

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

*Welcome to the Summer term!*

How did we get here already, I can't quite believe that within just a few short months we will be waving off our 'all grown up' Butterflies as they prepare for their next adventure in First school.

## Kings Coronation

We are so excited to welcome you all to St James Cottage for our Coronation High Tea, please bring some summer hats and picnic blankets/ chairs to sit on, fingers crossed for sunshine. It will be so lovely to spend some time with you all. There will be a craft table, glitter tattoos and much more.

Save the date: Friday 5th May @ 1:00-2:30 pm. This is open to all children and their families that attend Cottage. Invitations will follow.

We would like to hold a **raffle** in order to raise funds for Our Butterfly room, if you have any donations such as unwanted gifts, Bottles, chocolates etc, please bring them to Cottage and a member of staff will be able to accept them at the gate. We are hoping to make this the best raffle yet as we have some really exciting plans for Cottage. Thank you.

## Next week 24-28th

Unfortunately, I will not be in Cottage next week. I am having a minor operation and require a few days off to recover. I will be back in the office as soon as I can. I have limited access to the emails but I will be checking them periodically and Hannah and Mrs Lambert will be able to step in and answer any questions you may have.

## 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.

## After-school bookings

Please note that bookings for the after-school club close at 12:00 pm. If you require an ad-hoc booking please ensure that you contact Claire before 12:00 pm. Exceptions may be made in the case of an emergency. Bookings are subject to availability.

## 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). **Please make sure you apply by the deadline of 31st March 2023.**

To see if you qualify please visit [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/30hours](http://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.

## Summer Holiday Club

Plans are underway for our Summer Holiday Club. If you would like your child to be placed on the waiting list, please get in touch. This is open to all children aged 3 - 9. Details to follow.

## Dates to remember

### Kings Coronation

Friday 5th May

### Funding Deadline

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.