

October 2015 Newsletter – Number 2

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

As you can see from the photographs, the children listened very carefully as Zoe talked about the different water samples and would they be 'safe to drink'. We then looked at how children from around the world accessed water. We looked at one particular picture of a group of children who were washing their faces in a river. The children talked about where they washed their faces and how sometimes they enjoyed this, just as the children in the picture are. We talked about being different where we bathed, but being similar in how we enjoyed it.



Next half term we are hoping to put up a tippy-tap in our outside area for the children to access water to wash their hands.

Photographer – Friday 6th November

The photographer will be with us from 9am, if you would like your child's sibling to have their photograph taken together please can you let Karen know. All children are welcome to have their photograph taken even if Friday isn't the morning your child normally attends.

Activities

The first week we return after the half term break, the children will be taking part in their key-person circle activities (**please can you bring in a picture or object for the children to show and talk about during this activity**). We will also be creating bonfire pictures and cooking baked apples with raisins.

On Tuesday 10th November we plan to go on a 'Bear Hunt' around Cranborne looking for clues to help us find the next one. We plan to finish the hunt in the Recreation Area where we will be able to have our snack. We always risk assess trips away from Pre-school and adhere to 2:1 child/staff ratio, copies of our risk



assessments are kept at Pre-school. Please can you sign the permission slip and return by Friday 6th November. Can you please ensure the children bring their wellies and a warm coat?

Following the children's interests we plan to set up a baby's clinic inviting the Health Visitor in to help us look after them. We would like to help the children discover what they could do as a baby, how and what has helped them to grow. To help with this please can each child bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby.

Stay and Play Session – Friday 4th December

You are warmly invited to attend our Stay and Play session on Friday 4th December from 8.50am to 10am. The aim of this session is to share with you how we support the children with their 'letters and sounds' at this stage of their development through various activities that we plan.

Please can I ask all parents to adhere to the following health and safety advice to ensure the safety of all children.

- Can all bags and coats be hung in the kitchen, with mobile phones being switched off and kept in the kitchen.
- If you need to use the toilet, please let a staff member know who will direct you to the toilet behind the screen in the entrance hall.
- If your child needs to use the toilet, please let a staff member know who will open the door into the entrance hall.
- Due to our insurance and OFSTED regulations we are not able to let younger siblings under 2 stay for these sessions.
- If you need to leave before 10am, please let a staff member know who will unlock the door and let you out.

If you would like to join us please can you return the slip below, so I can have an idea of how many parents and children will be joining us.

Parent and Key-person Consultations

During this half term your child's key-person will be inviting you in for a meeting to discuss the progress your child is making and what their next steps are. Please look out for these dates in your child's red learning journey.

Fundraising

Please join us for our fundraising event this half term. We are holding a Barn Dance on Friday 13th November. Please see attached flyer. Fundraising is vital to Pre-school; we hope to see you all there.



Children In Need

This is an event that we support each year. On Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November the children can dress as their favourite hero (including superheroes) for a small donation.

No Lunch Club

There will be no lunch club on **Tuesday 10th November** due to a staff meeting. Pre-school will finish at 11.50 am. **Please can you ensure your child is promptly picked up at 11.50 am?**

If your child attends lunch club on a Tuesday but not on a Friday, they are welcome to join us for the Friday lunch club

Kind Regards
Karen

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 2nd November – **Start of the half term**

Friday 6th November – **Photographer from 9am**

Tuesday 10th November – **No lunch club and Bear Hunt walk around Cranborne**

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th November – **Children In Need**

Friday 13th November – **Barn Dance (see separate flyer)**

Friday 4th December – **Stay and Play session (letters and sounds)**

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD _____

TO GO ON A 'BEAR HUNT' WALK ON TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER AROUND CRANBORNE.

I ***WILL/WILL NOT** BE JOINING THE STAY AND PLAY SESSION ON FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER FROM 9.50 AM TO 10 AM. (***Please circle**)

SIGNED: _____ DATE _____



