



*Play, learn and grow together*

Thursday 8th February.

**Becci's Last Day.**

Friday 9th February.

**Staff Training Day.**

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February.

**Half Term.**

Thursday 29th March.

**End of Term.**

Monday 16th April.

**Start of the Summer Term.**

Monday 16th April.

**School places released.**

*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/](http://www.fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk/website/)**

## BECCI

It is with sadness that we inform you all that Beci will be leaving Frome Valley preschool on Thursday 8th February. Becci is moving to a day nursery in Weymouth. Becci has been at the preschool since it began and is a wonderful asset to our team who will be sorely missed by all staff and children.

## BILLS.

If you pay your preschool bill online direct into the bank account could you please let Gemma know when you have done this so I can check against our accounts and issue a valid receipt.

## CHATTERBOXES

Could we please have all chatterboxes returned to preschool by half term. The children have enjoyed sharing their boxes with their friends and we want to make sure that all children get this opportunity.

## NUT FREE LUNCHES

As mentioned before we are a nut free zone due to allergies. Can you please make sure you are not putting any biscuits, bars or treats in your child's lunchbox that contain any form of nut in them as they will not be able to eat them whilst in preschool.

## TAPESTRY

As you will now be aware our online learning journey system is now back up and running. We are now almost up to date with all observations and continuing to use the system daily.

I have made a few changes to the system which you may have noticed and now all staff can publish their observations, this will help with the regularity of information you will see.

We would like to ask you that now on your system at home if you could fill out the 'all about me section' on your child's learning journey as this helps us to plan and develop your child's individual learning. If you need any help on this please ask a member of staff and they will be happy to help.

We will now be completing our learning journey reviews on your child's Tapestry account so you will no longer receive a paper copy but able to access it from home whenever you like. There will still be a comment section that we would like you to fill in and again if you need any help on this we will be happy to help and provide instructions on this.

## WET WEATHER

At preschool we love to go outside but to do so we all need appropriate clothing. Could we please ask you to bring in labelled wellies and a wet weather coat. If it makes things easier please bring your wellies in a labelled bag and you can leave them at preschool.

We have two sessions of P.E a week but other than that if the children cannot access the outside area the children can only access one room for the whole day.

## MORNING ARRIVAL

Can we please ask that when waiting to come into preschool in the mornings you prevent your children from ringing the buzzer in the main foyer. It is very loud for the school children who have already started lessons and when the office is not manned it will also mean that others will have to keep coming to the door unnecessarily.

## PICK UPS

A reminder to say please let us know who is collecting your child if it is different from yourself.

# Newsletter

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## WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT.

In the next month we will be looking at our topic 'All about me' where we will be discussing similarities and differences with our friends and all about our families and homes.

We will also be looking at Chinese new year with the children. We will be learning about the Chinese calendar and looking at videos of the celebrations, making a celebration dragon and trying Chinese food.

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# GOALS

## AIMING HIGH

We have recently introduced a program called 'I Can Problem Solve'. It is a programme that Frome Valley First School use and we are now adopting the relevant programme for our preschool. It is taught in short 10-20 minute sessions in large and small groups of children and introduces the children to problem solving language and ideas to support them in their play and learning among their peers.

If you have any questions or like to know more please see Gemma.

Alongside this programme we will be really focusing on our Makaton signs to assist with language. The children have already picked up a few signs already as you may of seen at home.

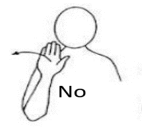
We are currently focusing on the signs for stop, no and yes. These are helping support the children in their problem solving with their peers. If you would like any information on our signs please speak to a member of staff, but we will endeavour to display them for you to see.



Stop



Yes



No



Dog

## Things you can encourage at home

To support your child's learning you can:

Talk to your child about their families and what makes them special.

Bring in pictures or memories from special events or celebrations within your family

Make a family tree and count how many people are in your family.

Talk to your child about what they have learnt about the Chinese new year and their culture.

Look at the different houses that people live in



## OUR SUCCESSES

In the last month:

The children have settled back into preschool life well and welcomed all our new children.

The children have really enjoyed and understood the introduction of our phonics. You can continue this at home by looking for things that start with our 'letter of the week' which will be displayed outside the classroom.

The staff have been getting used to a more effective and practical ways of using Tapestry to its full potential.

The children have been enjoying short quiet and reflective sessions, where we have been encouraging the children to relax and calm.

## It's nearly time for school

## SCHOOL READINESS

With the school places being released soon it will now be part of our planning to start getting the children school ready.

We will be introducing this to our children in the next half term but a full list of the school readiness, requirements will be given to you at the start of the summer term where it will be our priority focus.

To support this we have already begun to focus on our phonics. We will be making a display of all the letters we have looked at so if your child identifies these in the home environment you could post it to their learning journey.



Thank you for your continued support for the preschool we are looking forward to what the next half term has in store.

Gemma and your preschool team.