

September Newsletter 2016 - Number 2

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The children are settling in well and getting to know their key-person as well as each other. We are becoming aware of the children's interests; please do let us know what your child's interests are at home via their red learning journey.

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.

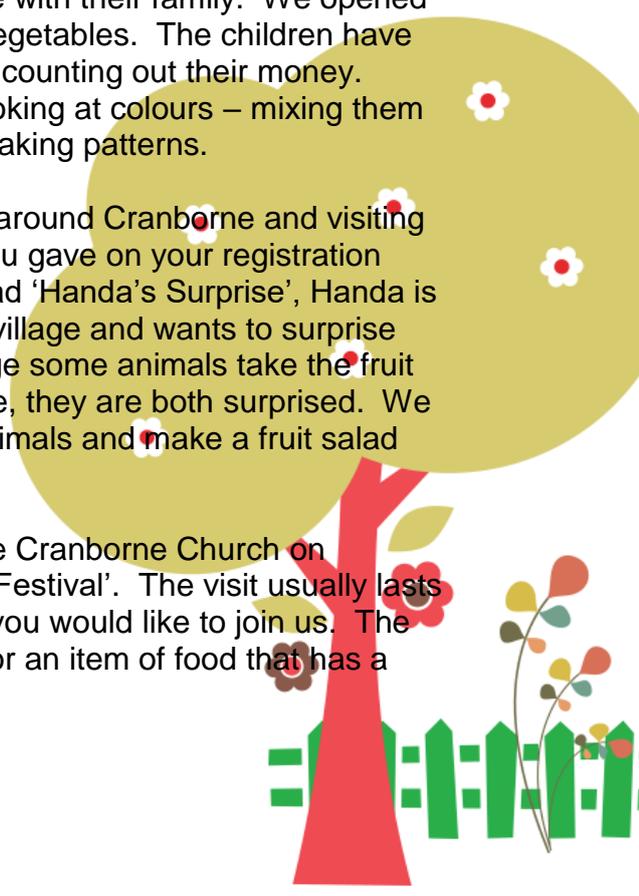
Please remember to cut all grapes and tomatoes in half as they pose a choking hazard.

Activities

This week we started to talk about autumn and harvest. We talked about the leaves falling and farmers harvesting their crop, we picked our apples from our apple tree and ate them for snack. We also harvested our potatoes and on Monday we made vegetable soup which the children took home to share with their family. We opened a fruit and vegetable shop and have sold many real vegetables. The children have taken on different roles, the shop-keeper or customer counting out their money. During this week we have been vegetable printing, looking at colours – mixing them together, looking at the shape of our vegetable and making patterns.

On Monday 26th September we plan an autumn walk around Cranborne and visiting the Church at Cranborne. I will use the permission you gave on your registration form when your child first started. We also plan to read 'Handa's Surprise', Handa is an African girl who visits her friend Akeyo in the next village and wants to surprise her with some fruit, however as she walks to the village some animals take the fruit from her basket and when she arrives at Akeyo village, they are both surprised. We plan to re-enact the story using instruments for the animals and make a fruit salad using the fruit from the story.

We are joining Cranborne First School on a visit to the Cranborne Church on Monday 3rd October at 9.15 am to celebrate 'Harvest Festival'. The visit usually lasts for approximately 40 minutes. Please let me know if you would like to join us. The children will be able to offer some fruit or vegetables or an item of food that has a



long date, such as pasta. **Please ensure that your food is small enough for your child to carry.** This year the food will be offered to The Trussell Trust.

We are continuing to discuss 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.

Absent from Pre-school

A reminder - 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

The children do wait in anticipation to see if their name is called for the chatter natter box (every child will have the opportunity to bring home the box) and the children do talk about the really interesting things that they have brought in from home. However, we have found that some of the children fill the box with small items as much as 20 items and we run out of time to show everything. Therefore could the children count 5 items into the chatter natter box, this will also support their counting skills.

Lastly, everyone is welcome to our AGM on Monday 26th September at Pre-school. It starts at 7.30 pm.

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 at 9.15 am



