



St Michael's

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to pre-school, we hope you had a good half term break.

The children really enjoyed using our 'Doctor's Surgery' role play area last half term. Our role play area is now going to be a shop! This is to encourage play based on real life experiences and will have a Number and Shape, Space and Measure focus. The children will be able to 'have a go' at paying for items, have opportunities to talk about the shape and size of items in the shop, 'have a go' at writing receipts, shopping lists and price tags amongst many other learning opportunities. To support your child with this please talk to them when you are shopping together about the price of items, the labels on different products, if something is heavier/lighter/bigger/smaller than another item and about what you need to do when you go shopping e.g. choose items, queue, pay with coins, pack the shopping etc., encouraging your child to help when they can. These experiences will then support their role play. If you have any items you are happy to donate to our role play area-purses, hand bags, shopping bags etc. please let us know.

Snack

We are very proud of our snack time routine! The children take turns to help prepare snack including chopping fruit and vegetables, counting out crackers, pouring and filling jugs and putting up name cards. Snack time takes place in the kitchen and is very much a 'mealtime' experience. It is a great opportunity for us to use mathematical language with the children in a real context, encourage good hygiene habits, use everyday language to support children's speech development and to support the children to develop their fine motor skills by them using knives to spread...to name a few things!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We would like to ask for a *donation of £1* per week (less dependent on number of days your child attends) towards snack, any remainder going towards everyday resources. Before half term the children really enjoyed making spring rolls and pancakes and we would love to introduce a wider variety of food for snack. You can donate on a weekly, or half termly basis, and we will have a 'snack money box' as your children come into pre-school where the children can put their donations.



Next week we are going to start taking small groups of children to the local shops, or the Tesco next to Bournemouth Library, to buy food for snack time. Two adults will go with a group of up to 4 children. We will talk to you, as needed, about how best to support your child on these shopping trips or please feel free to talk to one of the team should you need to. Please sign the slip below to give us permission to take your child on local trips for the remainder of this school year (until July 2016).

Some dates for your diary:

Thursday 3rd March 2016-World Book Day-The children can come to pre-school dressed as their favourite book character-please see the welcome board this week for more information!

To celebrate World Book Day, and reading, we would like to invite you to stay at pre-school this half-term to share a book with your child when you bring them in in the morning, **during the week as stated below**. You can come on the day that suits you best or a few times that week if you would like to. Please sign the visitors book and put on a visitors badge on arrival. If your child's first language is one other than English it would be really nice if you could bring in an age-appropriate book to share in their home language.

Monday 29th February-the parents /carers of Clara's children (on Tues 1/03 and Weds 2/03 just until 9.05a.m. as we have pre-school tours)

Monday 7th March- the parents/carers of Katy's children

Monday 14th March- the parents/carers of Emma's children

Monday 21st March- the parents/carers of Abbie and Rachel's children

You are also welcome to join us at story time, from 11.20 this week and next week, to read a story to your child's key worker group, with support from their key worker. Again if you would like to read a story in your child's home language it would be a lovely experience for all the children. Please speak to your child's key worker in advance to arrange this. We look forward to seeing you!

Yours faithfully
The Pre-school Team

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Please return to Teresa/Rachel promptly.

I give permission for: Child's name Class Pre-school
to take part in local trips and visits e.g. library, shops, post box, post office etc. for the remainder of the year
(until end of July 2016)

Signed (Person with parental responsibility)