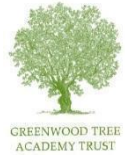




Frome Valley First School News Weekly



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

COVID-19 Update

We wish to let parents know that a member of Year 4 staff has tested positive for COVID-19. The current guidance means that we now ask for **all children in Year 4 to be tested daily, FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS, with a LFD (lateral flow test), preferably in the morning before they attend school.** Children only need to have a PCR test if they have any of the three main symptoms:

A high temperature

A new, continuous cough

A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Government and DfE advice is for **all children to be routinely tested twice a week with a LFD (lateral flow test).** We would be grateful if parents in all other years continued to do this.

COVID-19 Update to Self-Isolation

You will hopefully be aware that there have, once again, been changes in the rules for isolation.

From today, Monday 17th January, children who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days 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. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

'Stars of the Week'

Reception Class: Jude

Year 1: Lily

Year 2: Reuben

Year 3: Sophie

Year 4: Hayden



Trauma Informed Schools Parent Information Evening

For parents that attended the first TIS parent information evening, the second parent information session is this **Thursday 20th January (6-7.30pm)**. It will focus on anxiety in children and anger in children. It will also look at bereavement.

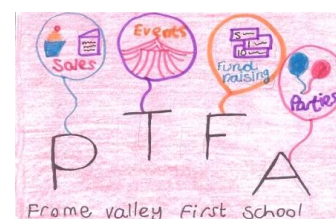
Reception Class Hearing Checks – Wednesday 19th January

A reminder to parents of children in the Reception class, that our school nurse Karen Caines, will be in this Wednesday to complete hearing assessments. As previously advised, if you wish to opt out of this very important check, please contact the school nursing admin hub.

PTFA News

Ahoy there! Our fun pirate fundraiser starts this week!

Your child will be bringing home two important sheets in their book bags this week. We're running four swashbuckling competitions: guess the number of coins in the jar; a treasure chest raffle; a best pirate joke competition and a 'design your own coin' competition. Three supermarkets kindly donated hundreds and hundreds of chocolate coin prizes to us before the Xmas break plus we've got some other 'gems' to give away! All we're asking for is a voluntary donation of 50p per competition – so just £2 per child. **Deadline for all entries and money is Friday 28 January at 8.50am.**



Good luck me hearties!



Don't forget to shop at the Co-op!

Shoppers at the Co-op have already raised £80 for us! Were you one of them? If not, just get a membership card; register it and create an account; then choose Frome Valley First School PTFA as your local cause. Every time you buy something in store, you'll be making a cash donation to help the school.

Lottery thanks

Thank you to everyone who has started supporting 'your school lottery' over the last week. We've raised around £200 since launch so everyone involved is making a real difference to the school. You know who you are!

Reception Class Vision Screening - Wednesday 9th February

Dorset Vision Screening Service will be in school on **Wednesday 9th February** to assess the vision of children in the Reception class. This check is recommended in order to pick up undetected, treatable vision problems in your child's first year at school. The assessment only takes a few minutes, and will involve measuring your child's vision with each eye in turn using a simple letter matching test. If there are any concerns from this assessment, your child will be offered an appointment at their nearest hospital eye department for further investigation.

For your child to be assessed parents need to register on a secure portal for Dorset Vision Screening Service. The link to this is:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/5555/p/hUHD84/141777>

If anyone is having difficulties with registration they can call the parent support line on: **0203 958 4181**

If you wish to opt out, you will still need to register via the above link.

The deadline for all registrations is 12pm on Monday 7th February.

Parent Drop In – Thursday 27th January

The first of this year's drop in sessions is next **Thursday 27th January**. To keep everyone safe we are asking parents to adhere to the following protocol:

We would like all parents to take a LFD (lateral flow test) before coming into school and wear a mask at all times. In order to limit the number of people in school, we ask that one parent only attends.

Parents will be able to speak to the class teacher and look at their child's work.

Teachers can discuss your child's next step in their learning and how you can support your child at home. You can drop in at any time during this session and the class teachers look forward to seeing you there.

There is an early morning session from **8.15 – 8.40am** and an afternoon session from **2.15 – 3pm**.

There are often many parents that would like to speak to the teacher so we ask that parents write their name on the whiteboard in the classroom as they arrive. Teachers will then speak to parents in order of their arrival!

Please note that the drop ins may be cancelled at short notice, if the number of positive cases in school increases. We will review this next Monday 24th January and advise parents via news weekly.

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

