

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after your half-term break.
Seeing all your children's happy faces at the Cottage gate was so wonderful.

The season is starting to slowly change and the children are learning all about Spring and Farming. If you wish to support their learning at home we have uploaded a picture of the books that we are reading to Tapestry, perhaps the local library will have the same ones or something similar. We are also asking parents to please bring in some easy-to-grow child-friendly flowers, vegetables or herbs for us to plant in our brand-new fence planters, we will also welcome any gardening equipment like spades or planters, we have more than enough pots at this moment in time. This is completely voluntary but will be gratefully received. We hope to brighten up the outside play area in order to welcome spring into our lovely Cottage nursery.

World Book day is Thursday 2nd of March, Children may come dressed in a book character of their choice and we encourage them to bring the book along with them to show their friends, if this is not possible then any one of their favourite books will be fine.

Show and Tell... we are excited to announce that show and tell is back! Your children are welcome to bring in something special from home to show their friends during circle time. Please ensure that the items are safe and small enough to be packed away in their book bags/ lockers.

Updates...

Over the half term, we decorated our summer house, home to our Caterpillars. We are beyond thrilled with the results and it is a really beautiful space for your children to learn and grow in.

Our lockers are now up but we have found that the locks can be very tricky for little hands, it is our aim to provide your children with as much independence as possible, so we are coming up with a way to make it easier for them to use. In the meantime, the staff will be on standby to help.

Important...

Please can I remind parents and carers to close the metal gate behind you when coming into Cottage? This ensures that everyone is kept safe.

30 Hour Funding

If your child is turning 3 this term (up to 31st March), they will be entitled to free funding from the summer term (18th April). , you may also qualify for the extra 15 hours(making it 30 hours in total)

To see if you qualify please visit www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/30hours .If you already receive the 30 hours, you will need to re-register for the summer term. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Dates to remember

World Book Day
Thursday 2nd March

Red Nose Day
Friday 17 March

Easter Bonnet Parade
Wednesday 31st March

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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.

Dropping off and Picking up: Please make every effort to be on time when dropping off and picking up your child. This keeps disruption to a minimum and avoids unsettling the new children. We also need to keep our staffing levels to the correct adult/child ratio. Please note we need to be informed if anyone else is collecting your child other than normal people for security reason.