



Play, learn and grow together

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Newsletter

Frome Valley Preschool

Dates to remember

Monday 28th –Friday 1st June

Half term

Wednesday 27th June

Sports Day

Friday 13th July

End of Preschool Party

Wednesday 18th July

Preschool Trip.

Tuesday 24th July

End of Term

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TAPESTRY

Your child's Learning and Development reports are available to access online. Please speak to a member of the team if you are experiencing any difficulties.

We like to encourage you to use your tapestry account to comment and like the observations your child has engaged in, but also for any activities you are doing at home or any activities you get up to on the weekends.

We will be holding parent interviews and the individual dates for your child's key worker will be issued soon. These will be held at 3pm in 10 minute intervals. If you are not available on your allocated day please speak to a member of staff.

SUNSHINE, HATS AND SUNGLASSES

With the sunshine making more appearances lately could we please remind you that you need to apply sun cream to your child before bringing them to the setting. If your child stays all day we will re apply in the afternoon. So please can you provide a labelled bottle of sun cream every day. We really enjoy being outside in the nice weather but if your child does not have sun cream on they will not be able to go outside.

Could you also provide a labelled sun hat.

Sunglasses will not be permitted in the setting unless medically required as they can be dangerous whilst the children are playing. We also cannot accept responsibility if they get damaged or broken.

TRIP

Just a reminder that all money and permission slips for the preschool trip need to be returned by Friday 15th June. Please remember that you can pay in instalments to make it easier.

I am aware that the cost may seem high, it was the cheapest option for us to be able to still have a school trip this year, but if you have any problems please come and see Gemma.



GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL.

We are now entering our final half term before school so as a setting we will be focussing on solely on things such as phonics, numbers, shape and space, personal, social and emotional development and most importantly problem solving and self care skills. It is really important to encourage these skills to develop your child's independence as in reception they will be expected to undress and dress themselves for their P.E lessons and will have limited help within these times.

We are also sending home a blank exercise book for you to make an 'All About Me' book with your child. This can include photos of them and their family, things they like doing, places that are important to them. You can include things that they like to eat, drink and play with. To make it more personal to them you could encourage your child to write or draw in their book too. These will be collected back in the last week of term and given to Miss Padfield and Mrs Trent which will enable them to become familiar with your child's interests.

FOOTWEAR

Please provide suitable footwear for your children in preschool. We do not allow crocs or open toe sandals in the setting. This is due to the many changes of flooring the children have and we are having a lot of accidents with the children tripping or stumbling on their feet whilst running about.

SPORTS DAY AND END OF TERM PARTY.

Our sports day will be held on Wednesday 27th June at 9:15am. (Please also reserve Monday 2nd July for wet weather)

Due to unforeseen circumstances we cannot source a BBQ so we will be having an end of term party instead, with music, fun and party food, this will be held on Friday 13th July at 3pm. (Please note this is just for school leavers)

HEADLICE

There have been a few reported cases of head lice within the school and preschool can you please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and treat when necessary.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please could we ask for donations of spare clothes for preschool. We are very restricted on all items of clothing especially trousers, t shirts and long sleeved tops. So if you have any clothes that you no longer require we would be grateful for any donations received.

Makaton

I have to apologise for the lack of video on Tapestry explaining Makaton. Many attempts were made to upload but the system could not the files.



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In the final term our main focus will be the skills children need for school, so there will be a big drive on developing children's self care and problem solving skills, mathematics, mark making, communication and children's emotional well being.

We will continue our phonics focus using this skill to aid the children in recognising and writing their own name. For the children who can already write their names, we will encourage their skills further by looking at forming other phonic sounds.



We are continuing our P.E sessions with Mr Daley on a Wednesday morning to give the children experiences with large climbing equipment and activities which develop the children's gross motor, balancing and throwing and catching skills.

INCREDIBLE BEGINNINGS.

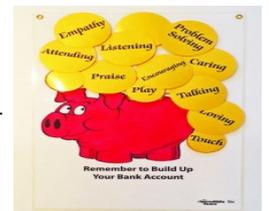


Gemma has recently completed an Incredible Beginnings course and has been slowly implementing some of the theories into our practice.

One of the main focuses with the course 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'.

This is where our sticker chart idea came from. The children are praised for every positive behaviour shown for example walking feet, kind words, sharing. Where as the negative behaviours are being ignored. (this does not include behaviour of a physical nature) In doing this the children are encouraged to demonstrate the behaviours we want to see and will begin to eliminate the behaviours we don't want to see. The children are really embracing this and some are seeing it as a challenge to how many they can get.

It is important to point out that the children are setting their own challenges and as practitioners we do not set targets for them to reach, we celebrate their individual successes. We also discourage parents setting their child a 'challenge' in the morning as there are many events that can crop up during the day and children have different ways of dealing with them, which is part of their development, but by setting 'targets' it can have a negative effect on a child's emotional well being when in their eyes they do not succeed in what is



expected of them. We want this to be a positive experience for the children. It is im-

What you can encourage at home

As mentioned we are focussing on the children's skills needed for school so you can encourage this by allowing your children to get dressed by themselves, by encouraging activities that involve mark making. If you have any questions about this then please speak to a member of the team.

Talk to your child about school and their new Teachers.

Read books with your child on starting school.

Making your 'All About Me' books together and bringing them back to pre-school so we can share them.

Many thanks for your continued support throughout this year so far.

Gemma and your preschool team.



WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT

We will be making two books for the children to have in the setting which will show pictures like where they will wait for school to start, their new classroom and where they will eat their lunch.

The children will also be given the opportunity to eat their lunch in the school hall with the other children. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that from this term lunch time will now be only 30 minutes long.

The role play has been set up as a little school and we will be encouraging the children to mark make and role play school, with uniforms to dress up in too.

Our Success

- * The children have been taking part in some specialised P.E sessions with Mr Daley, which have involved climbing, racing and javelin throwing.
- * Our new sticker system is working well and the children really enjoy the pride of getting a sticker and filling up their chart.
- * The children really enjoyed planting and watching the cress grow. They also really enjoyed planting their sunflowers and were excited to see what happened so hopefully they are all growing well at home. We would love to see photos of them on Tapestry.