



# 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: Florence

Year 1: Jamie

Year 2: Mitchell

Year 3: Ettie

Year 4: Amiliah



## Walk to School Wednesday

Thank you to everyone that took part in last week's Walking Wednesday. On that day, we had 55% of children in school walking, cycling or scootering to school. That was an increase of 11% from the week before.

## Local Food Links

Local Food Links have advised us that the menu for the Autumn Term is now live on their website and parents can start ordering meals for their children. We have also sent home a paper copy of the menu. If you have any queries with regards to ordering etc, please speak to the staff in the office.

## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The dress rehearsal went well last week and we are now looking forward to the three performances which will take place this Wednesday, Friday and the following Monday. At this moment in time we still have tickets available for all performances. However, we do anticipate that we will sell out. If you have not yet placed an order or would like extra tickets, please speak to the staff in the office. Children in the Reception class and Year 1 can be picked up at the interval if parents wish to do so. This will be at approximately **7-7.15pm**. Please let Miss Padfield or Mrs Ashby know if you will be collecting your child at this time. All other children will need to be picked up at the end of the performance which will be approximately **8.00pm**. We will let you know of any revised times (if required) after the first performance. The last performance on Monday night will be slightly later.

Children will need to be collected from the Playgroup room at the back of the hall. The performance on Wednesday night will be recorded and there will then be a download available to order. Please note (as previously advised), on the performance nights, Year 4 children need to be at Crossways village hall for **5.15pm**. All other classes need to be dropped off between **5.30 - 5.40pm**, **PLEASE STICK TO THESE TIMES**.

**Doors will open at 5.30pm for ticket holders to take their seats.**

Parents of children in the Reception Class to Year 3 need to take their children to the Playgroup room at the back of the village hall to hand over to a member of staff or helper. Don't forget they need to be in their costume!

### Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone for their completed questionnaires. **We have still only had 31 out of 108 returned to school.** Your views are very important to us and this is a yearly opportunity to tell us how you feel as a school we are progressing. Please can any further responses be returned **before the end of term.** The yellow box for them is outside the school office.

### PTFA News – what a year!

Your PTFA has raised a whopping £3905 so far this year! With more after school ice lolly sales planned for Thursday 19 July and Monday 23 July plus the sale of interval refreshments and a 'Willy Wonka' treat box raffle at each performance of the school play, we hope that we'll hit the £4000 mark with your continued support. The PTFA will also have a stall at the Crossways Youth Centre Summer Fair on Sunday 22 July to help raise further funds for the school - so please pop along if you're free.



The PTFA had a lot of new faces join at the start of the year – including a new Chair (Denise Bunce), Secretary (Niki Bolton) and Treasurer (Katie Ayres-Taylor). We all hope you've enjoyed some of the new fundraisers and events that we've tried out, including: the Easter Beetle Drive Games Night (£200 raised); sponsored pancake flip (£590 raised); and the big Summer Raffle (£580 raised). This month's family barn dance was also a great success, raising £300 towards the PTFA piggy bank.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the PTFA this year by baking cakes, volunteering at the school discos, running a stall at the Christmas Fair, buying raffle tickets, donating prizes and so on...the list is almost endless!

Without all of your help, generosity and support we wouldn't have been able to give the school £4165 this academic year – including £2500 towards the cost of a new sound system for the school hall and play. The school office has sent you a list of every donation that we've made this year from funding special weeks to paying for new playground zone equipment. The PTFA noticeboard (located next to Year 2 and the reading books) is always kept up-to-date if you want to know how much you've helped to raise, what has been bought for the school and your children, plus details of forthcoming events.

#### Meetings for your diary

Our final PTFA meeting of this academic year is on Thursday 19 July (after the ice lolly sale) – so please join us at 3.20pm if you have any ideas for the Autumn term. Our AGM meeting is on Thursday 13 September and we'd love to have some new faces join the Committee so please come along. Here's to another stellar year of fundraising! Thank you.

### Eco Schools Day

Today, we have sent home information on our Eco – Schools Day, which is taking place next **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. We will be very grateful for any help that you can offer on the day. Please speak to class teachers or the school office, if you can spare some time.

