



Lytchett  
Matravers  
Pre-school

## September 2019

### Children's voice

This September, the children have enjoyed...

Grace: "colouring and outside"

Ella : "painting pictures for mummy"

Jayce; "water"

Abigail;" making a bed for bear."

Florence; "building with the blocks."

Kayden; "painting daddy a dinosaur."

Ida;" I like doing the hammering!"

Teddy; "I like playing with Bobby."

Izzy; "playing outside with Teddy and Ida."

Ezme; "painting a flower."

### School admissions for 2020

Is your child 3 or 4 years old? If they were born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you must apply by **15 January 2020 for your child's school place.**

**Dorset residents apply online at:**

**[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions)**

**or call 01305 221060.**

**If you are unsure please speak to Tracey in the office.**

### Dates for your diary

28th October – 1st November: Half term

20th December: Last day of Autumn term

23rd December – 3rd January: Christmas holidays

6th January: Spring Term starts

This is our first newsletter of the school year and we would like to welcome back our existing and new families. Did you know we also have a facebook group page. Please search for us and send a friend request so that we can add you.

### Welcome to the team!

We don't just have new families starting this September we also have 3 new team members.

We would like to welcome Liz and Stef, the new admin team and Jody our new apprentice who is studying at Poole college to gain her level 2 in childcare, to the pre-school team

### Uniform Orders

To purchase uniform, please pop into the office for a uniform order form or send us an email so we can email you a form. We will be sending an order over to our suppliers on Monday 30th September.

### Polite Notice

Please could we ask all parents to leave buggies and pushchairs outside the setting as the rooms and foyers are very busy in the mornings and we want to ensure we can keep everyone safe.

Many thanks.

## Words from the Woods



Outdoor Woodland Learners is part of our extended curriculum, that allows children the opportunity to have regular learning opportunities in the wooded area that is situated in the Primary school. We use this space daily, all year round, come rain or shine. This enables the children to have space, freedom and fresh air to work on their current interests, explore, problem solve and learn through a range of activities and free play. From listening walks, to snow ball fights, animal tracks and even camp fires, there has always been a focus on embracing all the characteristic of effective learning. Watch this space over the next few months to find out about the opportunities the children have enjoyed

### Healthy Eating—eat better, start better

Early years settings provide an ideal opportunity to encourage young children to eat well and learn about food. This not only helps protect their health while young but also sets the foundations for their future health and wellbeing.

We strive to ensure the meals and snacks we provide at pre-school provide the nutritional requirements of every child. We also love to provide the children with opportunities to grow, shop, prepare and cook food to help them develop their awareness of how to keep healthy. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our meals/snacks or have any ideas for our menu please email us. We have attached a copy of this terms menu with the newsletter.

### Dressing for play - active learning

At pre-school we engage in lots of active learning! We are runners, climbers, investigators, explorers, jumpers, mud pie makers, swamp creators and inventors. This means that at times we get messy! We therefore ask that you dress your child in clothes that they can manage by themselves (or with a little help) and that you do not mind getting messy.

### Have you seen our 'Philosophy Walls' ?

#### Have you added your thoughts?

As a team we want children and parents to have the best early years experience. We want to make sure that we support every child and family the best way we can as they continue their learning journey with us.

Words that describe how we view the children and our beliefs of what we should provide everyday are added to the log slice wall and influence our philosophy. This guides our day-to-day practice and the way we set up the leaning environment, the invitations and provocations for the children.

We would also like it if you could share your thoughts and wishes for your child, so that our philosophy is a true reflection of the whole preschool community. Please feel free to add these to the wall.

