



Discovery Vine: Cottam Newsletter

May 2017

Our Pre-school is now open and the new children are settling in well. The younger children from the Out of School Club are enjoying our new facilities, toys and equipment and outdoor play area too.

Themes and Activities

This half term in **Pre-School** our focused activities will be based around the theme of Spring and Nature. We were excited to have a visit from some newly hatched chicks and the children are enjoying making lots of colourful pictures to display on our bare walls. We are enjoying lots of outdoor play and have been planting some seeds so we can watch them grow. Later this month we will be receiving some vegetable plants to look after and hopefully eat when they are ready!

This half term in **Out of School Club** we also have a theme of Spring and have lots of crafts and outdoor activities lined up to do including bug hunting and bubble activities.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Timms to Breakfast Club after her travels and would like to congratulate her on Completing the London Marathon in April!

Miss Houghton is moving from her post at our Pre-School at Lordsgate Township School to work alongside Miss Griffin and she will be Managing the Pre-School - for now she is working in Pre-School every Monday. Until Miss Houghton arrives Miss Garbutt is working in the Pre-school and then she will commence her role as our Forest School Practitioner.

Clothing

As it is starting to get warmer please make sure your child brings a sun hat and is wearing sun cream when necessary - if they are attending the After School Club and you would like them to have an application of sun cream before playing out in the afternoon then please send this with your child's name on. They also need a rain coat to cover all eventualities of British weather!

School Activities

Please remember to inform us if your child / children will be taking part in any of these. We work very closely with school staff at the end of the day to ensure all children get to where they are meant to be, but it can be a very hectic process for us and the school if we have to keep asking which children are in the clubs.

Please also remember to let us know if you are collecting your child from school or if they are walking home with a friend on a day when they are booked into the After School Club.

Registration Details

Please remember to update us with any changes to your child's personal details e.g; change of address, health & dietary information etc and your contact numbers in case of an emergency. If you are not sure of the details we have for you and your child please ask a member of staff to show you your registration form.

Breakfast Club

Please note: Children must not be left at Breakfast Club before **7.30am**. Staff need time to get ready for the club to open in the morning.

Holiday Club

We are running a Holiday Club during the May Spring Bank Holiday week at our childcare centre at Longsands. Please ask for further details if you need a place.

We are also running two Holiday Clubs in the Summer, one at Cottam Primary School and the other at Longsands Primary School. Booking forms and a full itinerary of activities will be available shortly.

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