

## WET AND WINDY

We are still finding that many children are coming to the setting without a full change of clothes or suitable clothing for outside play. We do not have enough spare clothes to for all the children in the setting. So can we please remind you too 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.



If your child does not have suitable footwear or coat then they will not be able to go outside.

## DONATIONS

We are in desperate need of underwear for both boys and girls in the setting, if you have any your children no longer use they would be greatly appreciated. If you have any that your child may of borrowed can you please return them.

## INFORMATION EVENINGS

As an effort to strengthen relationships between practitioners and parents we are thinking of introducing information evenings. These will be where we invite you in to the setting without the children to provide you with relevant information on the preschool, education or funding that is involved in running the setting. I will be putting out a suggestion box for you to submit ideas that you wish to discuss.

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS

As a reminder and also to inform the new parents of the setting that we are a healthy school and we encourage this by asking that parents do not include fizzy drinks, chocolate bars and sweets in your child's lunchbox.



# Newsletter



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## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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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>

**CLOSING DATE**  
**15TH JANUARY 2019**

## TAPESTRY

We have been having issues with our tablets and internet provider so we have been struggling to get on to tapestry to upload any activities on the children, but please rest assured that we are still observing and monitoring the children, we are just using their paper copies of the EYFS. You should of also received your child's termly report by now and you will see we have attached a comments slip to this newsletter for you to fill in and return.

## Dates to remember

**Monday 7th January 19**

**First Day of Spring Term**

**Friday 15th February 19**

**Inset day**

**Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February 19**

**Half Term**

**Friday 8th March 19**

**Open morning for Parents**

**Friday 5th April 19**

**End of Spring term.**

**Tuesday 23rd April 19**

**First day of Summer Term**

*Details can also be found on the calendar of the school website:*

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

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Frome Valley Preschool

## Our Success

Our biggest success last month was our Nativity. I think you will all agree the children looked wonderful and sang brilliantly. They practiced really hard and we were extremely proud of them all.

The Christmas cards, gifts and treats were a great success. The children really enjoyed making them and very proud of the finished items.

We had a great time at our Christmas party. All the children looked lovely and we had lots of fun dancing, playing games and eating lots of yummy food. We were very lucky to have Santa leave us a little surprise

## NO NUTS AND NO MANGO

We have recently had a few incidents with both nuts and mango coming into pre-school. Can we please ask that you are extremely vigilant with what is included in your child's lunch box. Both people have severe allergies to these items which when in even slight contact of these items can have serious affects on their health. It is of the utmost importance that anything containing nuts or mango are not bought into the school.



This new term we will still be focussing on Personal, Social and Emotional Development of the children. This is a very important area of development for children and will help them learn how to manage their feelings and cope with things like delay and turn taking. We will be focussing on teaching the children about turn taking, their feelings and also introducing strategies that will help the children regulate their emotions and behaviours.

Our other focus this term will be literacy and numeracy. We will be introducing numerical and shape games and activities for the children to play in groups and also to access for child initiated play. We will also be making sure that the children enjoy a wide range of stories and songs on a daily basis to encourage language development .

## WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT

This month we are looking at the topic of the Weather and seasons.

- We will be discussing different kinds of weathers.
- Looking at the different seasons and the changes we can see.
- Investigating different countries of the world and their weather.
- Learning about the water cycle
- Going on weather walk
- Splashing in puddles

## What you can encourage at home

At home you can:

- Talk about the weather on your walks or drives to pre-school
- Talk about the things we use water for
- Go on weather walks yourselves
- Read books about the weather

## SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

Many of you will see that we have new play equipment installed at the back of the preschool. This is for the whole school to use during school hours. **Under no circumstances is this to be used before or after school hours.**

Welcome back to all our preschool children for our new spring term and a big hello to all our new children that are joining us for this term we look forward to all the fun we will be having.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Gemma and your preschool team.