



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term is extremely busy so please keep an eye on the diary!

Midday Supervisor

We are sorry to let you know that Mrs Pearce will be leaving us within the next few weeks. Miss Pennington and Miss Turner have very kindly agreed to take on additional duties however, we will still need cover on Tuesday's and Thursdays. If you would be interested in applying to work either one or both of these days then please contact the school office for an application form.

Inset Day

Just a reminder that the school is closed on Monday 26 November for an inset day.

School Transport – Occasional Use

We need to let you know that school transport no longer accept requests for friends to travel on the bus if they are going home with bus children. If your child travels on the bus and they wish to invite a friend home after school then you will now need to make arrangements to pick the friend up from school.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's Children in Need either by buying/making cakes, buying the official items in school or by dressing up today. We have managed to raise **£313.49**

Autumn Reading Challenge

The deadline for completing the four Autumn Term book tasks is **Friday, 7th December**.

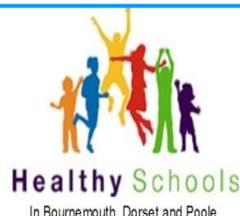
The reward will be a Forest School afternoon, to include hot chocolate with marshmallows and squirry cream, and songs around a campfire. Get the gloves and hats ready!

Well done to all of those children who have already completed their four reading tasks for the term. To everyone else, you have plenty of time left! If you complete one task a week for the next four weeks, you will be finished in plenty of time.

Happy Reading!

Key Stage One Nativity Play – Toby's Christmas Drum (12 and 13 December 2018)

As most of you are probably aware in the past we have only done one performance of the Key Stage One Nativity Play however, due to the size of the audience we have decided to do two performances this year and this will be ticketed. The tickets are free and will be available from the school office on Monday



School Christmas Fair 13 December 2018

The school Christmas Fair will be taking place after the second performance of the Key Stage One Nativity Play from 3.00pm – 4.15pm on Thursday 13 December 2018.

To enable the fair to be set up in the hall after the Nativity there will be refreshments in the Discovery Centre and a performance by the school choir and musicians. Fossa will serve teas, coffees and mince pies, etc on the night.

The fair will include games, gift wrapping, tombola, etc. If you know anyone who would like to run a stall at the fair please ask them to contact the office, we will be charging £10 to hire a stall.

We are hoping that Father Christmas will join us in his grotto.

To help make this a success we would be extremely grateful if you could donate any of the following items for our tombola/hampers and in return the children will have a **non-school uniform day on Friday 7 December** to say thank you!

<i>Bottles</i>	<i>Jars</i>	<i>Sweets</i>	<i>Christmas Goods</i>	<i>Crackers</i>	<i>Mince Pies</i>
	<i>Wine</i>	<i>Ale</i>	<i>Sherry</i>	<i>Brandy</i>	<i>Chocolates</i>
<i>Candles</i>	<i>Toiletries</i>				

If you know of anyone who would be willing to donate prizes for our raffle we would also welcome these!

Please could donations be made by Friday 7 December and put in the box that will be in reception from 1st December onwards.

Drama Performance of Hoodwinked 14 December 2018

Drama Club have been working on the musical Hoodwinked and we would like to invite you to their performance on Friday 14 December at 2.00pm. Tickets will be on sale next week (£2.00 per adult) and the money raised will go towards equipment for Drama Club. will be on sale from next week

Christmas Jumper Day 14 December 2018

On Christmas Jumper Day so we are happy for the children to wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform! We understand that this is a national fundraising day for Save the Children and if you would like to make a donation of £1 then we will happily pass on your donation however, this is not a requirement.

Wellie Walk and Whole School Christmas Meal – Wednesday 19 December 2018

Charlotte Townsend has very kindly offered to allow us to take the children for another Wellie Walk through Melbury Estate on Wednesday 19 December. Can you please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the weather in home clothes/footwear and could they also bring a change of clothes/footwear in case they get wet and muddy.

We will return in time for lunch and the school will be providing a Christmas Lunch from Local Food Links for all of the children therefore, there is no need to bring a packed lunch or order a meal for this day. The only thing you will need to do is to change your child's food choice if they require a vegetarian meal.

Christmas Service and End of Term Lunch - Friday 21 December 2018

We would like to invite you to this year's Christmas Service at St Osmund's Church in Evershot on Friday 21 December at 10.30am which will be followed by a shared Christmas Lunch back at school.

The food for the lunch will be set up in the Discovery Centre. Children will be able to help themselves to a buffet style lunch and then return to classrooms to eat. After all children have collected their food, parents will be invited to help themselves to anything left over.

We are asking each child to bring in a plate of food for this lunch and below is a list of foods we hope each child will be able to provide.

- Reception - Fruit and Crudités e.g. carrots, celery, cucumber, cherry tomatoes
- Year 1 - Savoury Snacks e.g. sausage rolls, pizza, cocktail sausages, quiche
- Year 2 - Crisps and Dips
- Year 3 - Sandwiches
- Year 4 - Sweet items e.g. cakes, biscuits
- Year 5 - Drinks e.g. fruit juice, flavoured water, squash
- Year 6 - Sandwiches

I know this seems very early to be thinking about the end of term but we understand that this is a busy time of year for parents and wanted to give you as much notice as possible. Finally, if you would like to take your child home after the lunch then you will be able to do so. However, school will remain open until the end of the normal school day.

Clubs

The clubs for this term will finish on 7 December. A letter regarding next term's clubs will be sent home before the end of this term.

Reception Children for September 2019

Can I remind parents that have younger children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 that the closing date for the first round of applications is 15 January 2019. You can apply for a place by going to www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions. If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to come into school and use one of the office computers.

If you know of any parents outside of school who have children in this age range we would really appreciate it if you could also mention it to them.

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