



Newsletter

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Frome Valley Preschool

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Thursday 2nd November**
Open Day for class 2018
- **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 23rd 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

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The cut off date is looming. If you need any help or advice please speak to Gemma.

You should now be applying for your child's school place online at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions>. The cut off date for applications is **15th January 2018** and these places will be released on **16th April 2018**.

There is also an open day on **Thursday 2nd November 9-12pm** for prospective parents to be shown around the school by the Head teacher. It is important to point out that attending preschool does not guarantee entry to the school so it is important that your application is made before the deadline.

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SECURITY

The children's safety whilst in our care is paramount in our day to day practice and with this in mind we have further reviewed our safety procedures.

So please can we remind you that we are a mobile free zone and that no mobile phones should be visible or used whilst in the setting. If you do need to use your phone, then can we please ask that you do so before entering the building.



The new system for the gate seems to be working well so thank you to all of you. Also just a reminder the gate will be locked by 9:10am and 12:10pm, so if you are still in preschool past this time you will have to leave through the main entrance of the school. If you arrive **after 9:10am** in the morning then a member of staff will come and collect your child from you at main reception and bring them to the preschool, this is to limit the number of parents walking through the school when assemblies and classes have started.

COLLECTION AND DROP OFF TIMES

Could we please ask that if someone else is dropping off or picking up your child then you please let the setting know in advance. This is mainly to limit confusion with the children but also support their personal, social and emotional development so they are aware of and happy with who will drop them off and pick them up.

It is also good for the setting to know as there may be times in which your child's key worker will need to speak to you or personal information will need to be shared so knowledge of when you will be available would be very helpful to continue to support us in our parents as partners vision.



OUR SUCCUESS

We have had a lot of successes this month so we thought we would share them with you.



- We have introduced more adult led focused activities and then children have been embracing this personal contact with the adults and embracing the new activities that have been introduced.
- We have introduced more fiddly finger activities for the children such as pasta threading to encourage the children's fine motor skills and aid them further in their mark making skills.
- We have been encouraging the children to recognise initial sounds using their names to support this.

WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT...

Our focus for the next four weeks will be Guy Fawkes night, talking about light and dark and using colours as a focus. We will also be introducing Christmas songs to the children in preparation for this year's Nativity. We will also be continuing with our bakery role play including making cakes and bread with the children. After two weeks we will be changing the role play into a dark den.

THINGS TO ENCOURAGE AT HOME

To support the children's learning you could:

- Take your child to a firework display and talk about the colours and sounds
- Comment on when it is light and dark and what are the differences.
- Encourage mark making with your child and let your child pay for things in the shops.



WORKING TOWARDS

We will be continuing to focus on our previous goals of choices and feelings this half term.

One of goals this term is choice making with the children. We will be encouraging the children to make choices for themselves and helping them understand that all choices have consequences. You can encourage this at home by giving your child the responsibility of making choices. For example giving your child two choices for breakfast or encourage tidying away before another activity or toy comes out.



Another goal for this term is focusing on how the children feel. Our goal for choices will also help encourage this as the children will hopefully learn to understand how their choices have impacted on their feelings, but talking about our feelings can also support your child if they are feeling anxious or unsettled for any reason as they will learn to understand and deal with their emotions more confidently.

We will also be using activities such and games and larger group activities to support the children in their understanding of delay and turn taking.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHES

Another reminder that the colder weather is now upon us so it is really important that your child is dressed appropriately for preschool.

We believe that it is important children access outdoor play whatever the weather but we can only enable them to do so if they are wearing appropriate clothing, we have a free flow system in the setting so please be aware that it is advisable to layer your child's clothes not just supply a warm coat ect. Another reminder to please provide a full change of clothing for your child incase of accidents or mucky outside play.

Many Thanks

Gemma and your team.

