



Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the
'Stars of the Week'

Year 1: Bertie

Year 2: Ashton

Year 3: Lotte

Year 4: Harry



Trauma Informed Schools Parent Information Evening

As some of you may be aware, Miss Thorp has attended a 10 day course on Trauma Informed Schools. This focuses on how schools can support children that have suffered trauma as well as children that are finding school difficult.

We are offering two parent information evenings on this subject. **These sessions will be useful for all parents. They will give you more insight into how to support your child's emotions, how to deescalate emotional outbursts and also give you more information on the effect of trauma on children.** Trauma includes abuse, parents separating or divorcing, domestic violence and bereavement.

We will also look at the importance of attachment and secure attachments in children and what happens when children become anxiously attached or adversely attached.

Please do come along and find out more. There will be some science as well as some practical tips to support you at home. You will also find out how the school can support your child too.

Wednesday 23rd October (6-7.30pm): focusing on the brain (including positive and negative chemicals in the brain), trauma in children (including ACES) and attachments in children.

Tuesday 26th November (6-7.30pm): focusing on anxiety in children and anger in children. It will also look at bereavement.

Please attend the 1st session if you are going to attend the 2nd session as there will be a lot of information from the 1st session required for the 2nd session.

Family Partnership – Drop In – Tuesday 22nd October

A reminder to all that the Family Partnership are in again tomorrow: **Tuesday 22nd October.** They are able to discuss any issues you may have regarding your child's behaviour, offer practical advice themselves and can also signpost you to other services. The session will be held in the Meeting Room **between 9.00 and 10.30am.** If you would like any further information, please speak to Ms Thorp or Mrs Essex (Year 4 teacher and SENCO).

Individual School Photos

Individual School Photos are taking place this **Wednesday 23rd October**. During the morning, children present in school will automatically have their individual photo taken, plus a photo with their siblings if they are in school or preschool on that day.

From 8.15am we are inviting parents into school to have pupils photos taken with a younger sibling, whom is not at Preschool on that day or too young for Preschool (babies etc).

From 8.45am we are inviting Preschool children with younger siblings not in school i.e. babies and toddlers to have their photo taken.

From 9am we are inviting Preschool children not attending a Wednesday morning session.

All other photos will then be taken!

Please note that we will try to stick to these times. However, we know from past years that, sometimes, the wait can be longer

Diary Dates – Second Half Autumn Term

November

4th – Staff Training Day – school closed to children

5th – Children return to school 8.40 – 8.50am

5th – I am Turtle Performance 2.10 – 3pm

8th – PTFA school disco – 3.15 – 5pm

10th – Remembrance Sunday

11th – 15th – Anti Bullying Week

11th, 12th – Parent Interviews- Years 1,2 and 3

12th, 13th – Parent Interviews – Year 4

15th – Children In Need

18th – School Nurse Drop In – 8.50am

19th – Sharing Assembly: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (2pm) - all parents, relatives and friends are welcome

21st – Road Safety Assembly – Dorset Police

22nd – PTFA – Non Uniform Day

26th – Dorchester Family Partnership Zone Drop In – 9.00 – 10.30am

26th – Sharing Assembly: Years 3 and 4 (2.15pm) – all parents, relatives and friends welcome

26th – Trauma Informed Schools Information Evening: 6 – 7.30pm

December

2nd – 6th – R.E Week – details to follow

4th – Hooke Court Parents Meeting – 3.20pm

6th – PTFA Christmas Fair: 3.15 – 5pm

10th – Whole School Flu Vaccinations – Optional

10th, 11th – Parent Interviews – Reception Class

12th – Carols by Candlelight – 6pm – all parents, relatives and friends are welcome

16th – Nativity – Years 1 -4 – 2pm

17th – Nativity – Preschool and Reception Class – 9.10am

18th - Nativity – Years 1 -4 - 9.10am

18th – Local Food Links Hot Christmas Lunch

20th - Last Day of Term

23rd - 5th January – Christmas Holidays

January

6th – Children return to school 8.40 – 8.50am

6th – Wellbeing Day – children wear blue clothes for the day.

PTFA News

It's nearly school disco time!

It's the first disco of the year on Friday 8 November so make sure that your child doesn't miss out! The school office have just emailed you a school disco letter with all of the details (also available on the carousel). Please hand in a completed permission slip with your £3 contribution ASAP. If you are able to Gift Aid, please tick the box plus fill in your full name and address – including postcode. It'll give us an extra 75p per attending child for free if you do! Thank you.



Friday is Dress Down Day!

It's non-uniform day this Friday (25 October) in exchange for a bottle or gift for our Christmas tombola. For all parents new to the school, alcohol is welcomed and any donations can be placed on a table outside of the school office on the day. Of course, if you are unable to or do not wish to make a contribution, your child can still dress down. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Gift Shop forms due in by Friday

If you'd like a surprise gift under the tree this year – lovingly handpicked, wrapped and labelled by your son or daughter – then please fill in your order form and give your payment to the office by the end of the week. Only £2.50 per gift!

Next PTFA meeting...this Thursday at 3.15pm

We are now in full swing with organising the Christmas Fair. We'd love your ideas and support so please pop along – even if you can only give us about half an hour of your time. Children can play nearby whilst the meeting goes on. It's all very relaxed and informal.

A performance for every child: 'I am Turtle'

The PTFA are paying for theatre company – The Makeshift Ensemble – to visit the school on the first day back after half term (Tuesday 5 November). They will be performing 'I am Turtle' to all year groups in the school hall. Based on the book 'Turtle's Song' by Alan Brown, it's about the magical world of sea turtles and what we can do to reduce our use of plastics. Certainly a hot topic at the moment and one which fits with our 'eco-school' ethos. To find out more about their use of puppetry and song within the production, please visit www.themakeshiftensemble.com.

Get ready to order your Christmas Cards!

Your child has designed their own Christmas card this half term and you will have the first week back in school to place your orders online. Please look out for full details in the next News Weekly and for order information in your child's book bag straight after half term.

A Dorset Echo gift for everyone in Reception

The PTFA will be making sure a copy of the special issue of the Dorset Echo - which features every school's new starter class photo – will be put into the book bags of every child in Reception this week.

Magic Show success

Thank you for supporting last week's Magic Show. The kids loved it and we managed to make £148 profit – not including Gift Aid.

Year 3 Parent Interviews – Change of Date

We wish to advise parents that the dates for Year 3 Parent Interviews have changed slightly. They will now take place on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November (not Tuesday and Wednesday).

After School Clubs

After half term we have the following after school activities taking place.

Monday – Football (Years 1 – 4)

Wednesday – Swimming (All Years)

Wednesday – Recorder (Years 2 – 4)

Friday –Film Club (Years 3 and 4)

Full details have been emailed to parents today.

Local Food Links New Menu

The new menu from Local Food Links was sent home last week. This is for meals up to the 10th January. Please remember to order online as soon as possible for your child's meals, as current orders only go up to the 7th November. If you need any help with ordering meals, please speak to Mrs Gray in the office.

Lost Property

Before the end of this half term, please can everyone look through the lost property box by the main playground doors. In particular, there are lots of small containers used in lunch boxes that have been found with no names. Anything left by the end of this week will be disposed of.

Finally,

*The first half term has flown by. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable half term week next week. Children return to school on **Tuesday 5th November.***

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

Please can we ask parents to double check ingredients in products. Mango appears in a number of items that you would not think of! Unfortunately the member of staff who has severe allergy doesn't need to eat or come into contact with mango to have a reaction. It only needs to be in the same room. Your help is very much appreciated by us all.

