



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

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

Reception: Dolly

Year 1: Ali

Year 2: George

Year 3: Jake

Year 4: Logan



Walk to School Wednesday and Plastic Free Lunch Day

Walk to School Wednesday

On Wednesday (**11th March**), it is the date of our next '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 prepare 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

Department of Education - COVID – 19 (Coronavirus)

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The latest news reminds schools that they should not close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Julia's House – The Extra Mile Fundraiser

On Wednesday 11th March, all children will be taking part in the 'Extra Mile'. This is to raise funds for both Julia's House and Frome Valley PTFA. Full details and a sponsorship form were sent home last week. Thank you to everyone for their support in raising as much money as possible for these worthy causes.

PTFA News

Keep filling in those 'Extra Mile' sponsorship forms!

On Wednesday (11 March) all children will have the opportunity to take part in the PTFA and Julia's House joint sponsored 'Extra Mile' by either running, skipping or walking a mile on top of their usual daily mile. Please ask your family, friends and neighbours for their support and don't forget to tick the 'Gift Aid' column if possible so that we can claim an extra 25p from the HMRC for every £1 of sponsorship. Half of all money raised will go towards the pond-dipping area of the Forest school zone. Please hand in completed sponsorship forms and money to the school office from Thursday onwards. Thank you.



Order forms for shopper bags and coasters needed by Friday

This week is your last chance to order shopper bags and coasters. Bags are £4.50 and coasters are £2.50. But don't forget, you can only order a coaster if you buy a shopper bag! No 'coaster-only' order forms will be accepted by the printing company. Also, please check that your cash/cheque matches the amount payable on the order form to avoid us having to return them to you. We hope that you'll have your bags and coasters before the Easter holiday. Thank you again for supporting this fundraiser!

Merlin the Magician is coming to our school soon...

Next week we'll be sending out permission slips for our brand new magic show with Merlin (aka Kevin Burke from Swanage who is a member of the Magic Circle and a children's entertainer)! Please put Friday 27 March (from 3.15pm to 4.30pm) into your diaries. As usual, we'll be asking for a contribution of £3.

PTFA meeting on Thursday this week

On Thursday (12 March) at 3.20pm we'll be having our next PTFA meeting. We'd love to see some new faces so please join us. Children can play whilst we chat.

Book sale profits

Thank you for all of your book donations and for supporting the 'World Book Day' book sale last week. We still have lots of quality books left so will be selling books tomorrow morning too.

Date for your diary: Easter Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 2 April from 3.15pm onwards we are hosting an Easter Afternoon tea in the hall with cream teas, Easter crafts, games stalls and a tray raffle along with home bakes and refreshments.

Date for your diary: Dress Down Day

On Friday 20 March it's Dress Down Day in exchange for Easter goodies such as chocolate eggs, fluffy toys, Easter craft sets and so on to use as prizes at our Easter event. Thank you in advance for your support.

Parent Interviews – Years 1 – 4

Parent interviews for Years 1 – 4 are taking place the week beginning Monday 23rd March. From Monday 16th March, there will be a form outside the classrooms with all the appointment times. Parents just need to write their child's name next to the time that they would like. If your child travels to school by minibus / taxi, we will contact you directly to arrange a suitable time.

Sharing Assembly

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

**Thursday 26th March: (Years 3 and 4) at 9am and
Thursday 2nd April: (Reception Class, Years 1 and 2) at 9am**



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 Class Assembly – Thursday 19th March

Year 2 have their class assembly on **Thursday 19th March, starting at 9am**. All parents, relatives and friends of children in this class are welcome. It will last approximately 20 minutes.

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.