

March 2017 Newsletter – Number 1

Dear Mums, Dads, and Carers

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a relaxing half term break. This half term is 7 weeks and we break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 7th April at 2.50 pm.



The children really enjoyed the visit from the Policeman. They learned that the Police help people just like the Superhero's. Some of the children also knew they would ring 999 if they needed the Police in an emergency. The children enjoyed trying on the different hats and exploring the Police car.

Activities

This half term we are following the children's interests. Superheroes are a firm favourite. We asked the children 'What do they know about Superhero's' and this is what they said. "Superhero's are people who look after us, they save people, animals, and dogs", "There are girl Superhero's and I have a Super-sister who looks after me", "Superhero's live in a cave", Superhero's only have friends, they do not have a family", "Superhero's do not have a birthday", "Superhero's wear a costume" and "they eat food, donuts, pizza, strawberries, and healthy food". From these answers, we have planned the following.

W/C 6th March the children can visit the Fruit and Vegetable Shop and design their vehicle to travel to the shop. During our small circle groups, we will talk about 'we have the right to nutritious food'.

W/C 13th March the children can build a cave thinking about how 'we have the right to a home'.



W/C 20th March we can design Mother's Day cards as we do have the right to family. During this week, we will also think about helping people from a different country in supporting Comic relief. A separate letter will come home with further details on how we are going to support this.

W/C 27th March we will plan a birthday party as everyone has the right grow up.

W/C 3rd April, as well as celebrating Easter we will have a Superhero birthday party.

Please do let us know your child's interests.

Angus, the RugbyTots instructor will be joining us again on Thursday 9th March for another session on developing our physical skills.

World Book Week – W/C 27th February

It was great to see so many children dress as their favourite book or nursery rhyme character. We read so many stories and learned the children's favourite stories. Thank you for your donations, we raised £20 to send to Africa.

30-hour government funding for 3 and 4 year olds

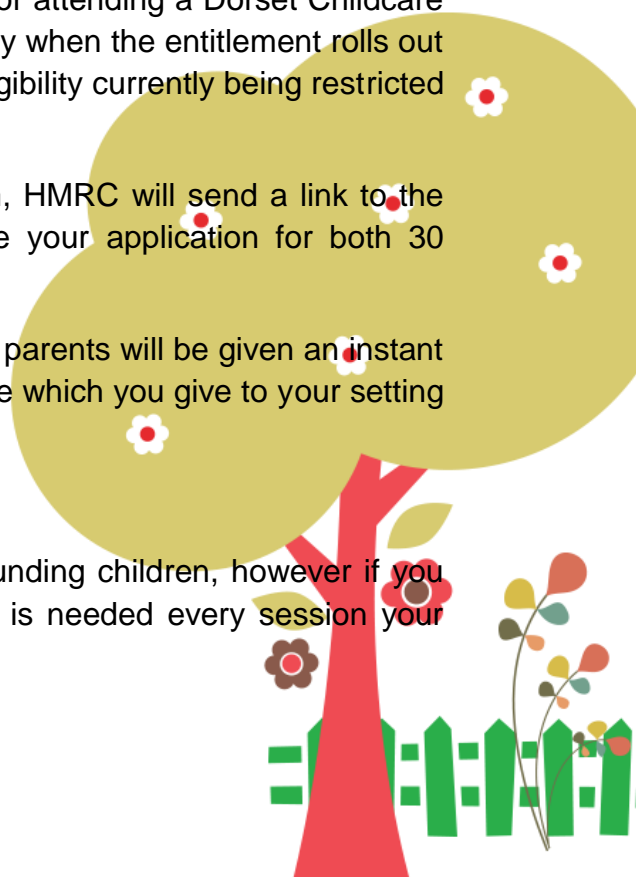
The funding forms have come home this week in your child's bookbag, parents wishing to take up their 30 hours entitlement must first of all express an interest by following the button on the parents 30 hours pages of Dorset For You, which can be found from this link www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/30hours This link also gives you eligibility information. When clicking on the "Express an Interest" button, parents will be asked to complete a pre-approval form which will be used by HMRC to ensure the parent is a Dorset Local Authority Area resident and/or attending a Dorset Childcare setting. This stage is additional to that which will apply when the entitlement rolls out nationally later in the year, but is necessary due to eligibility currently being restricted to the Dorset LA area.

Once parents have completed the pre-approval form, HMRC will send a link to the on-line application system where you can complete your application for both 30 hours' children and tax free childcare.

Once the full on-line application has been completed, parents will be given an instant answer and those who are eligible will be given a code which you give to your setting as evidence of your eligibility.

Snack fees

The snack fee invoice is voluntary for government funding children, however if you choose not to pay this invoice, then a piece of fruit is needed every session your child attends.



Absence from Pre-school

Please can you inform Pre-school by either emailing, texting or leaving a message to let us know if your child is unable to attend. A Pre-school staff member will ring you on the morning your child doesn't attend if you do not let us know prior to being absent.

Kind Regards
Karen

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th March – Angus RugbyTots Instructor

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

Sunday 26th March – Mother's Day

Saturday 1st April – Cranborne Duck Race – further details to follow

Friday 7th April – last session before the Easter break





