



Frome Valley Preschool

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Play, learn and grow together

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 11th December.**
Nativity Play.
- **Friday 15th December.**
Preschool Party
9:30am till 1:00pm
- **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
Monday 15th January '18
School Application Cut Off.
- **Friday 9th February**
School Inset Day.
- **Monday 12th to Friday 16th**
February.
Half Term



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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**.

SECURITY

Just a thank you to all parents for keeping up with our new security procedures. Can we please just remind everyone that the gate to preschool opens towards the Church and will not open properly if pushed inwards.

COLLECTION AND DROP OFF TIMES

Please can we remind you to keep us informed of who is collecting your child if it is different from yourselves. If it changes during the day then please just give us a call to let us know.

NATIVITY

Our nativity will be on Monday 11th December at 9am in the main school hall. The children have been practicing their songs really well over the last few weeks and would love for you to come and watch them sing. There will be refreshments served afterwards.



CHRISTMAS PARTY.

As some of you will already know our party is on 15th December for the children. It will start at 9:30am and it will finish for children not normally present on that day at 1:00pm. We have already started handing out invitations, but could you please return them A.S.A.P so we know how many children we are catering for.

TAPESTRY

We are currently having problems with our online system resulting in parents and staff being unable to access the child's learning journals. Please bear with us as we are trying to resolve this problem as quickly as possible. Rest assured though that your child's progress is still being monitored on a regular basis.

FUNDING.

You will find your child's funding form included in this paper work. Can I please ask that you check all details are correct and write in the hours you wish to claim from preschool for next term. Please include the hours you are claiming at any other settings and sign the back of the form.

Any parents claiming for the 30 hours scheme please make sure that all sections of the form are filled with the correct details as this will affect the preschool's ability to claim for your child's funding. Please return all funding forms to Gemma by Wednesday 13th December.

Newsletter

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OUR SUCCUES

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



- The children have done really well with learning their new Christmas songs and have enjoyed all our new Christmas stories.
- The achievement tree has been really successful and the children have loved celebrating their own and their peers achievements in our group times.
- We have been slowly introducing the use of Makaton to the children to assist in language and communication development. The children have really embraced this aspect of communication and we hope to continue this further into the new year.

WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT...

At the start of the next term we will be looking at all things to do with Winter including the weather and what we wear.



THINGS TO ENCOURAGE AT HOME

To support the children's learning you could:

- Take your child for a winter walk and talk about the colours and signs of weather you see in the environment.
- Talk about what you need to wear to keep warm when we go out.
- Encourage number and shape recognition both at home and in the environment.

WORKING TOWARDS

In the next term we will be working on our mark making skills. Focusing in on using things such as pencils and paint-

brushes and how we hold them and control them in order to get us school ready.

We will also be using fiddly finger activities to encourage our fine motor skills such as threading and using tweezers. We will also be using messy play activities to mark make in.

We will also be encouraging the children to manage their feelings and behaviour. We will be using the achievement tree to encourage good choices in the preschool environment but also talking to the children about ways in which they can problem solve. We will be using games and group times to encourage the children to turn take and tolerate delays in order to equip them for the school



CHRISTMAS

As you all know we will be closing on Friday 15th December and we will be reopening preschool on Tuesday 2nd January.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making me feel so welcome and at ease at preschool in my first term. I have really enjoyed my first term and look forward to myself, the team, the children and yourselves continuing to take Frome Valley Preschool from strength to strength in the new year and the future.



The team and myself would like to wish all the children and the parents a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year

Many Thanks for your continued support.
Gemma and your team.

