

## September Newsletter 2015 – Number 1

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The staff and I wish everyone a very warm welcome to all new and returning parents and their children. We would like to thank all the parents for their kind words and gifts at the end of the summer term. Hopefully everyone had a good summer; we are enjoying listening to the children's adventures they have experienced during their holidays.

### Food Allergies

We have a child joining us at Pre-school this September who has a severe egg and peanut allergy. We ask all families to respect the child's safety and well-being and **not** eat products containing these allergens before coming to Pre-school. We also ask all families **not** to include egg or peanut products in their child's lunch.

Please can I ask all parents to cut their child's grapes and tomatoes in half as they pose a choking hazard.

### Activities

This term is seven weeks starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and finishing on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, as well as following the children's interests we have the following activities planned.

This week we have been 'getting to know one another'. For example, rolling the ball to each other whilst saying our name and singing the 'hello song'. Next week we are planning to make our promises, thinking about our rights at Pre-school and the rights of others. We help the children to learn about the promises through painting their hand and putting their hand print on our promise board, discussing how we can make our promises. For example, we all have the right to be safe, therefore one of our promises is 'We use our kind hands, feet and words', another promise would be 'We all have the right to play', therefore we promise to look after our toys.

We are also thinking about 'What makes me unique'. We would like to help the children make a family tree. **(Please can the children bring in photographs of their family to make the tree by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September).**

We will also be joining Cranborne First School on a visit to the Cranborne Church at 9.15 am to celebrate 'Harvest Festival' on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The visit usually lasts for approximately 40 minutes. Parents are welcome to join us. A permission



slip will come home in your child's book bag from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. We have also been invited to join the First School assembly to learn the Harvest Festival songs on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Coats, hats and gloves**

Please can you ensure your child's clothes are named, it helps save time at the end of the session. We have an account with 'Nametags', every time you order the Pre-school receives 20%. On the table in the entrance hall are some examples, please let me know if you would like an order form.

### **Chatter Natter**

Each child will have a turn of bringing home a box call 'Chatter Natter'. The children are able to choose something from home to bring in and show the children during the morning. We have a policy of 'no toys' from home unless your child needs a comforter or they bring the Chatter Natter box home.

### **Parent and Key-person Consultations**

This half term your child's key-person will be busy taking observations and assessing these. During the second autumn half term your key-person will invite you in for a consultation regarding how your child is progressing. Dates and times will be distributed during the first week we return after the half term break.

Lastly, we have an open door policy, this means we welcome you to spend a morning at Pre-school any time, speak to staff members, your key-person and the Leader regarding any aspect of your child's time at Pre-school including routines and policies.

Kind Regards  
Karen





