



Frome Valley First School News Weekly

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



Welcome Back and COVID-19 Update

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable extended half term break. The sun shone at least, even if it was a bit blustery!

We are sure that you are aware that some of the rules for isolation and testing have now changed. The current guidance from the Government and the DfE advises that all contact tracing has ended and close contacts are no longer asked to take daily tests. However, if your child is showing any of the three key symptoms:

A fever / high temperature (temperature above 37.8)

A new, continuous cough

A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

They will still need to isolate and have a PCR test. We appreciate that it is no longer legally binding for anyone to isolate but we are sure that parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school, given the potential risk to others. **This is also the continuing guidance from the DfE.**

Children may then return to school if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature, or feel too ill to attend school. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 (e.g. 8am in the morning) and the morning of day 6 (e.g. 8am in the morning), they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day

We appreciate that it is an ever changing situation. As and when legislation changes we will update you once more with the guidance from the DfE

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Year 1: Oscar

Year 2: Billy

Year 3: Ewan

Year 4: Ava



Speeding Vehicles

Before half term we were contacted by our local PCSO and several residents of School Drive to complain about the speed that some parents drive along School Drive in particular. Please can we ask everyone to be more careful and considerate for our neighbours and local community.

World Book Day and Stories at 6 – Thursday 3rd March

This year, we are celebrating World Book Day this **Thursday 3rd March** followed by 'Stories at 6' from 6pm. All children are invited to return to school 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 finish at 6.30pm and parents are welcome to wait in the hall and have a hot drink while they wait! –

For World Book Day, children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they wish to do so.

Diary Dates

Please find below diary dates for the second half of the spring term:

March

3rd – World Book Day and 'Stories at 6'

18th – Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

21st – 24th - Parent Interviews – Years 1-4

24th – Sharing Assembly – Years 3 and 4 - 9am

30th – 1st - Year 4 visit Hooke Court

31st – Sharing Assembly – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 – 9am

April

4th – 7th – Special School Week – Sport and Fitness

8th – Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)

11th – 22nd – Easter Holidays

25th – Children return to school

25th – Wellbeing Day – children wear blue all day

Please remember that dates for events will be reviewed regularly. We will always try and give as much notice as possible to parents.

Year 4 trip to Hooke Court

Year 4's two night residential trip to Hooke Court is now only thirty days away!!! Please can we remind everyone that full payment needs to be made by Monday 21st March.

Lost Property

We once more have a large selection of lost property in school. If the weather is dry for the rest of this week, we will put it outside the main doors to the playground before and after school. Anything left **by Friday 4th March** will be recycled.

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

