hours before they are sent home with the children. We need your help though for the system to work. **Please only send cards in on the above dates.** Thank you.



PTFA News

It's Dress Down 'Wacky Wednesday' this week!

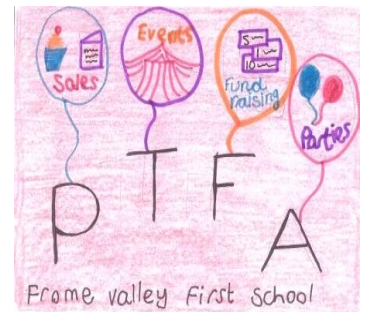
On Wednesday (25 November), please send your child to school in the craziest outfit they can throw together. There will be a prize per class for the silliest, funniest, wackiest, maddest outfit. Colourful, big hair. Inside out clothes. A mismatch of fancy dress outfits. Anything goes on Wacky Wednesday so really go to town! In exchange for this special dress down day, we are once again asking for donations for our Christmas hampers. Please put your donation into the box outside of your child's door entrance at drop-off. Boxes will then be sealed for a minimum of 72 hours. As always, for those of you who are unable to or do not wish to contribute, your child can of course still take part and dress 'wacky'. A huge thank you for your generous donations last week.

Can you spare any Xmas gift wrap or ribbon?

The PTFA will be making up hampers next week. Do you have any spare tissue paper, Xmas gift wrap or ribbon that we could use? If so, please give them to your child's class teacher along with any-sized donations of hampers, baskets or pretty boxes (cardboard, wooden or plastic). Thank you.

Christmas raffle tickets...on sale next week!

Xmas raffle tickets will be put into book bags next week and the draw will take place on Wednesday 16 December. More details in next week's News Weekly!



Christmas Party Day

The last day of this term, **Friday 18th December**, will be 'Christmas Party Day'. On this day, **all hot meals have been cancelled and the children will have a special party lunch.** The PTFA are kindly covering all the cost of this. The lunch will consist of a variety of foods including sandwiches, sausages, tomatoes, crisps and cake, to name just a few items. If your child has any food allergies that we are not aware of, please speak to the school office as soon as possible. If we already have a medical note that your child is on a gluten free or dairy free diet, we will speak to you directly to make sure that your child's dietary needs are met.



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

