



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Goodbye and Welcome

The end of term is in sight but with it we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Beecheno, Mrs Duerdoth and Mrs Nicol as well as our Year 4. We send them all best wishes in their future schools and retirement for Mrs Beecheno!

In September, we welcome to Frome Valley: Mrs Bolton, Mrs Brown, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Murray, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Redford and Mrs Smith along with our new Reception Class.

Lost Property

Please can everyone have a look through the very large pile of lost property we currently have. Any items left at the end of tomorrow will be recycled. Thank you.

Wow Assembly

On the last day of term, **Tuesday 23rd 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.

Leavers Assembly

Leavers Assembly takes place on **Tuesday 23rd July at 2pm**. All parents, relatives and friends of children in Year 4 are invited to this very special assembly. Tissues may be required!!

Wellbeing Day

Just to let you know that our first Wellbeing Day in the next academic year will be on **Thursday 5th September**. This is the day when we focus on mental wellbeing as well as 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.

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 on 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 97% of children achieving the phonics screening check. To put this in context, the national average is 81%. Other areas the school has worked on this academic year include the introduction of the Daily Mile and work on positive mental wellbeing of staff and pupils. We have also changed our assessment structures and included pupils more in the planning of Collective Worship.

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 children such skills as football, netball, badminton, skateboarding and athletics. We also used 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: Humanities Week, Rainbow Week, Harvest Festival, Christingle, Sharing Assembly, Carols by Candlelight, Children in Need and the Christmas Service.

Spring Term: Technology Week, Parent Interviews, Year 4 DASP Choral Festival, Safer Internet Day, Sharing Assembly, Hooke Court and Stories at 6.

Summer Term: Celebration Assembly, Sports Day, May Day, Tea Party for Helpers, Year 4 Musicianship Programme, Eco Schools Day 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.

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 Jackie Birdseye, the PTFA, parents and community that have worked so hard to create a wonderful environment in which you children can learn.

And next year? Well, there will be a new focus for the School Development Plan (including a continued focus on positive mental wellbeing) and we will welcome Mrs Rachel Dixon (our new Year 2 teacher) to the school. 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

Finally,

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 4th September.**