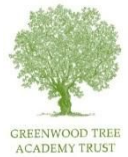




Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Helpers Urgently Required!!

It's that time again when the school asks, begs and pleads for helpers!! We are asking for any parents, grandparents, relatives or local villagers to come and spend a morning or afternoon in school each week. We especially need help with listening to the children read. Reception and Year 1 also often need help in their classrooms as well. If you are listening to children read, it's a lovely time where you read together outside the classroom. You then write a brief note in the child's reading record and in the teacher's reading record. It's as simple as that! Children love reading to an individual but we cannot do this without your help. So, if you can offer a regular morning or afternoon and would like to volunteer, please speak to Jane or Sian in the office.

Bikes and Scooters

It's wonderful to see so many children cycling or scooting to school. However, please can we ask that you don't leave them blocking the emergency exits. These also include the gates to the courtyard that runs across the back of Years 1 – 4. Many thanks for your help.

Harvest Festival

The date for this year's Harvest Festival Service is **Thursday 5th October at 9am** in St Aldhelm Church. All parents, friends and relatives are welcome to join us. Further details of who we are collecting for will be sent home in the next few days.

Scholastic Book Club Magazine

Today, we have sent home the latest edition of the Scholastic Book Club Magazine. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form in the middle of the book and return it to the school office with full payment. Cheques need to be made payable to *Frome Valley First School*. Please can all orders be with the school office by Monday 2nd October.



Beginning of the School Day

This year, we have changed the school timetable slightly, so that children start their school work as soon as the second bell goes at 8.50am (rather than going straight into Collective Worship). Can we please ask that once the second bell has gone, can parents leave the classrooms and main school building as sometimes small groups of children will be working in the corridor outside classrooms as well. Thank you for your help.

eSchools Logins and Letters Home

eSchools logins for parents new to Frome Valley were sent home last week. If you have any issues, please speak to the staff in the office. Please note that the 'Letters Home' section on the school website has moved slightly. They are now accessed from the front page of the school website, under the heading 'Letters Home'.

Parents Maths Support

This year, we will be running **regular maths sessions** for parents and carers. This is an opportunity to find out about the vocabulary and strategies your child will be taught in their maths lessons. We will give you ideas on how you can support your child and answer any questions you have. The sessions will be run by Mrs Duerdoth for Y1 & 2 parents and by Miss Carter for y3&4.

The first sessions are **Wednesday 20th 3:15 -3:45 Y1&2 (year 2 classroom)** and **Thursday 21st (year 4 classroom)**. Please sign up on the sheet outside these rooms.

Year 3 Dorset Ridgeway Trip

Year 3 are visiting Dorset Ridgeway on **Tuesday 26th September**. Full details were emailed home last week. Please can all permission slips and contributions be returned to school as soon as possible.

Dates for School Nurse drop in sessions

Every half term, we have a drop in session for parents to come and talk to our school nurse (Specialist Community Public Health team), **Karen Caines**. She is able to help with a variety of issues including, bedwetting, advice on head lice, healthy eating, support and much more.

The date for this half term is:

9am on Monday 25th September

If you would like to speak to Karen, you just need to come to the school office at 9am. No appointment is required.

New Home School Reading system:

Today, your child will bring home a leaflet explaining changes to our home school reading system. From now on, children can change their choosing books whenever they have read the books. The frequency of changing the books will be the decision of the parent. Moving the children from one 'book band' to another will also be the decision of the parent.

All bands of books are kept opposite the doors to the playground, in between year 2 and year 3. The boxes are labelled with the corresponding shape for the band of books. It is important that, when changing books, they are returned to the correct box.

Times for 'book change' will be daily:

8.40-8.50am or 3.15-3.30pm

(Please make sure all children have been let out by their teachers before returning to school at the end of the day to change reading books.) Please see leaflet for further information.

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.

