



Play, Learn And Grow together.

Frome Valley Preschool

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Newsletter

Welcome to the last Preschool newsletter for this term and for this academic year.

We approach the end of term with mixed emotions. A summer break is very much needed but it also means that we will be saying goodbye to the older children, and their families, as they move on to the Reception class.

Some of these children have been coming to preschool for over two years as they joined us soon after their second birthday. It has been a real pleasure to be part of their learning and development and we will miss them all.

We have been working very hard to help prepare the children for school and hope they will all settle quickly into their new class.

PRESCHOOL TRIP AND SPORTS DAY

A huge thank you to all the parents, friends and relatives that joined us on our trip to Farmer Palmers or supported the children at the Preschool Sports day last month. We hope you enjoyed the events as much as the staff and children did.

We were incredibly proud of the children on Sports Day, Some of them only had the opportunity to practise the races a few times and with almost 40 of them gathered together, and having to sit and wait their turn, we thought their behaviour was amazing.

Well done
Preschool!



STAFF CHANGES

As announced in our April Newsletter, Babs will be leaving Preschool at the end of the Summer. We can now inform you that as from September Gemma Florance will be taking on the role of Childcare Manager at Frome Valley School.

Gemma is currently manager of a Daycare Nursery and joins us with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

It is with sadness that Tracey Oakes will also be leaving Preschool this Summer. Tracey has been part of the Preschool Team from it's beginning in September 2012.

Tracey and her husband, Ian, would like to spend time travelling and this is less achievable when restricted to the school holidays. We would like to thank Tracey for all the work that she has done over the years; she has been especially supportive of our younger and less confident children.

We wish Tracey every fun and adventure as she embarks on her travels. We look forward to the postcards!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 6th July

New Reception Children - Day in School

Friday 7th July , 3pm - 5pm

Preschool Leavers BBQ

Thursday 20th July

Last Day of Term

Friday 21st July

Closed for Staff Training



Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September

Closed for 6 weeks Summer Break

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September

Closed for Staff Training

Wednesday 6th September

First day of Autumn Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Closed for Half Term

Monday 30th October

Closed for Staff Training

Friday 15th December

Last Day of Term

Monday 18th December - Monday 1st January

Closed for Christmas Break

Tuesday 2nd January '18

First Day of Spring Term

The school will also be closed for staff training on:

Friday 9th February '18

Monday 25th July '18

Details of all Preschool and School Diary events can also be found on the calendar of the school website:

www.fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk/website/calendar

LEARNING JOURNEY REVIEWS

We will soon be sending home your child's end of term progress review. For children that will be leaving us for the Reception class the review is more detailed as it contains comments on all the areas of your child's development, as outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, not just the three prime areas as before.

We would like to encourage all parents to sign and return the review along with their comments on the coloured comment card that accompanies the review. It is helpful for us to read your comments and is a useful addition to your child's folder.

For children that will be moving up into the reception class your comment card will be given, with a copy of the review, to Miss Padfield as part of your child's transition information that we send on to the school.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING (30 hours)

For anyone that has missed the note displayed on our board for a few weeks, Dorset County Council have notified us of some important information relating to the additional hours funding.

Working parents who are or hope to access additional funding for their child in the Autumn term must have applied for and been given an eligibility code that is dated by **31st August**. Any codes dated after this date **will not** be able to be used until the Spring term.

Parents already accessing this funding should be aware that the eligibility codes are valid for only 3 months and it is a parents responsibility to ensure they check the codes are still eligible. As this is still a very new scheme we would recommend that all parents check their codes do not expire during the summer holidays!

Parents can increase the number of additional hours they claim during a term but they will not be able to apply for and use a first time claim once a term has started.

If you want to find out more about this funding or are unsure how to check your code is still valid **please** talk to Babs.