

STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Play Structure

Unfortunately, the large play structure was condemned as being unsafe, after an inspection in the summer revealed that the wood going into the ground was rotting. We had already had to remove several parts as they had rotted through and after speaking to several locals we were advised the life span of the structure was only intended to be 10 years.

We would like to thank Mr Kingston who very kindly agreed to remove the structure over half term, saving us a huge amount of money which can be put towards the replacement equipment. Fossa are in the process of raising money to provide replacement play equipment.

Tea Towels and Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who ordered tea towels and/or Christmas Cards. Just to confirm that these are now available for collection from the office.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who contributed, we raised £215.69!

Individual Photos

Just a reminder that a photographer will be coming to school at 1.30pm on Tuesday 24 November to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like to bring in any younger siblings to include them in a photo please can you let the office know by the end of Monday 23 November.

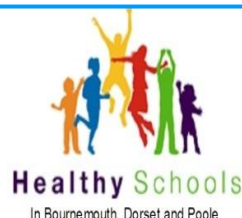
Christingle

The Evershot Christingle service is on the 6th Dec 4pm which is a day before the Melbury Concerts. It would be lovely if some of our pupils could attend this service.

Key Stage Two Melbury House Concert – 7th and 8th December

The Key Stage Two choir will be performing a concert of lessons and carols in the library at Melbury House, with the Melbury Team Choir and local musicians. This promises to be a very special event once again.

All of the children have been practicing very hard for the concert, and whilst we appreciate that it is an after school event, we do expect to see as many children as possible there. This is a fantastic event and opportunity to sing with an adult choir in a magical setting. Please return your slips by Monday 23 November. The concert will be from 6.30pm to approximately 8.00pm and is a ticketed event, £2.50 for adults, children are free. Refreshments will be available and



there will be a luxurious hamper raffle on both nights. All proceeds will go towards FOSSA funds which contributes to many of the extra special activities that the children do throughout the year. Tickets will be available from the school office and the Evershot shop nearer the time.

Start of the School Day

Thank you to parents who have followed our request to leave the playground once the whistle has been blown. This seems to be helping us to have a more settled start to the day and we would be grateful if you could continue to do this and if **all parents** could follow this guidance it would ensure that the children can focus on the day ahead.

Christmas Service

Just a quick note to let you know that this year's Christmas Service will be at 9.15 am on Wednesday 16 December at St Osmund's Church in Evershot.

School Lunches

We have had very good feedback about our new hot school meal providers. Please remember you can change your orders upto 7 days in advance.

We automatically order meals for any children who receive free school meals (with the exception of those we know bring packed lunch). We order the main food choice therefore, if you wish to change the menu then you need to log on and select the meal your child would prefer and click the change order button.

Whole School Christmas Meal Wednesday 16 December

Two years ago The Acorn provided a whole school Christmas Lunch which was a lovely opportunity for the whole school to eat together. As this was such a success we have decided to provide a Christmas Lunch from Local Food Links for all of the children for Wednesday 16 December 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.

Harry Potter Creative Writing Day

On Thursday 17 December the whole school will be taking part in a creative writing day with lots of fun activities to assist in developing writing skills. If possible please could the children come dressed in normal school clothes with a cape and/or a wizard/witches hat. The children will all be given Harry Potter badges to wear during the day.

Fossa Rock and Roll Christmas Disco

Fossa have arranged the above event to take place straight after school on Thursday 17 December until 5.00pm. Children should be accompanied by adults, the entry is £2.50 (including nibbles and drinks). There will be someone available to create Victory Hair Rolls for £2.00 and extra goodies will be on sale so please bring some pocket money.

Halstock Crib Service

The Halstock Crib Service is taking place at 10.00 am on Sunday 20 December. Children and parents are welcome to come dressed as Nativity characters to bring the service to life!

Local Food Links Kitchen - Dorchester Middle School Driver/General Assistant Required!

