

The Orchard Nursery

Updates and Reminders



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FOR THE DIARY:

- Photos – Debs is busy preparing orders and they will be back in the next few weeks.
- Friday 10th December - Term time only children finish for Christmas.
- Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day.
- Christmas Eve - This year we will close at 1pm on Friday 24th December.
- We re-open at 8am on Monday 3rd January 2021

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be taking part in Christmas Jumper day to raise money for "Save the Children". This will take place on **Friday 10th December**. We would kindly ask for a donation of £1 to go towards the charity.



Covid-19

In a recent statement from the South West Public Health authorities outlining the serious COVID-context across the South West at the moment is a clear reminder that COVID-19 is still very present in our lives and that we must all stay focused on limiting the spread as much as we can. We know that safety remains a key priority for our children, staff and parents and we want to reassure you that we will continue to do all we can to keep everyone safe.

We wanted to let you know about some measures we have re-introduced in our nursery to offer an enhanced level of protection.

With immediate effect Staff will be wearing face coverings when speaking to parents at drop off and collection, as well as in communal areas, however these will **NOT** be worn in the rooms during the session.

We would appreciate all parents/carers/grandparents to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting at all times, this will be right up to the nursery door and when speaking to staff. Wearing a face covering on site is not mandatory and all responsible adults have a choice, however we believe this enhanced level of protection is keeping everyone safe and reducing the risk. My staff and I do respect the fact that some parents are exempt.

Is your child due to start school in September 2022?

Was your child born between 1st Sept 2017 and 31st August 2018? You need to apply for your chosen school by:-
Creating an account online and submitting an online admissions form or downloading a paper form.

If you live in Bournemouth, Poole or Christchurch click on the link below to apply online.

[SCHOOL APPLICATION 2022](#) Go to 'apply online' or 'download our application'

Closing date for applications is: **15th January 2022**

Schools in the area will be holding open days over this term to help when deciding which schools to apply for.

3 and 4 year olds Christmas Nativity

This is only applicable for children aged 3 and 4 and who are based in our apple room.

If you have been in nursery this week you should have received a letter explaining what character your child will be playing.

This year our nativity is called a 'Bundle of Joy'. A lovely story about a particularly grumpy donkey who realises the true power of joyfulness when she discovered the baby Jesus.

Unfortunately, after much deliberation over the last few weeks, we have decided not to perform our Christmas play to a live audience at the church. This is due to the rise in Covid cases in the area and the increased risk to the spread this may cause, especially just before Christmas. We really hope you understand our reasons for this, as it hasn't been an easy decision.

We will however, be recording our play 'A Bundle of Joy' on **Tuesday 7th December** to create a lovely video of the nativity.

We would kindly ask that if your child does not normally attend on the morning session of Tuesday 7th December that you drop your child off at nursery, in their costumes at 9.30am and return to collect them at nursery at 11.30am. During this time we will record the children singing and acting and create a video for you to keep for years to come.

Please ask a member of staff if you have not received your letter yet.

Winter clothing

We will be sending bags home next week and asking you to refill with spare winter clothes.

Please can we ask that every child brings a warm winter coat and hat, scarf and gloves, if needed. Thank you