



Play, Learn And Grow together.

Frome Valley Preschool

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Newsletter

WELCOME

First of all I would like to welcome you all back, but also say hello to our new Pre-schoolers who have started with us this term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big hello from me too. My name is Gemma and this is my second year at Frome Valley Preschool as manager, but I have over 20 years experience working with children. If you have any queries or questions regarding the preschool, finances, spacing or funding these can be directed to me either at drop off or pick ups or via telephone or email. I am also the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Behaviour Advisor of the setting.

If for any reason I am not in the preschool all queries can be directed towards Emma who is the Deputy Manager. Emma has 5 years experience in childcare and is also the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Kylie has 13 years experience in childcare and is the preschool's SENCo lead. Paula has 6 years experience in childcare and Connie has 16 years experience working with children.

You should have been informed by now who your child's key worker is, if not or you have forgotten then please see Gemma or Emma.

INCREDIBLE BEGINNINGS

We are introducing the programme of incredible beginnings into the setting. One of the main focuses with the programme is addressing a child's 'emotional piggy bank'. It is important to fill especially if a child is unsettled or feeling less secure. Giving a child praise, giving positive comments enables a fuller 'piggy bank'. It is vital for children to thrive that we support their emotional well-being and through embracing this programme that is what we hope to do. Any questions regarding this then please see Gemma.

JUST A FEW THINGS

Please can we make sure that all your child's belongings that are brought into pre-school are named and also that you provide a full change of clothes for your child in their bags.

Although as I write this the rain is drizzling down, we still maybe lucky and get a few more days of sunshine. So with this in mind please make sure you are supplying us with a hat and sun cream for your child. Sun cream must be applied to your child before coming into preschool, we will re apply if needed.

We are a nut free school so please check the contents of your child's lunch box, before sending them in. We also promote Healthy schools in pre-school.



DRINKS STATION.

This is something they will do in Reception and we feel the introduction in pre-school will be beneficial to their transitions. Could you please supply a drinks bottle of your choice with your child's name on and then these will be made accessible to the children throughout their time in pre-school.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October
Closed for Half Term

Monday 29th October
Closed for Staff Training

Friday 21st December
Last Day of Term and Children's Christmas Party

**Monday 24th December -
Monday 7th January 2019**
Closed for Christmas Break

Tuesday 7th January '19
First Day of Spring Term

The school will also be closed for staff training on:

Friday 15th February 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019



Details of all Preschool and School Diary events can also be found on the calendar of the school website:

www.fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk/website/calendar

ADDITIONAL FUNDING (30 hours)

You can now apply for your additional funding for the spring term.

Working parents who are or hope to access additional funding for their child in the spring term must have applied for and been given an eligibility code that is dated by **31st DECEMBER**. Any codes dated after this date **WILL NOT** be able to be used until the Spring term.

Parents already accessing this funding should be aware that the eligibility codes are valid for only 3 months and it is a parents responsibility to ensure they check the codes are still eligible. It is very important to do so as although there will be a grace period if you do not re-apply in time, they will withdraw your funding in the end.

If you want to find out more about this funding or are unsure how to check your code is still valid please talk to Gemma.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

You can now apply for your child's school place online at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions>.

The cut off date for applications is 15th January 2019 and these places will be released on 16th April 2018. Any applications received after 15th January 2018 will be considered a late application and the outcome will not be released until further on in the year, so it is important that you submit your application sooner rather than later. Any questions please ask Gemma.

DRESS FOR MESS.

Within preschool we do use a lot of messy and exciting play for the children to experience and although aprons will be available to use, we feel it is really important to your child's learning that they are able to access such activities freely and confidently, so please ensure your child is "dressed for mess" so that we do not hinder their experiences and learning opportunities.

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

This month we will be settling into preschool life and learning the rules and routines of how preschool works. We will also be looking at the topic of 'all about me'. We will be looking at what makes us the same, similar and different, for example eye and hair colour. Looking at the different places where people live and who shares our home with us.

WHAT YOU CAN ENCOURAGE AT HOME

To encourage settling in to preschool, you can read stories about starting school and talking to your child about what they have done at preschool.

To support our topic of all about me you can:

- Talk to your child about their eye and hair colour.
- Talk to your child about their family.
- Bring in photos of your child and their family.
- Bring in your child's favourite book.



Many thanks for your continued support.
Gemma and the team.