

September Newsletter 2016 - 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. 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 at Pre-school who has a severe egg and peanut anaphylactic 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 you check if the product **may** contain these allergens, we do check your child's lunch box and will put a polite note to remind you for next time.

Please remember to cut all grapes and tomatoes in half as they pose a choking hazard.

Activities

This week we are setting up a travel agent as the children have enjoyed telling us where they went on their holidays, many also enjoying a visit to the seaside. The theme this week is the seaside. We read 'Rainbow Fish' on Friday, the story is about a fish that wouldn't share and had no friends, however he visited an Octopus who said, "If he shared his colourful fins it would make him happy and his friends would want to play with him. The children can make their own 'Rainbow Fish' deciding on what colour to decorate it.

We have been discussing sharing at Pre-school and our 'Rights Respecting Charter'. Each child made a promise to try:

- To use their kind hands, feet and voices;
- To look after each other;
- To look after our Pre-school toys and
- To stay safe and walk inside.

Please can you talk to your child about their right to play and the rights of others.

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 3rd October. The visit usually lasts for approximately 40 minutes. Parents are welcome to join us. We plan to



have an autumn walk around Cranborne on Monday 26th September finishing with a visit to the Church and practise our Harvest Festival songs.

Absent from Pre-school

If your child is ill or cannot attend Pre-school, please ensure you let us know. You can ring or text the Pre-school on the above number or email leaving a message.

Coats, hats and gloves

Please can you ensure your child's clothes are named, it helps to 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 Karen know if you would like an order form.

Chatter Natter

Each child will have a turn of bringing home a box called '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.

AGM – Monday 26th September

This is where we say goodbye to committee members who have helped to keep Pre-school running smoothly and welcome new members. Without a committee the Pre-school is unable to run. If you would be interested in becoming a committee member please do come along to our AGM. It is held at Pre-school and starts at 7.30 pm.

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 anytime, 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



Dates for your diary

Monday 26th September – Autumn walk around the village

Monday 26th September – AGM at 7.30pm – Everyone welcome

Monday 3rd October – Celebrating Harvest Festival with the First School



