Frome Valley Preschool

Welcome to your last newsletter of the school year and for some of you your last newsletter from preschool. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support has been invaluable throughout this year, so thank you very much. I look forward to continuing to support and develop the learning and education to all the existing and new children in preschool.



MONKEY WORLD

Our trip is coming up very shortly and I will be letting you all know the plans for the day. If you still need to return your permission slip and money by Wednesday 11th July please.

SOCIAL MEDIA

It has been brought to the preschools attention that there is a social media group involving some parents and things regarding the preschool have been discussed. Please can I ask whatever the topic that you inform the preschool of any concerns, questions or compliments you have because if we know this information we can deal with it directly and make improvements and celebrate success where needed. Your input is very valuable to us and it is only by working together that the preschool can be the best it can be.

Some of you have already returned your parent questionnaire but if you have yet to do so then please do as your feedback is very important to us.

If for some reason you have not yet received yours please speak to Gemma

PARTY TIME

It is our party on Friday 13th July and we are really looking forward to celebrating with you all the end of your child's journey at preschool. It is however with regret that after careful consideration the difficult decision has been made that siblings will not be able to attend, as it has been in previous years. I understand this may make things difficult, but we feel it is very important that the main focus is on the children that are leaving the preschool and their achievements.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

We are required by law to have a registration document and for this to be filled in correctly on a daily basis. It is also important to point out that we sometimes have a sun cream document and it is really important that you state that your child has sun cream on and the duration it will last. If you do not state this on the document then your child will not be able to play outside.

Please can we also remind you that before you sign your child in and when you sign them out that they are still in your care and we are not responsible for their safety.

We have been asked by the main school to ask that you do not let your children run around the school or the classrooms unattended as it is very unsafe but also that their classes have not finished and causes disruptions for the other children.

DOGS ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

A parent came to tell us, on Friday, that there was a dog on the school premises. Please can we remind everyone (including extended families) that dogs are not allowed on school premises (including the playground and field) due to health and safety reasons. This includes any dogs being carried as well.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

A parent advised us, on Friday, that children were playing with after school equipment from the archery club. The club leader had set up the equipment ready to be used by the archery club. Please can we remind parents that children are under your supervision after school and to ensure that children are not playing with after school equipment as they leave the school premises. We also need to remind parents that on site playground equipment is for school time use only.

Dates to remember

Friday 13th July

End of Preschool Party

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th July

Parent Interviews

Wednesday 18th July

Preschool Trip.

Tuesday 24th July

End of Term

3rd & 4th September

Inset Days

5th September

Start of new Term

WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT

In the last three weeks of term we will be concentrating on getting our children ready for school. We will encourage the children to be more independent and also be supporting them in the transition to school by using photo books we have made of pictures around the school and of the children's new teachers.

What you can encourage at home

At home you can support your child within the six weeks holidays by:

- Encouraging your child to put on their shoes and socks.
- Practising with their new P.E kit.
- Reading to your child at least once a day, so they are still experiencing a variety of language.
- Singing familiar songs and rhymes with your child.
- Encouraging your child to mark make with a variety of different medias.
- Count things whilst out in the local environment. E.G trees, cars.
- Encourage your child to recognise numbers whilst out and about.



- The children have really enjoyed transfer
 day and their little session for reception in the afternoons. They
 have come back full of excitement and stories of how exciting it
 is. We are really pleased these have gone well.
- Because of the hot weather we have been doing some experimenting with ice and water. We have been freezing "treasure" in water and playing with it and seeing what happened when it started to melt.
- Our sports day was a great success the children did really well and they all loved watching the parents race. You all did fantastically. Thank you to all that came to support us. Now obviously we were missing a few of our children due to holidays and illness so we have decided to hold a mini sports day before our end of term party so that the children who missed out can have their own go at all the races so their parents can watch them too. So it would be great if people who are coming to the party can come little earlier at 2.30pm to support the children in their races.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

We will be holding our parent interviews for all the children on Monday 16th July for the key children of Paula and Kylie and Tuesday 17th July for the key children of Gemma and Emma at the preschool. These will begin at 2:00pm and be based on a first come first served basis. If for some reason you are not able to attend these session then please speak directly to your child's key worker to arrange another time to meet.

ALL ABOUT ME BOOKS

Last month we handed out purple notebooks to make an all about me book for your child to take through with them to reception so Miss Padfield, Mrs Trent and Mrs Norris can get to know your child a little better for when they start school. This was just a collective idea that we had as a team and is not mandatory to be completed or returned so please do not feel pressured into making these.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM ME.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for making me feel so welcome at Frome Valley. I am sure most of you have experienced what it is like to start a new job and all of the apprehension that comes with that. I came to Frome Valley wanting to make a difference to the setting and all the children's learning and development, some of what I planned went well and others not so much, but I have embraced all of these things learning opportunities and will hopefully be better equipped to make Frome Valley Preschool the best it can be, but it is important to point out that without your continued support things and interactions that this may not of been possible. So thank you.

We wish all the children leaving us at the end of July the best of luck on their new adventure and look forward to continuing to work with all of our children still present in preschool.

Many thanks as always. Have a great summer.

Gemma and your preschool team.