



Newsletter

Play, learn and grow together

Frome Valley Preschool

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 16th October**
School photos
- **Monday 23rd October -**
- **Friday 27th October**
Closed for Half Term
- **Monday 30th October**
Closed for Staff Training
- **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 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

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

You can now apply 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 a 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 pre-school does not guarantee entry to the school so it is important that your application is made before the deadline.

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CHATTERBOXES

The children have been busy decorating their chatterboxes and they are nearly ready to go home to be filled. In your child's chatterbox you will find a list of things you may like to include. This is a suggested list, but your child may also change things or add to them when they wish. We are using chatterboxes to encourage children's communication and language development but also to support their Personal, social and emotional growth too, as when a child can identify more personally in their learning and the resources they use, the benefits are incredible.

SECURITY

The children's safety whilst in our care is paramount in our day to day practice and with this in mind we have reviewed our safety procedures. From October 16th the entrance gate you use at 9am, 12pm and 3pm will be kept shut. You will still use the gate but we now ask that as you come through it you shut it behind you. Also the gate will now be locked by 9:10am and 12:10pm, so if you are still in pre-school past this time you will have to leave through the main entrance of the school.



PHOTOS

MONDAY 16th October

Children can be photographed with older and younger siblings and will be carried out in a specific order. Please arrive at the main entrance of the school and make your way to the main hall. The times and order the photographs will be taken are as followed:

- 8.15am Children with siblings in school.
- 8.45am Children with siblings not in school ie. Babies and toddlers
- 9.00am Preschool children not attending a Monday session.
- All other children will have their photo taken during their morning session.

OUR SUCCUES

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

- All of our new children have settled in well and are happy in the environment and making new friends.
- The newly arranged room is working out well and the children are enjoying the extra space. The space allows the children to move their play and learning around the room more freely.
- The introduction of messy play has been very exciting and we have been exploring things like beans, jelly and shaving foam.
- We have been playing more with the reception children in our shared play area and the pre school have loved this as they have been catching up with friends.



WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT...

Our focus for the next two weeks will be Autumn and the changes we see in the environment. To encourage your children in this topic you could:

- Point out the differences you see when out in the environment together
- Collect and bring in autumnal things you may find in the environment.
- Bring in stories relating to our focus.

Our learning together at home will be an autumnal scavenger hunt.



WORKING TOWARDS

One of goals this month 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. One of the ways we will encourage this is by allowing the children to chose what they want to play with, but teaching them that before they can get their chosen toy out they must first tidy away what is already out.

Another goal for this month is focusing on children and how they feel. We believe it is an important part of children's personal, social and emotional development to understand how they feel, why they feel like that and to be able to talk about it. 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 our chatterboxes can also support this as if your child is feeling anxious or unsettled they can use their chatterbox to tell an adult all about the familiar items inside and therefore feeling more settled.

We will also be introducing our achievement tree.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHES

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, so can you please make sure your child has suitable clothing everyday. We do encourage the children to be independent and to put on additional clothing such as gloves, scarves or wellington boots by themselves but we will support them to do this. Along side this can we also please ask that you provide a full set of spare clothes incase of accidents or mucky outside play.

Many Thanks

Gemma and your team.

