

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been some really *egg*citing things happening here at Cottage over the last few weeks.

Our local Pied Wagtails have chosen St James Cottage for their nesting grounds! We are all watching closely, waiting to catch sight of the baby birds. The children have observed the parents flying back and forth, collecting grass, leaves and twigs to build their nest and have witnessed how this has slowly changed into worms and insects to feed their babies. What a privilege to be able to witness nature in this way.

We are also home to an incubator filled with little chicken eggs. We have spoken about how the incubator is doing the job of the Mother Hen and the children are now patiently waiting for some chicks to hatch.

If this wasn't enough we have also all become parent frogs to tadpoles! It has been fantastic watching all the different things they eat and we can't wait to see how they grow and change over the next few days.

and last but not least, the children have sewn some wildflower seeds in our garden, we carefully selected seeds that would help feed pollinators.

All of this creates a great hands-on approach to learning all about minibeasts, pollination and life cycles in nature.

Staff Update

Sadly, after many years of commitment, Emily will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term. She is a valued member of this team, highly skilled, hard-working, and simply incredible with the children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication to the team, the children and their families. It will be sad to see her go. I have started a farewell collection, if you would like to contribute then please get in touch, I am hoping to keep this as a surprise for Emily.

Holiday Club 24th July - 4th August.

We are now taking bookings for our Summer Holiday club.

If you would like to book your child in, please get in touch and a form will be sent to you. It is £35 flat rate, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Breakfast and snack will be provided, please send in a named packed lunch, water bottle, sun cream and waterproofs.

Arrival times

This is a polite reminder to please keep to your child's scheduled start time. We have structured the starting times in line with staff ratios and guidelines. This means that if your child arrives 10min before their scheduled start time we do not have the staff available to care for your child. Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated.



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May Half-Term Holiday

29th May

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5th June

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Kings Coronation

Thank you so much to everyone that come to celebrate the King's Coronation with us. It was so lovely to have you all here and to welcome you into this space, It was a great success and we hope to do it again soon.

Gate

Please can I remind parents and carers to **close** the metal gate behind them when coming into Cottage? This ensures that everyone is kept safe, especially now as we are opening up the locker area for parents to come in and help their children pack their bags away. There is direct access to the road from the front parking lot and it is imperative that the gate is shut behind you immediately as you enter Cottage. Your co-operation with this is much appreciated.

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Reminders

Telephone numbers: Please make sure all emergency and contact details are up to date. We do have a Snow Call List in the event of closure due to bad weather. If the school is closed Cottage is closed, you can check online on the Dorset County Council website for information. We will put it on our Facebook page and Tapestry.

Late payment fee: Please ensure your invoice is paid by the **14th** of each month, failure to do so will result in an automatic £10 late payment fee.

Illness: Please avoid bringing your child into the setting with any contagious illness i.e. Chicken Pox, conjunctivitis, sickness and diarrhoea or if your child is clearly not well. It is a Government recommendation that **48-hour** elapses after suffering diarrhoea or sickness before returning to the setting to avoid the spread of germs.

Egg Allergy: Just a quick reminder that we do have a child with a severe allergy to eggs, this is both in raw form including touching the shell as well as cooked eggs or products containing eggs. Please do not send egg sandwiches or scotch eggs etc in your child's lunch box. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Nut Allergy: Please avoid sending any foods containing nuts or nut products in your child's lunch box as nut allergies are becoming increasingly common and even the slightest contact with nut products can be dangerous to those children affected. Just to clarify chocolate spread also contain nuts.

Please make sure grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut in half this is to avoid choking.