

June 2017 Newsletter – Number 2

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

I can't believe how quickly this half term is speeding along.

Activities

The children have planted vegetables and flowers and our outside garden is starting to look like an allotment with pumpkins and beans growing. The children were able to say what plants and vegetables need to be able to grow (water and sunshine) and what would happen if they didn't receive them.

Our caterpillars have built their cocoons and we have transferred them to the butterfly house, where we will eagerly wait for their arrival. We plan to go on a mini-beast hunt over the next week as well as read the story "Jack and the Beanstalk" under the tree in the Cranborne Allotment area. Weather permitting we plan to do this on **Monday 3rd July at 9 am**. A risk assessment is always completed before we take the children off the premises.

Hopefully you can hear your child singing the songs we plan to sing in our end of year performance. Please look in your child's learning journey to see what part they are playing and whether they need a costume.

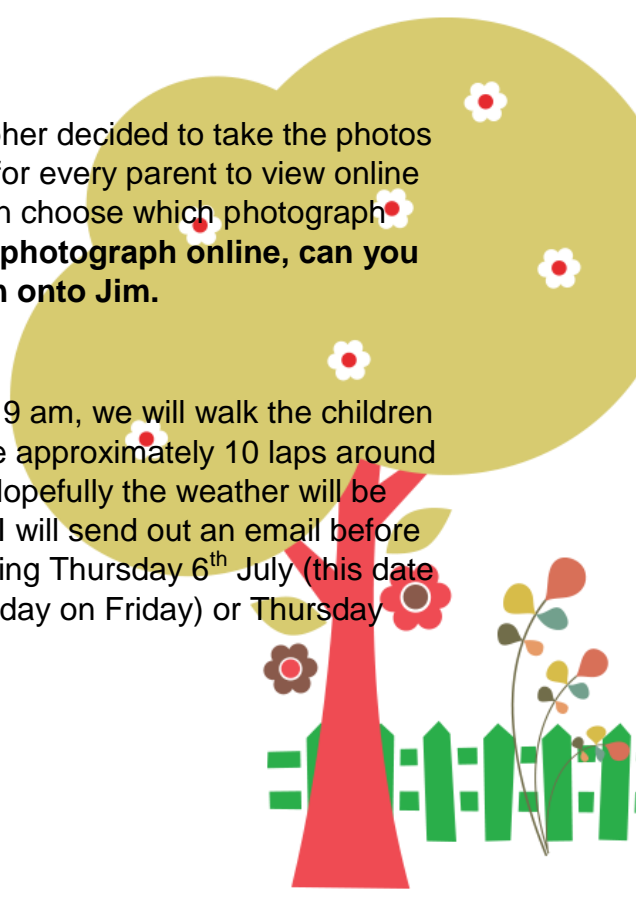
We have also been talking about what we need to grow and change. The children said we need water, sleep, exercise and food. There is, however, one more thing we need and we will explore this over the next coming weeks. Please look out for this in your child's learning journey.

Photographer

We were so lucky with the weather that the photographer decided to take the photos outside. Jim Pascoe will put all the children together for every parent to view online via a link that I will email to each parent. You can then choose which photograph you would like buy. **If you do not want your child's photograph online, can you please let me know and I will pass this information onto Jim.**

Running Rings

As you are aware running rings will now take place at 9 am, we will walk the children to the recreation area where the children will complete approximately 10 laps around a circuit. They will receive a medal and a certificate. Hopefully the weather will be better tomorrow, if I need to cancel the running rings, I will send out an email before Pre-school starts. I have 2 alternate days, the first being Thursday 6th July (this date depends on whether the first school have their sports day on Friday) or Thursday 13th July.



Parent Questionnaire

Your child has brought home a parent questionnaire form. Your views are very important to us, please can all completed questionnaire be returned by Friday 30th June. There is a comment section that would be more useful to us than putting yes or no answers.

Progress Reports

For each child who starts school this September, a progress report will be coming home during the next week. Please can you complete the parent and child section and return it to Pre-school by Friday 30th June.

Transfer Day

Transfer day this year is on Friday 7th July and the first school are offering an hour to spend in Reception class getting to know their teacher. If your appointment is between 8.45 – 9.45 am your child can attend Pre-school after this and the same with the appointment time 10.15 – 11.15 am and not before. Unfortunately, for the safety of other children, I cannot have children coming and going all morning. If your child's appointment is 1.15 – 2.15 pm and they normally spend the morning at Pre-school, they can attend Pre-school and you can pick them up at 12.50 pm, but will not be able to return to Pre-school. **Please speak to Karen if you require any further information.**

Lastly, I will be taking the leavers photograph on **Monday 10th July and Friday 14th July at 9 am**, so the children can wear something special. The children can change into their normal Pre-school clothes if you do not want them to wear their special clothes for the whole session.

Kind Regards
Karen

Dates for your diary

Running Rings – Thursday 29th June at 9 am

Walk to Cranborne Allotment – Monday 3rd July at 9am

Running Rings – alternative dates Thursday 6th or Thursday 13th July

Parent Questionnaire & Progress Reports – Returned by Friday 30th June

End of Year Party & Performance – Friday 21st July, finishing at 12.50 pm.



