



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: Bella
Year 1: Hayden
Year 2: Grace W
Year 3: Lacey
Year 4: Aden



Happy Valley – Half Price Fridays

For the rest of this half term, Happy Valley is half price on a Friday. We know the countdown to Christmas is upon us so take advantage of these discounted prices to go Christmas shopping while your child is enjoying Happy Valley.

The sessions will be at the following **discounted** prices:

3.15 – 4.30pm: £2.25

3.15 – 5pm: £3.00

3.15 – 6pm: £4.50

Half Price Fridays: 7th December, 14th December and 21st December

Places are limited, so please book as soon as possible.



Lunchtime Supervisor

Unfortunately, we have, as yet, had no one apply for our lunchtime supervisor role. If you know of anyone that may be interested we would be grateful if you could let them know that the job is on the Dorset for You website. The closing date is **Sunday 9th December**. If anyone would like any further information please speak to the school office.

Walk to School Wednesday

Thank you to everyone that walked cycled or scootered to school last Wednesday. We had 42% of children in school braving the elements. We hope that our next date at the end of January is a little bit drier.

The Eco Schools Team

Reception Class Parent Interviews - 11th and 12th December

Forms for parent interviews have been outside the classroom since first thing this morning. Please write your child's name next to the appointment time you would like. Please remember that interviews are for a maximum of ten minutes. If you need to discuss something that requires more time than this, we would appreciate if you made a separate appointment direct with Miss Padfield.

PTFA News

Christmas Fair this Friday 7th December...

The PTFA team have been working hard to bring some exciting new stalls and games this year including: a nail bar; 'Festive Shoot out' with Nerf guns; two guessing games with great prizes including a remote control helicopter; Splat the Santa; a lucky dip with Rudolph nose teeny boppers; Christmas craft making...and so, so much more! We're delighted that the school choir will also be singing at around 4pm. Please come along after school on Friday 7th December (3.30pm until 5pm) to support our biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will help pay for the new playground play trail.



Dress Down Day this Friday!

It's non-uniform day on Friday in exchange for cakes and biscuits to sell at the Christmas Fair. Either shop-bought or home bakes are very welcome! Thank you.

Luxury Christmas Hamper raffle tickets are now on sale.

Christmas hamper prizes will be on display this week. There are three 'cream tea' hampers which include vouchers donated from Craig's Farm Dairy, Moreton Tearooms and Dovecote café. For the first time there is also a children's hamper with toys, books, sweets and chocolates plus a Stagecoach voucher (courtesy of Keri Aplin) and a voucher for an item of hand-made, children's clothing from The Old Rectory Clothing Co worth almost £50 (courtesy of Elli White). With 'his' and 'hers' hampers too there is definitely a hamper for everyone!

Tickets will be on sale before school for £1 a strip on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday plus on Tuesday after school in the playground. They will also be on sale at the Christmas Fair until 4pm when the draw will take place. If you miss the draw, don't worry. Winning tickets will be put on display at school on Monday and announced in News Weekly so that you can come and collect your prize. So even if you can't come along to the Fair, this is a great way to not miss out on giving your support.

Can you help at the Christmas Fair?

To offer such a range of great stalls we really need your help. If you're able to run a stall for 30 minutes on Friday (with or without your child's help), please put your name on the volunteer sheets that have been put up outside each classroom. Thank you!

Gift Aid reminder!

Please can everyone who gave a voluntary contribution of £3 per child to pay for the school disco fill in a 'Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation' sheet, if they are a UK taxpayer, and hand it into the school office asap. They went out in book bags last week.

Cookie bake date: Tuesday 11th December

We have another after school cookie sale in the diary for **Tuesday 11 December**. If you would like to help by making a batch this time, please let one of the PTFA team know (email: fromevalleyptfa@gmail.com) or the school office.

Year 4 – Hooke Court Meeting

A reminder to the parents of children in Year 4 that the meeting on Hooke Court is this **Thursday 6th December** starting at 3.30pm. If you are unable to attend and have any questions, please speak to Mrs Essex or the school office.



Carols by Candlelight – Thursday 13th December 6pm

A reminder that 'Carols by Candlelight' is next **Thursday 13th December** starting at 6pm. All children, parents and relatives are invited to come along to this very special evening and join in with some of the singing! The evening lasts about an hour with refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to advise that we collected **£26.77** for the poppy appeal this year.



Nativity Services

Pre School and Reception Class – Tuesday 18th December 9.10am
Years 1 – 4 Monday 17th December 1.30pm and Wednesday 19th December 9.10am

We know that all services will be very popular and we therefore ask parents, relatives and friends to only come to the Preschool / Reception nativity if they have a child in these years. Also if you have a child in Years 1 – 4 we ask that you only attend one of the services. For parents of the Reception Class, if you can stay and help with changing the children into their costume, after their arrival in school, it would be very much appreciated.



After both of the morning services, coffee and mince pies will be available to parents.

After School Swimming

Steve has advised us that there is no after school swimming **next Wednesday 12th December**. Payment for the next half terms swimming will be reduced accordingly.

After School Film Club and Football

Don't forget that there is no Film Club or Football this Friday 7th December as we have the Christmas Fair. Happy Valley is available for anyone who needs childcare. Please also note that there is no Film Club on the last day of term Friday 21st December.

Party Lunch on Friday 21st December

On the last day of term, **Friday 21st December**, all hot meals have been cancelled as the children are having a special 'party lunch'. The PTFA are kindly donating £75 towards the lunch and we are asking parents for a contribution of £1 per child. Full details have been emailed to parents today. Please can forms and contributions be returned to school as soon as possible.

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 and snacks do not contain nuts or mango. Thank you for your help.

