



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the Stars of this week.

'Star of the Week'

Reception: Hayden
Year 1: Charlie
Year 2: Zara
Year 3: Ruben
Year 4: Mia



School Play

We are now looking to borrow **two wooden walking sticks** for the school play – need to be proper walking sticks with the curved handle if possible. If you have anything suitable, please speak to the school office. Thank you once again for all your help.

Sports Day

Sports Day, weather permitting, will take place next week on **Wednesday 20th June**. If the weather is wet, our reserve day is **Thursday 21st June**. On both days we start **at 9.15am**. All parents, relatives and friends are invited to join us. On the day, all the children take part in a variety of races and there is also a special parents relay – so please don't forget your trainers!

The last race of the day is the 'Leavers Race'. This is an obstacle race for the children in Year 4. Children in Year 3 need to remember to bring water soakers on the day – as they are allowed to get the Year 4 children as wet as possible!

Please can all parents remember that sun hats and sun cream for their children are a necessity as they will be outside all morning.



Preschool News

The preschool are now offering spaces for children **from 2 years and 9 months** from September and are able to take two year old funding for these spaces. Please contact the manager Gemma on 01305 852643 to discuss this more.



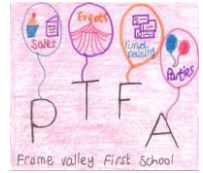
Dogs in school ground

Please can we remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds (unless guide dogs). We haven't seen any dogs recently – but unfortunately the evidence that they have been, is being left for our caretaker to deal with! If you do see anyone with a dog but feel unable to challenge them, please remember you can report it to any member of staff.

PTFA News

Buy your Family barn dance tickets!

On Friday 6 July, from 5pm to 8pm, the school hall will be transformed into the Wild West for a fun, themed family barn dance! Tickets are £4 per adult and £2 per child - with under 3s free. A local, professional barn dance and Ceilidh Band - Black Sheep - will be providing the entertainment with an expert caller to lead the dancing.



There will be a fully licensed bar, wood-fired pizzas and something for dessert on offer – so arriving hungry and thirsty is a must. When you're taking a rest from the dancing or listening to the great live music, there will be a family tombola, kids' games – including cactus hoopla and a Western-themed 'nerf gun' shoot out - and other fun activities. Please bring along your whole family to enjoy a great night out whilst raising money for the school.

Today, the school office emailed out a letter with details of how to purchase tickets. Please complete the form and return it to the office with your payment. Tickets will be distributed in book bags on a first come, first serve basis.

Don't forget to hand in your raffle tickets!

The big PTFA Summer Raffle draw is only a couple of weeks away. Don't miss the chance to win first prize of over £300 worth of family days out passes to local attractions and sort out entertaining the kids this summer holiday in one go!

Two raffle ticket books were given to each child before half-term. Please put any unwanted books into the classroom drop off boxes to be resold and return your completed ticket stubs along with £1 per ticket to the school office. Every single pound will go towards a new school sound system and piano because there were no overheads. The Spitfire Club generously covered all of our printing costs and all prizes were donations. Thank you for your support!

The next PTFA meeting is on...

...**Thursday 14 June at 3.20pm**. Please come along and join us. Kids can play whilst we chat. It would be great to have some new faces on board.

Sports Day cake stall – home bakes please!

At the May Day Celebration we completely sold out of cakes and biscuits at the PTFA refreshments stall. If you're a home baker, we'd love to sell your nut-free goodies at Sports Day on Wednesday 20 June.

Summer trips

We have the following classes on outings this half term:

4th July – Year 4 visit the Chesil Beach Centre

10th July – Year 2 visit Weymouth

11th July – Reception Class visit Moors Valley and

19th July – Year 4 visit Moors Valley.

Full details of all trips (if not already emailed) will be available by the end of this week. Please remember that if your child is in the Reception Class or Year 2 and you would like to have an away day lunch ordered there is a cut-off date of **Tuesday 26th June**.

Piano Workshop at Frome Valley

On Friday the **15th of June**, Chris Hill (the piano teacher with DASP) will be hosting a piano workshop where children can come along and have a free 15 minute taster lesson.

If this is of interest to you, please contact him directly to book a time slot.

This is open to children in Years 1 – 4 as Chris also teaches at St Marys Middle School.

Email: chrishill@hotmail.com

Walk to School Wednesday

This Wednesday (13th June) 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 will then let you know the results next week. Walking Wednesday is part of our Eco Schools programme.

GDPR

If you have not yet returned your photo and video consent form, a second copy was sent home to you at the end of last week. Please can these be returned tomorrow morning if possible.

Under new legislation, we **have** to have a form completed and returned for **every** child in school. Thank you for your help.

Reception Class 2018 – 2019

This week, we welcome to school, for the first time, the children that will be in the Reception class this coming September. The children will be spending time in the classroom with Miss Padfield and Mrs Trent whilst the parents spend time learning about the transition into school. We hope that they all have a very enjoyable time in school over the next few weeks leading up to transfer day when they get to spend the whole day with us.

Staffing

We have two staffing updates for you:

- We are delighted to inform parents that we have appointed Mrs Judith Essex as our new Deputy Headteacher and SENCO from September. She will be spending the day with us on Transfer Day so that the Year 4 pupils can meet her.
- From September, Mrs Beecheno and Mrs Duerdoth will move to Year 1 and Mrs Ashby will move to Year 2. Reception and Year 3 will stay the same.

Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we have a child in school who has a very severe nut allergy. Please ensure that all lunches and snacks do not contain nuts.

Thank you for your help.

