

September 2017 Newsletter – Number 2

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The children have all settled well into the Pre-school routines. We have enjoyed learning about colour, how it changes as well as looking at how the leaves on the trees change bringing in an awareness of autumn. We are going to explore this further.

Food Allergies

Thank you to the parents who are not putting egg products in their child's lunchbox. Can I ask that if you put products loosely wrapped in your child's lunchbox please can you put a note to say it contains no egg.

Activities

The children have enjoyed exploring the story "The Three Little Pigs". We have been acting out the story using actions, please ask your child what the action is for 'little pig'. The next story we plan to read is "The Enormous Turnip" but change it to "The Enormous Pumpkin". We will explore pumpkins, what does it look like inside, cooking pumpkin soup and acting out the story. On Monday 2nd October we plan to take the children up to the allotment to pick a pumpkin to make our soup, we will then finish our walk visiting the Church to practise our Harvest Festival song, "The Sun Came Shining Down". We will use your registration form as permission and a risk assessment have been completed for this trip. **Please can the children bring in their wellies for this trip.**

The children really enjoyed their music session with Jan. They all took part in playing the musical instruments, singing and moving. Jan will join us at Pre-school on Tuesday 3rd and 17th October for more music sessions.



Harvest Festival

You are very welcome to join us on **Monday 9th October at 9.15 am** as we join the First School to celebrate Harvest Festival at Cranborne Church. The children are welcome to give a small offering of fresh fruit or vegetable or an item of tinned or packet food to form the collection. The contributions will then be distributed to those less fortunate.

Message from the Committee

Our AGM is on Tuesday 17th October, where we say goodbye to old members and welcome new ones. We have 2 management positions to fill (Chair and Treasurer) as well as committee members, please do come and support us. The Treasurer position is currently shared between Jodie and Kate. Jodie is staying on who looks after the finances such as ensuring the spread sheets are up-to-date. Whereas Kate is stepping down who looks after the invoices, sending them out to parents and paying any invoices for resources etc. Kate also pays the staff wages (Rachel our administrator calculates them). **If you are interested in either position, please speak to Karen. Please note: Pre-school cannot run without a Chair.**

Results from the Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for returning the Parent Questionnaires, every parent stated their child enjoyed coming to Pre-school and were happy with their child's progress. There were a few things that were commented on;

What happened to the notice board in the entrance telling parents what activities the children will be doing during the week? Unfortunately it broke, however we now have a new one which I will update each week.

What happened to Stay and Play sessions? We will reintroduce them with our first Stay and Play session in November. I will let you know the date in the next newsletter.

Starting school in September 2018

If your child was born between September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you must apply by 15th January 2018 for your child's school place. Dorset residents apply online at: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions or call 01305 221060

Lastly, we will soon be sharing your child's online Tapestry Learning Journal.

Kind Regards
Karen



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Walk – Monday 2nd October

Music with Jan Keen – Tuesday 3rd & 17th October

Music with Karen Frampton – Friday 6th October

Celebrating Harvest Festival with the First School – Monday 9th October 9.15 am

Last day of term – Friday 20th October