A Driver/ General Assistant post is available in a hub kitchen providing freshly prepared meals to 3 schools.

Hours of work are 11am – 1pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. DBS Clearance will be carried out. Pay rate and job description available on request from caroline.morgan@localfoodlinks.org.uk or 01308 428919.

FOSSA Luxury Hamper Raffle

The raffle tickets have arrived and 2 will be sent home in an envelope to each family. Please could you return any sold ticket stubs and the money to the office by Friday 4 December with any unsold raffle tickets. Should you need more raffle tickets to sell once again please contact the office.

So that Fossa can provide a **Luxury Hamper Raffle** at the **Melbury Christmas Concert** on the 7th & 8th December we would like you to help by donating a **LUXURY** item(s) for the hampers - please don't feel you have to donate, this is voluntary!

To have a range of items, can you please donate from one of the items below depending on which class your child is in (alcohol has been included in each group as it is the most expensive and we don't want one class to have the greatest expense);

Class 1

Bottle of wine/ port/ whiskey

Savoury biscuits

Sweet biscuits

Class 2

Bottle of wine/ port/ whiskey

Chutneys/ Mustards/ Balsamic vinegar etc

Posh crisps e.g.Kettle chip type crisps

Class 3

Bottle of wine/ port/ whiskey

Chocolates

Tea/ Coffee

Class 4

Bottle of wine/ port/ whiskey

Non-alcoholic drinks such as Schloer/ Belvoir cordials etc

Jams/ Marmalade etc

Can items be well in date (so no 'best before dates' before Christmas please) and can they please be luxury items to go with the theme!

Can you please leave donations at Sticklands School by Thursday 3rd December.

Money raised from the hampers will be going to fund the new play structure.

Thank you for all your help in supporting FOSSA and look forward to seeing you at the Melbury Concert which always proves to be a fantastic event in the run up before Christmas.

Thanks

Karen
On behalf of FOSSA

Parents Invitation to Achievements' Assembly and End of Term Lunch

As in previous years we would like to invite you to attend this term's Achievements' Assembly and Shared Christmas Lunch on the last day of this term.

This is also Christmas Jumper Day so we are happy for the children to wear home school clothes preferably with a Christmas Jumper!

The Achievements' Assembly will take place in the school hall at 11.00 am and after a brief interlude the food for the lunch will be set up in the hall. Children will then 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.

Reception Children for September 2016

Can I remind parents that have younger children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 that the closing date for the first round of applications is 15 January 2016. 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.

Clubs

Please note this terms clubs will stop the week ending 4 December. The new clubs will start on the week beginning 11 January 2016 with the exception of the Fun Science club which starts on the 6 January. Please return the attached club form with your children’s choices by **4 December**. **Club spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis!**

Forest School Working Party

We would like to form a group which helps to develop and maintain our Forest School which would meet for 2-3 hours each term. We do not need you to have experience in this area but just an interest in the outside environment and enthusiasm to help. If you are willing to help then please could you complete the attached slip and we will form an email group to keep you up to date and discuss any ideas/projects.

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

Forest School Working Party

I would like to join the Forest School Working Party.

Name:

Email Address:

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY & TIME	COST	PLEASE TICK IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND
Football Club	3,4,5 & 6	Monday Lunchtime	N/A	
School Magazine	3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Recorder Club	1 & 2	Tuesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Dance Club	2,3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm	N/A	
Film Club	3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm	N/A	
Cookery Club	3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.15pm	£15 per term	
Fun Science	Whole School	Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm	£30 for the half term	FULL (finishes 3 February 2016)
Choir	1,2,3,4,5 &6	Thursday Lunchtime	N/A	
Drama	1 to 6 (inclusive)	Thursday 3.00 – 4.00 pm	N/A	

If it becomes necessary to cancel an afterschool club then we will text you as soon as possible to let you know.

PLEASE RETURN BY Friday 4 December 2015