



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the Stars of this week.

'Star of the Week'

Year 1: Ollie
Year 2: Millie
Year 3: Alex C
Year 4: Noah



Pupil Premium

Today, we have emailed home to parents our 'Information Leaflet' on Pupil Premium. You may be aware that this is extra money that the government gives to schools to help children from lower income families to achieve their best.

This year, we are introducing a Pupil Premium Allowance, where we offer parents that are in receipt of Pupil Premium an annual allowance of £100 to use on school based activities. This includes: school uniform, trips, Hooke Court, music lessons and after school clubs.

If you are unsure if you qualify for Pupil Premium or would like any advice or assistance, please speak to the school office as soon as possible.

Parents whom are already in receipt of Pupil Premium will receive a payment allowance card by the end of this week.

Helpers Urgently Required!!

It's that time again when the school asks, begs and pleads for helpers!! We are asking for any parents, grandparents, relatives or local villagers to come and spend a morning or afternoon in school each week. We especially need help with listening to the children read. Reception and Year 1 also often need help in their classrooms as well. If you are listening to children read, it's a lovely time where you read together outside the classroom. You then write a brief note in the child's reading record and in the teacher's reading record. It's as simple as that! Children love reading to an individual but we cannot do this without your help. So, if you can offer a regular morning or afternoon and would like to volunteer, please speak to Jane or Sian in the office. All helpers will be required to be DBS checked.

Open Morning Thursday 18th October 9am -12pm

We will be holding an open morning on **Thursday 18th October** from 9.00am - 12pm for prospective parents to look around school and to meet our Headteacher. Do please come along to view the school. You can drop in at any point. Appointments are not required.

PTFA News

Who's who on your PTFA?

At our first PTFA meeting of the academic year/AGM last week, the following six Committee members were re-elected:

Name	Position	Children
Denise Bunce	Chair	Jaxon, Year 3
Niki Bolton	Secretary	Amelia, Year 4 Hayden, Year 1
Katie Ayres-Turner	Treasurer	Abbie, Year 4 Zoe, Year 1
Kerri Aplin	Committee Member	Hayden, Year 3 Ashton, Year 1
Kate Davey	Committee Member	Nicole, Year 1 Jacob, Reception
Louise Powditch	Committee Member	John, Year 4 Georgia, Year 1

Thank you also to our three volunteer helpers: Fred's dad, Thomas and Jack's mum, Gilly from Reception plus Briony's mum, Emma. We rely solely on the kind support and generosity from parents and grandparents to help raise money for the school and keep events such as termly discos, the Christmas Fair and family games evenings on the school calendar. So please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday 11 October** at 3.20pm if you can. We're just a friendly group of mums who want to fundraise for the school and enrich the lives of our children and your children at Frome Valley.

To keep up-to-date on what's going on, don't forget to join the Frome Valley First School PTFA group on Facebook; check out the PTFA Noticeboard (between Year 2 and the reading books); or email us if you'd like to be on the mailing list for our monthly meeting minutes:

fromevalleyptfa@gmail.com. There is also still time to join the Committee or become a PTFA helper - even if you only have a small amount of time each month to give.



Thank you in advance for your support.

Diary Dates and Harvest Festival

We hope to get Diary Dates for this academic year to parents later this week. The first main event of the year that all parents and relatives are invited to is our 'Harvest Festival'. This is taking place on **Thursday 4th October at 9am in St Aldhelm Church**. This year, we will be asking for donations for the local Food Bank. Further details will be sent home shortly.

Is your child due to start school or transfer to Middle School in September 2019?

Applications are now required for children due to start school or transfer to Middle School in September 2019.

Applications need to be made online by **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. Please visit www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions to apply online and to view 'A parent's guide'. If you do not have access to the internet please telephone 01305 221060 to obtain a paper copy

Dates for School Nurse drop in sessions

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.

The date for this half term is:

9am on Monday 24th September

If you would like to speak to Karen, you just need to come to the school office at 9am – no appointment is required.

Middle School Open Evening / Session

We have been given the following dates of open evenings /sessions for Year 4 parents whom are looking at Middle Schools.

Monday 15th October 5 at 7pm – St Mary's Middle School Puddletown

Tuesday 2nd October – School at work morning – Dorchester Middle School.

Data Collection Forms

On Friday, a data collection form was sent home with all children. Please can the form be checked, signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we particularly have the correct contact information for parents to ensure that in an emergency we can contact you easily and without delay. Thank you for your help.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, we are already being advised by some parents that head lice are becoming a problem. Please can all parents check everyone in the family and treat appropriately. Thank you for your help.

Dorchester Literary Festival 17th – 21st October

The Dorchester Literary Festival is taking place 17th – 21st October with various events across the town. The children's events are all free.

One of the events is a free author talk on Saturday 20th October at Dorchester Library. Please visit <https://www.dorchesterliteraryfestival.com/> for further details and to book your FREE ticket.

Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we have a child in school who has a very severe nut allergy. Please ensure that all lunches and snacks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help.

