

Newsletter

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Issue 2

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**.

ALL ABOUT ME

Tapestry is now up and running for all parents, if you are having trouble accessing it please speak to Kylie, there is a section on your child's profile where you can fill in an all about section on your child. Can we ask that you do this for your child please as this helps us plan activities centred around your child's interests.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

As a legal requirement we must have a document registering the children left in our care on a daily basis in accordance with Ofsted and Health and Safety. This is situated on the table just inside the preschool door. It is of utmost importance that you sign your child into our care and out when you collect them.

PAYMENTS

For parents that pay for sessions at the preschool, could I please ask that if paying by BACS transfers that when you have done so, you could please let me know by either email or when in the preschool. The reason for this is that I do not have direct access to the bank so cannot make a note of payments on your invoicing. The school also need a record of the payments that the preschool are taking.

Once you have made the payment and let the preschool know, I will then check with the main office and once confirmed a receipt will be issued.

If you pay by cash or cheque please ensure you collect a receipt to confirm payment.

Dates to remember

Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October **Closed for Half Term**

Monday 29th October

Closed for Staff Training

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

WET AND WINDY

As you will all know we have had some pretty wet and windy weather in recent weeks. As part of our learning and development we do still try and allow the children access to the outside area as much as possible, but we can only do this if the children have suitable wet weather clothing. So please 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 incase they get wet and have to be changed. These items all need to be labelled with your child's name.



FUNDING AND SPACES.

Parents have started to show an interest in increasing their child's sessions in the preschool. We recommend that children do attend at least two sessions a week but if you are in receipt of 15 or 30 hours funding then we do suggest that you take full advantage of this service provided by the Government. If you wish to increase your sessions whether it is this term or in the next two then please speak to Gemma as soon as possible so that your space can be reserved. We tend to fill up quite rapidly throughout the year and if you do not reserve a space then unfortunately one cannot be guaranteed.

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The children will be encouraged and supported to become more responsible for their own environment for example, in tidying up the classroom themselves, helping set up for snack and cleaning up afterwards. We will also ask the children to help set up activities of their choosing throughout the day.

We have begun to introduce simple signing to the new children and we have introduced our welcome song, originally sung by Mr Tumble, at our morning carpet time, which encourages the children to tell us their names and become confident in larger groups.

We have also introduced a timeline alongside our "what time is it?" wall display to support the children in the preschool transitions throughout the day. It also supports the new children in settling into their new preschool. This supports the children with their Personal, Social and Emotional Development.



Our Success

- 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 and zoned areas. The space allows the children to move their play and learning around the room more freely.
- The new routine is providing more structure and consistency for the children.



WHAT WE NEED

We are aiming to make our own Solar system to be displayed in the classroom, so if you have any old newspapers could we please ask that you bring them in so we can use them to not only make our solar system but also small world play activities. The more the better, thank you.



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WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT

This month we will be looking at Space and Planets.

- We will be reading Whatever Next and Aliens Love Underpants.
- Talking about night and day, what we would take to the moon, singing space songs
- Playing with green slime, cloud dough, sparkly jelly and

What you can encourage at home

- Read space stories at home.
- Bring in your child's favourite space stories to share.
- Talk to your child about the differences between night and day.
- Encourage your child to mark make.
- When out in the environment look for numbers and letters with your child.

BIKES, TRIKES AND SCOOTERS.

At Frome Valley we do encourage children to be as active as possible and walk or ride to school in the mornings. If you do decide to bring in a scooter or bike then could you please discourage your child from riding them inside the school and also leave them round in the school playground in the designated area so they are safe and other children are not tempted to ride on them.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Gemma and the preschool team.