## Headteacher's End of Year Review

I cannot believe that another academic year now comes to an end. Our current Reception class is ready to move on to Year 1 and we will sadly lose our Year 4 class next Tuesday. Time seems to pass so quickly...

It has been another productive year. As a school, we have worked hard to continue to develop our teaching of maths (through Singapore Maths) and our teaching of reading (through Read Write Inc). We once again had excellent Phonic Screening Check results at the end of Year 1 with 93% of children achieving the phonics screening check! Other areas the school has worked on this academic year include introducing Playground Zones to support break and lunchtime play, the introduction of structured conversations with parents and revising our Collective Worship planning to ensure greater engagement by the children.

Sport remains a big focus for all schools with the Government Sports Funding. We have used this funding to increase the number of sporting and competitive events as well as having many coaches into school to teach the children such skills as football, netball, badminton, skateboarding and athletics. Next year, we will also use some of this funding to purchase new outside play equipment.

What else has happened this year? There are too many events to mention them all but here's a few...

**Autumn Term:** Maths Week, Rainbow Week, Harvest Festival, Christingle, Sharing Assembly, Carols by Candlelight, Children in Need and the Christmas Service.

**Spring Term:** Sports and Fitness Week, Parent Interviews, Year 4 DASP Choral Festival, Safer Internet Day, Sharing Assembly and Stories at 6.

**Summer Term:** Celebration Assembly, Sports Day, May Day, Send my Friend to School Campaign, Tea Party for Helpers, Year 3 Musicianship Programme, Hooke Court and the School Play.

Our children have represented the school in many different ways this academic year, especially through sports and music. As always, we are very proud of how they represented the school and we always receive comments on how well behaved Frome Valley children are when they are outside of school.

Finally, we received our SIAMS inspection in November 2017 (and remained an outstanding Church School) and two months later, in January 2018, our Ofsted Inspection graded us as a good school again with key strengths in reading and how well we know and assess our pupils.

As I reflect on all that we have achieved and accomplished over the last academic year, I can't help feel extremely proud of the school. A huge thank you to all the staff, governors, Revd Jacquie Birdseye, the PTFA, parents and community that have worked so hard to create a wonderful environment for your children to learn.

And next year? Well, there will be a new focus on the School Development Plan and we will welcome our new Deputy Headteacher and Year 4 teacher, Mrs Judith Essex. Until then, I wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer break. I look forward to working with you again in the new academic year.

Julie Thorp

### Metal Water Bottles

Thank you to everyone that has sent in their water bottle order forms. If you would like a water bottle for the next academic year, please send the form in by tomorrow. Many thanks.

### Year 3 – Items Needed

Year 3 are looking for fabric, kitchen roll tubes and foam (cushioning material) for their DT project this week. Please can any donated items be with Year 3 for this Thursday and Friday. Thank you.

### Wow Assembly

On the last day of term, **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**, we will hold a **short assembly at 9am** to present books to any children that have completed their Gold Wow cards. This assembly normally lasts about 10 minutes. Any parent is welcome to attend.

### Leaver's Assembly

Leaver's Assembly takes place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm**. All parents, relatives and friends of children in Year 4 are invited to this very special assembly. Tissues may be required!!

### Books to read in the summer holidays

Several parents have asked if there are any suggested books that children could read over the Summer holidays. The link below has a wide range of fiction books across different key stages. To find these, visit the link, click on the drop down tab "Suggested Reading Lists Age 5 - 11" to find your child's year group.

There is also a link to the right of the page which details magazines and comics also suitable for each age group.

The link is: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/school-reading-list-sitemap>

### Citizenship Day

Just to let you know that our first Citizenship Day in the next academic year will be on Thursday **6<sup>th</sup> September**. This is the day when we focus on anti-bullying and Global Citizenship. On the day we would like all children to come to school wearing blue clothes.

This is to remind everyone of our **NO BULLYING** ethos, as blue is the universal 'no bullying' colour.

### Finally,

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.