



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

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

Reception Class: Nola

Year 1: Ivy

Year 2: Hayden

Year 3: Lucie

Year 4: Alfie



Sharing Assembly

A reminder that Sharing Assembly, for the Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 takes place tomorrow, **Tuesday 19th November**, starting at 2pm. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome.



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone for their donations to 'Children In Need'. We raised £120.89 between school and Preschool for this very worthy cause.



Speeding Cars

Once again, we have been contacted by a concerned parent with regards to the speed of cars travelling to school along Frome Valley Road and School Drive. Please can everyone think carefully about their speed before an accident happens. Also for anyone who has concerns regarding this regular issue, you can talk to the local PSCO Team. They have a 'meet the team' meeting on the 4th December from 2.30 – 3pm at Crossways Library.

Cold Weather

As most parents are aware, our playground has its own climate and is often very, very windy! With the colder weather now approaching, please can all children have in school a coat, gloves and a hat (all named please) to help keep warm at break time and lunchtime. Thank you.

Year 4 - Hooke Court

Can we remind parents that the deposit and consent form for Year 4's residential next year needs to be paid by Monday 9th December? If you have any queries, please speak to the staff in the office.

PTFA News

Dress Down Day on Friday

Its non-uniform day on Friday (22 November) in exchange for a gift to put into one of our Christmas raffle hampers. All donations are welcome including new toys, toiletries, alcohol and edible items (with a use by date later than 6 December). As always, if you are unable to or do not wish to make a contribution, your child can still dress down.



Check book bags for your raffle ticket books

Christmas Fayre raffle books will be going into book bags this week. Tickets are £1 each and the draw will take place at 4.30pm on Friday 6 December. Donations have been flooding in – including carvery lunches, afternoon teas and even a car MOT! Please try to sell tickets to friends and family if you can and do pick up additional books from the school office if you need them. Please hand in your completed ticket stubs (with names and phone numbers) plus money to the office ASAP. If you have any unused tickets, please return them to the school office to be given out to someone else.

Christmas Fayre donations: fluffy toys and DVDs please

Please keep your donations of cuddly toys looking for a new home plus family-friendly and/or children's DVDs coming in. Collection boxes and bags are opposite the school office.

Christmas Fayre volunteers please

If you can help at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6 December please put your name on the volunteer sheets outside each classroom. Helping to set up beforehand, tidy up afterwards or run a stall for 30 minutes would be a great help. As you know, the PTFA Committee is very small so we rely on a volunteer army of mums, dads and grandparents each year. Thank you in advance.

Christmas card update

Thank you for supporting our Christmas card fundraiser this year. You've helped us to raise over £160.

Closure of school due to snow

Thinking ahead, we thought we would remind parents of the procedures that we will follow if we have to close school because of snow.

A decision will be made as early as possible if the school is not to open. You will receive a text message from the school. There will also be a list of schools that are closed on the Dorset for You website:

www.mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices

You can also listen to the local radio stations: Wessex FM 96- 97.2, Heart FM 102.3 as they read out the list of schools from the Dorset For You site.

If a decision is made to close school during the day, we will text parents asking them to collect their children. Please be advised that children can only be collected by the parents/ relatives that we already have authorisation for (unless we hear from parents directly). Please note: we only have one phone line and it can be very difficult to get in touch with us at such busy times. You can always email a response too. Thank you.



Trauma Informed Schools Parent Information Evening

A reminder to parents that attended the first session that the second parent information session is on: Tuesday 26th November (6-7.30pm): focusing on anxiety in children and anger in children. It will also look at bereavement

Family Partnership – Drop In – Tuesday 26th November

A reminder to all that the Family Partnership are in again next Tuesday 26th November. They are able to discuss any issues you might have regarding your child's behaviour, offer practical advice themselves and can also signpost you to other services. The session will be held in the Meeting Room between 9.00 am and 10.30 am. If you would like any further information, please speak to Ms Thorp or Mrs Essex (Year 4 teacher and SENCO).

Parenting Project and Dorset Self Management Service

Today, with News Weekly, we are also sending home information on a parenting project and also a service that supports people with long term health conditions and their carers.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

We currently have 63 meals booked for the hot Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 18th December**. If you would like to order a meal for your child please remember that orders need to be made online by **Wednesday 11th December** at the latest. If you need help with orders or a reminder of your login, please speak to Mrs Gray in the office.



Vision Screening – Reception Class – Thursday 5th December 1pm

Last week, we sent a letter home to parents of children in the Reception class advising them that a Vision Screening check will take place on **Thursday 5th December**. Please remember that the form needs to be completed and returned by Monday 2nd December if you **DO NOT** wish your child to have the screening. Thank you.

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.

