

September 2017 Newsletter – 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 this September who has a **severe egg allergy**. We ask all families to respect the child's safety and well-being and **not** eat products containing egg before coming into Pre-school. We also ask all families **not** to include egg products in their child's lunch; we do check your child's lunch box and will put in a polite note to remind you next time.

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

This term we are exploring the 'Right to Nutritious Food (Article 24)' and therefore would ask parents to provide a healthy lunch. Water is the best drink for children as it contains no sugar; the children have a fresh water bottle each session which they use at lunch time.

Learning Journals

The village hall now has Wi-Fi and we have purchased an online learning journal called Tapestry. Some of the parents may have already used this before especially if they attend another setting that has this already set up. We are still using your child's red learning journey as a communication book for comments such as, 'My Granny is picking me up today', or 'I didn't sleep very well last night and may need a little more support'. Observations and learning is happening all the time and they are all being loaded onto Tapestry, we will soon be sending you a letter home explaining how you can access them.

Activities

This term is seven weeks starting on Thursday 7th September and finishing on Friday 20th October, as well as following the children's interests we have the following activities planned.

Over the next few weeks we are exploring the story "The Three Little Pigs". The pigs left home to build their own home, and we have been exploring with the children where they live and who they live with. **Please can you send in some family**



pictures for us to stick with the children in their red learning journey (communication book).

Next week we plan to get to know each other, for example, rolling the ball to each other whilst saying our name and singing the hello song. We have also been thinking about making our promises, as well as our rights at Pre-school and the rights of others. We help the children learn about the promises by painting their hand and putting their hand print on the promise board. We have four promises at Pre-school and they are:

- To use our kind voices, hand and feet;
- 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 9th October. Parents are welcome to join us. The visit usually lasts for approximately 40 minutes. We plan to have an autumn walk around Cranborne on Monday 2nd October finishing with a visit to the Church and practise our Harvest Festival songs.

From Monday 11th September we are introducing a sound box. On the sound box will be a letter and in the box will be objects that begin with the letter sound. We are beginning with the letter 'a'. Please can you help your child find objects that begin with this sound and look around the environment to find this letter and sound it out.

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. If we haven't heard from you we will ring on the first morning of absence.

Bumps and Bruises Book

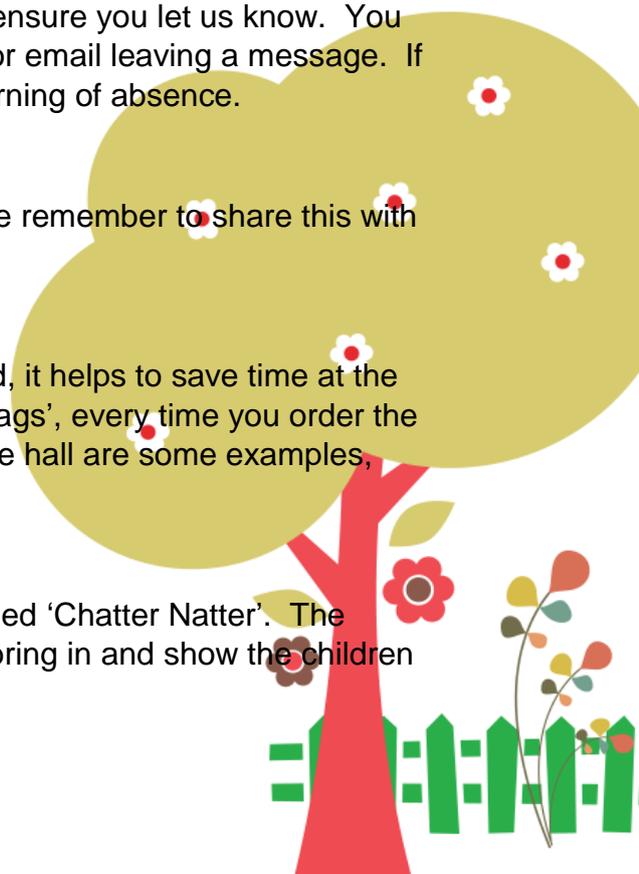
If your child has had a bump or bruise at home, please remember to share this with us and write it in our bumps and bruises book.

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 in the Chatter Natter box home.

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

No lunch club – Monday 11th September due to staff training

Music with Jan Keen – Tuesday 19th September at 10.30 am

Art with Miranda – Tuesday 26th September all morning

Autumn walk – Monday 2nd October

Music with Karen Frampton – Friday 6th October

Celebrating Harvest Festival – Monday 9th October

