



Verwood Day Nursery

Newsletter



Internet safety

The internet is an amazing thing. Children can play, learn and create and although young children may not be surfing the internet by themselves, we may find that by allowing them access to mobile phones and tablets they maybe unwittingly entering the world wide web sooner than it maybe suitable for them too.

Did you know that YouTube kids has parental controls and other restrictions that can ensure your child isn't accessing content you don't want them to watch? Does your child know how to close down a 'pop-up' or an advert online?



We are hosting an **Online safety** evening for parents on **Tuesday the 20th of August**. The evening will be led by **Dorset Police Safe Schools and Communities Team**. It will run from **6.30pm to 7.30pm**, with an opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.

We would advise parents to take the opportunity to listen to expert advice on how to keep your children safe online. If you would like to attend please let us know.



School readiness

Over the last few weeks, Craig has been supporting some of the children with specific aspects of their physical development in preparation for their transition to school. We have been focusing on the independence skills of dressing and undressing ready to participate in physical education classes and fine tuning our listening and turn taking skills. The children have had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions that will continue throughout the rest of the summer term.



Green fingers

The children have been busy helping Ben to plant our all their seedlings and plants into the vegetable garden over the past few weeks.

Our crop of strawberries has now been eaten and we have potatoes, carrots, beans, sweetcorn, raspberries, rhubarb and pumpkins to look forward to.



Fire engine visit



We were incredibly lucky to have a visit from a fire engine from Ferndown Fire Station. A massive thank you to Marc for arranging the visit for us that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and made even more exciting by the fact we were all allowed to use the hose!

Please see our facebook page for more photos.





Intergenerational learning

We have teamed up with Waypoints Dementia Care home in Verwood, to participate in activities with children from the nursery and some of the care home residents.

We had a wonderful visit to Waypoints at the end of June and can't wait to go again. The benefits of working with the elderly in this way are endless, having positive effects on everyone involved. Through these visits we hope to build a positive image of the elderly for the children, with greater understanding and respect between the generations and help build strong relationships within the community.



Waypoints Care Verwood
invite you to our

Summer Fete

Sunday the 18th of August

2-5pm

Stalls

Cake sales

Raffle

Games

Name a teddy bear

BBQ

Free entry

Fun for all the family — everyone welcome!

Waypoints Care Verwood , 42-44 Ringwood Road, Verwood BH31 7AH
Tel: 01202 812250

Waypoints are holding a Summer Fete on Sunday the 18th of August from 2-5pm.

Its free entry with lots available for the whole family.

Why not pop along and support this wonderful place?



Current availability

In the Nest, our baby and toddler rooms we now have places available on all days throughout the week, however these are limited on some.

Downstairs for our 2,3 and 4-year-old children, we have limited places available in the mornings, but more places available for the afternoon sessions. From September we have more places available across the week.

Don't forget our £100 referral reward. Just ask the other person making the enquiry or booking to mention your name



Lost property

We have a large collection of unclaimed and unnamed clothing that is currently being kept in the garage. If you are missing something, please speak to a member of staff who can show you where it is all being stored.

We cannot stress enough the importance of naming ALL your child's belongings. We recommend My Nametags who provide iron-on or sticker name tags. Their website address is – www.MyNametags.com



Staffing update

At the end of April, we said goodbye to Vicky from the baby room team and guess what - she's coming back to the team later this month! Vicky will return to Plum room where she started originally when she joined us in April 2017. Welcome back Vicky!

As you will all know we said a sad goodbye to Donna as she took on her new role at a setting closer to her home in Poole. We wish her all the best and know she will be fantastic. In September Paige will be joining us as a full time Level 3 practitioner in the Plum room to join Craig, Rudi, Kaitie, Nicola, Karen and Vicky.

Congratulations ...

A huge congratulations to Yeima our baby and toddler supervisor, who has recently been promoted to 3rd in charge of the nursery. This senior role means that Yeima will join Craig and Rachel on the management team supporting the running of the nursery every day. Well done Yeima.



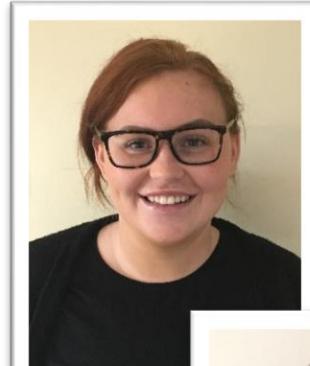
Employee of the month – May and June

As well as our employee of the year award that recognises a member of staff who has consistently gone ‘above and beyond’ we have introduced an employee of the month award. This award acknowledges and recognises a member of staff who has planned, resourced and provided inspiring, fun and exciting activities to provoke learning and engagement.

May’s winner was Rudi and June’s winner was Anna

Although Rudi hasn’t been with us long, she managed to write progress summaries for all her key children, which clearly demonstrated she had taken the time to get to know all the children well. Well done Rudi.

Anna has recently moved to the baby room and has settled in well. Anna travels to us from Bournemouth everyday and her reward is in recognition of her commitment to the setting through all the terrible traffic! Thank you Anna.



Coming up

Sports Day – Friday 19th July 3.00-4.00pm

An opportunity for children aged **3 and 4 years old** to participate in some activities with their families.

Baby Massage course – Thursdays throughout August 10-11.30am

We will be hosting a 5-week baby massage course run by Sue Clutterbuck local Community Nursery Nurse. Please look out for more details coming soon.

School leavers party – Saturday 3rd August

A celebration party for this year’s school leavers. Personal invitations to follow.

Internet safety evening – Tuesday 20th August 6.30-7.30pm

A fantastic opportunity to come and listen to the Dorset Police Safe Schools and Communities teams give us information and advice about how to keep young children safe online.

Concept photography – Thursday 29th August 8.30-11am

Once again, the brilliant concept photography will be with us for the morning. More details to follow and an opportunity to book a slot if your child doesn’t usually attend on that day.

East Dorset Family Partnership Zone

Need a little support to help you with practical advice, with friendly support alongside other parents/carers? This group is for real parents as there is no such thing as a 'perfect parent'. These sessions are aimed at giving you support on how to manage your children's behaviour and change the way they interact with you.

Parenting Skills & Strategies Sessions Summer Sessions



Corfe Mullen Children's Centre,	Monday mornings 9.30am—11.30am	5th August
Leigh Park Children's Centre	Wednesday mornings 9.30am—11.30am	21st August
Ferndown The Centre	Friday mornings 9.30am—11.30am	16th August

For more information please contact East Dorset Family Partnership Zone
on 01202 225710

