

BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I would like to take the time to welcome you all back to Cottage, with an extra special welcome to all our new families that have joined us this year. Your children are all doing incredibly well, whether it is getting back into the Cottage routine or starting it for the very first time, they have been absolute superstars.

Staff updates

I would also like to welcome our two new staff members who have joined our team this September- **Gemma and Llui**. Please do say hello if you see them at the door.

Wendy, who has been a dedicated Trustee for many years, is now joining the office team. Wendy will be in the office every Wednesday and Thursday. Claire will be in on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. If you have any questions please do get in touch by phone on 01258840679 or email office@stjamescottage.co.uk.

Nativity and Christmas Party

Please save the dates

Nativity Monday 11th December

Christmas Party 12th December

More details to follow

In September we are trialling an earlier start time for our Breakfast Club, we will be opening at 7:45 a.m. Please let me know if you are interested in the earlier start time and I will adjust your bookings.

Starting first School.

Applications for the first school are due on 15th January 2024. Please see the attached flyer for more information. If you have any questions please do get in touch office@stjamescottage.co.uk. St James First School will be hosting an Open day on the 21st of September 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the staff and have a look around the school with your child. Please get in touch with St James via the admissions page or find them on Facebook.

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 FAMILY and can be paid via direct debit as normal. I will be in the office next week to sort out any issues that have arisen with the new system. We are trialling using Family to keep you up to date with your children and will be sharing images and observations about their day. If this is successful we will no longer be using Tapestry.

It has been so wonderful to meet and spend time with your amazing children. We are looking forward to watching them grow over the next few years.

Please note, an electronic copy of this news letter will be sent to your email address, please let me know if you have not yet received one and I will add you to our mailing list.

Claire

Dates to remember

Inset Days

Monday 30th October 2023

Half-term Holiday

Monday 23 October - Friday
27th October

Nativity

Monday 11 December

Christams Party

Tuesday 12 December

Last day of term

Friday 15th December 2023



Newsletter

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.