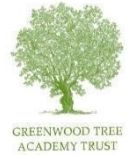




Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the:

‘Stars of the Week’

Year 1: Nola
Year 2: Sophie
Year 3: Savannah
Year 4: Imogen



Wet Drop Off and Pickups

Last week, we had a lot of rain and we understand that this makes drop off and pickups more challenging, particularly when dropping off more than one child. We are also aware that there are not many places to shelter within the school grounds.

Just a few suggestions and reminders:

- ***Try to arrive as close to the drop off as possible so that you can just drop off and leave.***
- ***If you need to drop off two children (e.g. 8.30-8.40 and 8.40-8.50, try to arrive at 8.40 to drop off both!)***
- ***If you are sheltering, please continue to have 1m+ between families and please make sure that you are not too close to the entrances to the building so that staff can stand outside and still be 1m+ away from parents.***
- ***We will make sure that we are not late in opening the doors!***

We appreciate everyone's help in this matter.

School Vision Boards

Last week, we sent to parent's information on the review of the school vision. Two vision boards were sent home to parents to view and vote on. Sadly, we have only received 1 vote so far. We would be very grateful if parents could take the time to look at the information and send us your vote as soon as possible, but by Friday 16th October at the latest. Your views are important to us.

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews will be taking place the week beginning **Monday 2nd November**. Full details of how these will take place this year are in a letter being emailed home to parents today.

Absence During Term Time

A gentle reminder to parents that any absence from school requests need to be made before time off school and not retrospectively. Any retrospective absence will be unauthorised. Thank you for your help.

Harvest Festival

The first event of every academic year is always 'Harvest Festival'. This year will be no exception – but it will be different!! This year, the service will be held outside with all children still taking part, socially distancing of course. The service will be at some point before half term, on a day when the weather is looking kind. Sadly this year parents and relatives are not invited to join us. However, we will be taking plenty of photos, which we will then share with you on google classroom.

This year, we are supporting a local food bank. However on speaking to Dorchester food bank, they already have a large number of contributions (from many other Harvest Festivals!) and would prefer us to donate items in December instead when they sorely need them. We will give you a date for this after half term.

Special School Week

In normal times, we have a special school week in the autumn and another one in the spring term. Special school weeks are a wonderful time when children are off timetable and learn about a different subject for the week. In the past, we've had special weeks such as French Week, Science Week, PE Week and Arts Week.

This year, we have decided to hold these weeks in the Spring and Summer Term instead. This will give us more opportunity (hopefully) to bring in special guests and to work more outside. We will give you more details of our special school weeks in the New Year.

Communication with School

For the safety of the children and staff on the school site, we cannot allow parents into the building, **including into the foyer at the front of the school**. Instead, please continue to contact us by telephoning the school and by emailing the school office. Should you arrive late any morning, please telephone the school from outside the school entrance and a member of staff will collect your child.

We would like to remind everyone that if emailing school our protocol is to email the school office on office@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk. Please do not use the staff Frome Valley email accounts.

Please remember, if you need to speak to the class teacher or Headteacher, they are more than happy to speak to you in the playground or by phone

Flu Vaccine Date

Just to let parents know that the date that all children will be offered the flu vaccine is **Monday 2nd November**. Full details will be sent home to parents as soon as we have the details from the immunisation team.

Water Bottles

Can we please remind parents again that the water bottles the children have in their classroom need to be **water only**. They can have squash in a separate bottle to drink at lunch time if they wish. Thank you for your help.

Information from Dorset Library Service

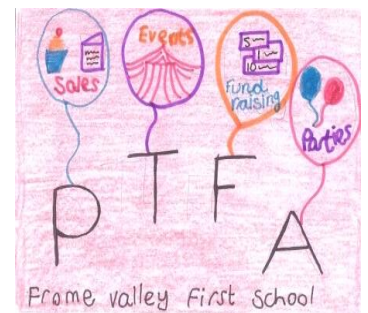
Dorset Library Service have given us information on some free events that are happening in October.

- On Saturday 10 October 10.00am – 11.00am Treehouse Theatre will be performing the *Magic Paintbrush*. When Liang, a Chinese peasant boy is given a paintbrush by a mysterious stranger – he discovers that whatever he paints magically come to life. Join in at home and share your speedy sketches. This is an online event using Zoom. Ideal for families with children aged 2 – 7 years. Book a FREE ticket for the whole family on [Eventbrite](#) now!
- On Friday 16th October 9.30am – 10.15am award winning children's author Teresa Heapy will be sharing stories from her Very Little series of Fairy Tales and talking about being a writer in this **event for schools**. There'll be a Q & A at the end, so thinking caps on for those questions. Limited places available, so book a FREE ticket for your class on [Eventbrite](#) now!
- On Friday 29 October 11.00 – 11.45 ZooLab will be taking us on a wicked adventure! Families can follow our friendly witch, Zog, on a rhyming broomstick ride! She offers a ride to a selection of amazing animal hitchhikers, who the children will get to meet! However, it's not all plain sailing. Will Zog's journey end with a bump? Ideal for families with children aged 5+ Book a FREE ticket for the whole family on [Eventbrite](#) now!

PTFA News

PTFA AGM this Tuesday!

We will be holding our AGM via Zoom on **Tuesday 6 October** from 19.30 to 20.15 to formally elect a new Committee and to chat about forthcoming fundraising activities. We'd love to see some new faces at the meeting who wish to either be regular volunteers or join the Committee. Please email the office if you'd like to join receive a Zoom invite for this meeting.



Order your Xmas cards, tags and mugs ASAP

If you haven't already, you will be receiving your child's handmade Christmas card design in their book bag within the next day or two. Please order your packs of cards, gifts tags and mugs online ASAP and then **RETURN THE ARTWORK** to your child's class teacher **by Wednesday 14 October**. If you make an order but don't return your child's artwork in good condition (ideally not folded) by the deadline then we won't be able to process your order and you'll miss out. If you don't wish to make an order, there is no need to return artwork. Thank you so much for your support.

Julia's House – The Extra Mile Fundraiser

In what seems a lifetime ago we held a fundraiser in March for Julia's House. If anyone has any remaining sponsorship money, we would be grateful if it could be sent into school as soon as possible. We will then be able to arrange for medals to be given to all the children that took part.

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

