



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Half-term newsletter! As we reflect on the past few weeks at Cottage Nursery, it's been a journey filled with exploration and discovery.

From the Classic tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, to our investigations into the wonders of cold weather and Arctic animals, our little explorers have been immersed in a world of imagination and learning. As we concluded the half-term, we delved into the rich Culture of China, celebrating Chinese New Year.

Please follow our Facebook page, St James' Cottage Nursery, as well as Famly for weekly updates and pictures.

Information recently went out regarding a possible merge with St James' first school. If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to speak to either Claire or Wendy.

Have a wonderful Half-term, we cant wait to see you all back in Cottage on Monday 19th February

Claire

Events

Easter Bonnet - 27 March 2024. Details to follow

This is a wonderful event, held at Holtwood Methodist Church. More details will be sent out one we return after half-term .

FAMILY

We have now fully moved over to our new bookings system. If you have not yet received a login, please get in touch ASAP. Invoices will be uploaded to FAMLY and emailed to you, these can be paid via BACS as normal.

Funding

Please ensure that you apply every three months to keep receiving your full 30 your funding.

You may now apply for 15 Hours of free funding for your 2-year-old. Applications are now open and the funding can be applied in the April term. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/childcare-funding/15-hours-funded-childcare-for-2-year-olds>. Applications will need to be made by the **31st of March** in order to receive the funding in the following term. please get in touch if you require any further information.

Dates to remember

Inset Days

Thursday 28th March
2024

Half-term Holiday

Monday 12th February -
Friday 16th February

Easter Bonnet

Wednesday 27th March
2024

Last day of Spring Term

Wednesday 27th March
2024

First day of Summer Term

Monday 15th April 2024



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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.