



NEWSLETTER

Play, learn and grow together

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 2nd January
First day of Spring Term
- Monday 15th January.
Deadline for school applications
- Friday 9th February
Staff Training day-Closed
- Monday 12th-16th February
Closed for Half Term.
- Thursday 29th March-13th April
Closed for Easter Holidays.

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/

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all the children and families and a special welcome to the new children who have joined our class.

Just a few reminders for everyone as we start the new term.

NUT FREE AND HEALTHY EATING

Please can we remind all parents that we are a nut free environment throughout the whole school so can you check the contents of your child's lunchbox. We also must remind you that we encourage healthy eating within the preschool and ask that you do not supply sweets or chocolate bars in your child's lunchbox.

We also ask that you supply your child with a labelled drinks bottle everyday for preschool. These are kept on our drinks station so the children can access them throughout the day.



FUNDING

Can I please ask that if you have yet to return your funding form then can you please do so by Monday 15th January. Please make sure 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 you have confirmed or reconfirmed your eligibility by 11th January and let the preschool know.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

You should now of applied for your child's school place. There are still a few hundred parents in Dorset who have not applied for their child's school place. It is very important you do this as soon as possible to ensure your application is received on time or it may affect your child's place at your chosen school. Please visit this address to make your application. <http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions>

TAPESTRY

We are now back up and running with our online system. Thank goodness. Please bear with us as we get ourselves back up to date after not being able to add to the system for a month. Please feel free to start accessing and adding to your child's learning journey as soon as possible.

CHATTERBOXES

Can we please ask that you return your child's chatterboxes to preschool as soon as possible please so we can begin to use them.

COMMENT CARDS.

Could we ask if you haven't already done so could you please return your comment cards from your child's review as these are very useful feedback for each key worker.

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Frome Valley Preschool

THINGS WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON

These are a few things we will be focussing in on with the children this month.

- We have been 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 will be continuing to use Makaton in our everyday practice.
- We will be encouraging the children to be more independent with their self care. Supporting them in daily activities such as putting on shoes and socks, washing hands and doing up coats.
- We will be focussing in on the children's behaviour and conflict resolution and introducing ideas, activities and phrases in order to support children in making their own decisions and understanding

WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT...

This 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.

OUR GOALS

As a reminder this next term we will be working on our mark making skills. Focusing in on using things such as pencils and paintbrushes and how we hold them and control them in order to get us school ready.



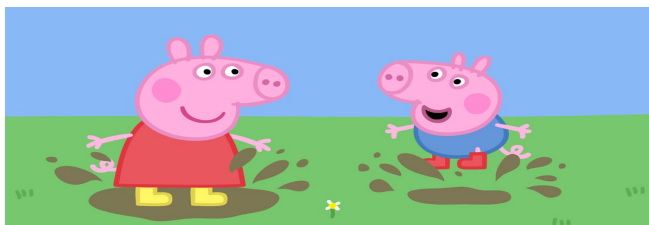
We will also be using fiddly finger activities to encourage our fine motor skills such as threading and using tweezers. We will also be using messy play activities to mark make in.

Our next goal will be that children can confidently manage their own feelings and behaviour within pre-school. 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 daily life.



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 the outside area as much as possible, but we can only do this if the children have suitable wet weather clothing. So can we please ask that 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. Can we please also ask that all these items are labelled.



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