



## Friends of Ferring Funtime

We will be holding our AGM on the 13<sup>th</sup> November at the Tudor Close in Ferring at 19.30. Family members need to attend for the meeting to go ahead. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



## Parent Partnership

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended a Bacon Butty morning. This was an opportunity for families to see their children at play and get to know other parent's and chat to practitioners.

## Learning Journal Week 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November

We give families opportunities each term to come into preschool to chat to your child's keyperson. We share your child's Learning Journal with you and there is also a page especially for parents to include notes that you may like to share with us.

Our Learning Journals provide necessary evidence and a clear path of your child's Learning Journey. It evidences starting points, progress, and this in turn supports planning. It ensures every child has their individual learning met and that children get support they need when there are concerns. We like to work closely with families, sharing information and having shared levels of expectation improves practice and outcomes for children. So please make an appointment after half term to pop in and see your child's Keyperson.

## Questionnaires

We have recently sent home a School Readiness Questionnaire for children that will be leaving us next year and a yellow Family Information form for all our families. If you haven't already done so please will you complete and return to us as soon as possible.



## This month we have enjoyed: -

Number Lines- This has been fun, as some children are able to order numbers from smallest to largest, develop an awareness of numbers, begin to organise numbers, and recite some number names in sequence and a number line can also be a tool for older children to do simple mathematic problems.



Counting Dino Sorters is a favourite game that is played in a small adult led activity. It helps us to recognise colour and involves number identification, counting and for some children early addition.



We have used small bricks to build and match colour and design, and large bricks to make camps for reading and playing.



We used fine motor skills to make Pasta jewellery. These skills are really important as children learn to develop the small muscles in their hands, fingers and wrists and it later helps them to hold a pencil correctly to write.



Children have been using cameras, CD players, calculators and iPads.



We have watched a short educational programme about children celebrating Diwali.



We have enjoyed Bake Off at Preschool and made biscuits and jam tarts. Children learn the importance of Hand Washing and this activity provides practical experience, with essential skills, such as following directions and measuring and begin to understand early concepts of maths and science.

We have shared books in large and small groups and individually....



....and we are really good at making loud music and doing Yoga.



## Diwali

This week we have celebrated Diwali. In Early Years we celebrate different Festivals. Teaching children about other religions and cultures is important to create a diverse community. It allows children to see that we all have differences and children have parts of them that make them special and unique. Children have made clay pots for lights, Happy Diwali cards and Rangoli patterns in playdough.



We hope that you all have a good half term and we will look forward to seeing you week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Sandy and the Team.