



June 19

Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED

I am sure that you have had a chance to read the Ofsted report that we have now sent out. I am so pleased that Stickland's has been recognised by Ofsted as a Good school, and we will now use our time to improve further on all the amazing work that is carried out at school. A huge thank you to you for your positive feedback and letters to the inspectors, and to all staff and governors for all their hard work since our last inspection.

Update on Fundraising:-

- Fossa Fun Run Raised approx. £400
- Bags2School Raised £80
- Georgia's Haircut Sponsorship raised approx. £400

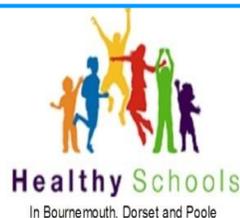
Thank you to everyone who either helped or contributed towards these, we cannot tell you how grateful we are!

School Budgets and what you can do to help.

I know that we have mentioned before that the school budget is under increasing pressure and a consequence to this is we are unable to afford any help in the office. The workload over the last few years has increased considerably and there are a few things that you could do to help.

Please can you:-

1. **Remember your sign on details** for Sims Pay and Eschools. Lisa spends an awful lot of her time sorting out logging in problems for parents which are generally down to forgotten usernames or passwords.
The username for Eschools is your first name followed by a full stop and your surname ie. John.smith and the password is generally a 4 digit number unless you have changed it.
The username for Sims Pay (was Agora) will be an email address and the password you chose when you set it up.
2. **Keep copies of letters** regarding school trips so you know when your child is due to go on a trip and what they need. Lots of the calls we get are about information we have already provided.
3. **Read the newsletter.** The newsletter always contains important information so please take the time to read it and note any important dates in your diary. A copy is always available on the website.



4. **Return your letters by the date requested.** We are sending out 3 or 4 reminders to some parents and this all takes time.
5. **Check the website** for information before calling or emailing

I know that these requests don't sound like they will save much time however, I can assure you that they would free up a lot of Lisa's time as she would not be searching for information that we have already provided.

FOSSA Fun Day – Wednesday 17th July – Ideas and Volunteers Needed

As most of you will be aware every year Fossa provide a day of activities and lunch for the children. Plans for the day are under way, and Fossa are looking for ideas for activities and volunteers to run events and assist on the day. The children absolutely love this day, and it is not possible without support from parents and other adults. The more offers of help that are received, the easier it makes it for all involved. **If you are able to help or have any ideas please could you email k.will@sticklands.dorset.sch.uk**

THANK YOU!

All at school would like to say a huge thank you to Jason Giladjian who has helped to clear a path in our Forest School area – the children love to use it and it looks fantastic. Jason has also been the person who has managed to paint our playground play structure and is returning it into position for the children to use. Without his help, we would have been unable to justify the incredible cost of having it repainted by a company. Thank you from all the staff and children Jason!

Requests for help and items

1. We would be really grateful if anyone could come and strim the stinging nettles at Forest School.
2. Do you have any spare roofing felt / cement that we could have for our garden area?
3. We would be grateful for donations of plants / flowers / shrubs – particularly those that attract butterflies or bees.

Forest school and Swimming

The days for Forest School are as follows:-

Goldfinch Class - Wednesday

Woodpecker class – Tuesday

Kingfisher Class – Monday (**Monday 6 June please can the children either wear old clothes that they can get paint on or bring in an old shirt/large T-shirt to wear to protect their clothes as they have an art session in the morning before Forest School**)

Ravens are not doing Forest School this term.

The pool is now up and running and we would like to thank the helpers that arranged this. If you haven't made your voluntary pool donation and you would like to please could you do so by Friday 14 June 2019.

Swimming days are as follows:-

Goldfinch Class – Mondays and Fridays

Woodpecker Class – Mondays

Kingfisher Class – Tuesdays

Raven Class - Thursdays

We always try and use the pool as much as possible during the summer term, and will send a message if classes are having an extra session. If you could ensure that your child has a swimming kit in every day, then it will always be available to them.

We would appreciate if you could ensure that your child comes into school with the correct clothing and equipment for Forest School and swimming. It really upsets children if they come in unprepared, and we do not always have enough clothing etc. to enable everyone to take part.

Clubs This Term

Just a reminder Science Club and Year 6 Maths Club have now both finished however, Year 6 Adventure Club, Relax Kids and Year 5 Maths Club both started this week! **There are still spaces on the Year 5 Maths Club and if you would like your children to join please contact the office. There are also spaces for years 4 and 5 at Relax Kids.** This is a school funded club, and children who have previously attended have reported how fun and useful it has been.

Unfortunately, Miss Stone is not in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 12 June so there will be **no** Year 5 Maths Club on that day!

All clubs are also cancelled on Sports Day (Wednesday 26 June) as this will be our school fair. The last week of clubs this term will be the week ending Friday 5 July.

Summer Term Reading Challenge Reward

Please remember the deadline to complete the reading challenge tasks is **Friday, 28 June 2019**. The pool party is being held on Friday 5 July.

Please support your child to help us achieve our whole school target and end our term with a splash!

If you have any questions about promoting reading or how best to support your child with reading, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Low (a.low@sticklands.dorset.sch.uk).
Happy Reading!

Sports Day & the Summer Fair

Sports Day is on the afternoon of Wednesday 26 June with a reserve date of Wednesday 10 July, in case of bad weather. This will be followed by the Summer Fair (a letter with further details was sent out earlier this week)

Leavers' Assembly & Picnic Lunch

We look forward to seeing you at our Leavers' Assembly at 10.30 am on Friday 19 July. All are welcome!!! Following the assembly, you are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with your children. You may start your holiday early and take your children home if you wish, although school will be open until 3.00 pm as normal.

If you decide to take your child before the end of the school day and they normally use school transport can you please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can cancel the transport if it is not needed.

Children's Bags in Schools

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, from September we will be asking that children do not bring the over large rucksacks in to school that have been appearing over the last few years. I am not 'banning bags' but generally by the time the contents are put into appropriate places (reading books, lunchboxes, homework folders etc) they end up empty, but taking up a lot of space in the cloakrooms. Please consider this if you are purchasing new bags over the summer and remember that most children manage to cope with a book bag and a PE kit bag.

Christian Values - Love

This half term we will be focussing on Love as our Core Christian Value. This has been discussed and explored during our Collective Worship, and followed up by relating it to our everyday lives in the classrooms.

Dorset County Parent, Children and Young People Survey

Dorset County are asking parents, children and young people to fill in a short survey to gather information about parents, children and young people and how they may like to get involved in the future.

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/voice-of-children-and-families

Those that take part could win a £50 high-street voucher. It's live until 30 June.

National Book Tokens Big Prize Draw

National Book Tokens are the perfect way to reward students, encourage literacy and inspire a love of books. They can be spent in thousands of bookshops as well as online, giving students the freedom of choice – and encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

Our big prize draw, back for a sixth year, gives you the chance to **win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library – plus £100 to spend on yourself!**

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=schools-prize&utm_campaign=20190508_schoolsprize19

School Dates

Can I just remind you to check the school calendar for details of inset days, school events and school holidays. These dates are usually set before the start of the new academic year and are generally available on the school diary from June onwards.

Yours sincerely,
Kathy McCann
Headteacher