

COLLECTION

On your registration forms you have stated and signed that there are allocated people or a person to collect your child. This means that if one of these people turn up to collect your child then we will allow these people or person to collect your child from the setting without prior notice from you. You will see that with this newsletter there is a update registration form, so can I please ask that you fill this in and return to me as soon as possible. Please ensure that all sections are filled in and up to date.



WET AND WINDY

We are still finding that many children are coming to the setting without a full change of clothes or suitable clothing for outside play. So can we please remind you too make sure you supply your child with a water proof coat, wellies, gloves and a hat, plus a full change of clothes including pants and socks in case they get wet and have to be changed. These items all need to be labelled with your child's name. If your child does not have suitable footwear or coat then they will not be

ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL

I have been asked to remind our parents that we are a nut free school and to please be mindful of this when packing your children's lunchboxes. A child in the school has a severe nut allergy so it is of upmost importance that we all adhere to this practice. We also have a member of staff who is severely allergic to mango so please can we ask that your child's lunchbox does not contain any mango or products containing mango.

Frome Valley Preschool. School Drive. Crossways

Dorchester. Dorset

DT2 8WR

TEL:- 01305 852643 Email: g.florance@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk

Newsletter



Play, learn and grow together

NATIVITY AND PARTY.

November 2018 Issue 3

This year we are joining reception in their rendition of 'Humph the Camel' this will be held on Tuesday 18th December at 9:10am in the main school hall followed by tea and coffee and mince pies. Attendance details will follow shortly.

We will be holding our Christmas party on Friday 21st of December 12pm till 2.30pm. If your child does not attend on this day they are still invited to attend. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

SESSIONS

Lots of parents have come and asked about new sessions or have changed sessions for the next term. Along with your update registration form I have also included a form for all parents to confirm sessions for the spring term and the summer term. Could these please be returned to me before the end of term to secure your sessions for the coming terms.

DONATIONS

We are in desperate need of underwear for both boys and girls in the setting, if you have any your children no longer use they would be greatly appreciated. If you have any that your child may have borrowed can you please return them.

Dates to remember

Tuesday 18th December

Nativity

Friday 21st December

Christmas Party

Friday 21st December

Last Day of Term and Children's Christmas Party

Monday 24th December - Monday 7th January 2019

Closed for Christmas Break

Tuesday 7th January '19

First Day of Spring Term

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

Frome Valley Preschool

Language development is very important to us so we are continuing to, throughout our sessions setting times when we focus on speech and language activities which will support all the children in their language development.

We have been working on Personal, Social and Emotional development and talking about feelings, honesty and what is being a good friend or not a good friend. The children have really engaged in these activities and have shown lots of understanding about the concepts of these activities. It is great to see the children understanding and using the values that we are teaching in their daily routine.

We will also be focussing our activities on the children's fine and gross motor skills by encouraging pencil control and fiddly fingers activities, but also working with balancing beams and stepping stones and climbing equipment.

Our Success

The children have really enjoyed taking part in our timeline in the mornings. We discuss our day together and put up the pictures together then we encourage the children to take turns in removing the pictures as the day goes on.

Our colour, space and pattern project was a great success and the children really enjoyed all the different activities we did. We also learnt about the festival of Diwali, read the story of Rama and Sita and made Chapatis together. We also talked about Guy Fawkes and about fireworks and bonfires.

The children have really loved going on our colour and shape hunts too and colour and shape recognition has really improved.



WHAT WE NEED

We are looking for pallets and sleepers to start to make a growing area for our garden and also make small world playing areas. After the success of our solar system and rockets made out of paper mache, we are now looking to make permanent small world areas on tuff trays to support the children's play. So can we please also ask for more newspaper.

We are also in need of yogurt pots for paint and glue, so if you have any going spare we would really appreciate them.

WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT

Our next topic will be Christmas, and our Nativity so our focus will be practice, practice, practice.

- We will be teaching the children Christmas songs.
- Practicing our Nativity performance.
- Making Christmas crafts and gifts

Please be aware that although there will be things that your child has made or done in preschool there will be three things that will be given out on your child's last day or the day of the party. So if you are away or unable to attend can you please let a member of staff know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly so your child doesn't miss out.

What you can encourage at home

To encourage your child's learning and development you could:

- Bring in their favourite labelled Christmas story and put it in our Christmas story box.
- Encourage your child to put on their own shoes and socks and coats.
- Sing Christmas songs with your child.
- Talk to your child about what Christmas means to you and them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a great first term at preschool. Your continued support means a lot to us and helps us within the preschool.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Many Thanks

Gemma and your Preschool team.

