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April 2024 Newsletter

I must start with a huge apology to anyone who has had problems with the April invoice. We have been struggling to ensure we have all the invoices correct but this has been a difficult month to calculate.



There have been many changes to individual bookings due to children being booked out on holiday and the bank holiday. There has been an annual price increase, plus we had a complete new funding system and term to allocate funding against children's names.

Also we have changed to a complete new software system which we have been learning to use. We thought we had it already to run the invoices and indeed we had inputted the information correctly. BUT... The system software was built by Connect and somewhere in the 'building of the system' certain elements had not been ticked/flagged. This caused all the funding hours and 50% holiday discounts to conflict and basically calculate the invoices incorrectly and in a way that has taken us days to understand.

Having worked with the Connect software specialist we now hope we have resolved these problems. We understand that you may have paid already, these monies already paid will show on you next invoice as a credit or debit depending.

If you have not yet made any payments we want to assure you we understand if they are not paid by the 14 days as long as they reach us by April 24th.

Again I can only apologise and thank you for bearing with us during this transition.



On a more positive note, We are getting there!! And we are sure once these problems are ironed out it will all work well for us and you.



Please remember to check for updates regarding your child on your Parent Zone App and please post us some pictures of your child's homelife. It helps us to feel closer to your child if we can share moments with them talking about their photo of them with their cat or on their home swing!

(Children who are leaving to go to big school in September 2024 are still having updates on Tapestry as they have not been changed over for your convenience)

Optimistically - As the summer approaches can we remind you that you must put suncream on your child before they arrive at nursery and that your child always needs a bag of spare clothes here for those little accidents they have with water, yogurts, paint...



Toys from home Toys or other objects from the family home should not be brought into the nursery.



Please discourage your child from bringing in toys from home as they do get picked up by other children, broken or lost and we haven't got time to look for them. We do accept comforters are often important for transition to help support children's emotional security when they are very young especially in the baby room.

Thank you so much for the amazing response we had for knitted baby hats. On Wednesday 24th April Some of our children will be meeting with staff and residents of the Culliford House Nursing home at Dorchester hospital to donate the hats to the premature baby unit.



Staff changes

In May we will be welcoming Katie P back from maternity leave for two days a week in the Ducklings group. Danielle will be starting her maternity leave, we will keep you informed when the baby arrives. To cover Danielle's leave Becki will be changing from Ducks to baby room

Dates

The nursery will be closed for Bank holiday Monday 6th May and 27th May.



Please remember we are open all year and stretch all children's funding for the 51 weeks i.e. they are auto booked in during the school holidays. If you wish to book your child off nursery on holiday we must have at least a months' notice (30 days) so that the 50% discount can be applied.

We are in the process of planning our annual outing which will be in June TBC .

The leavers service and picnic lunch followed by an end of term summer party will be on Wednesday 10th July!

The next Committee meeting is via Zoom on Thursday 18th July @ 8pm.

Your Summertime Team