



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Achievements!

Congratulations to our Hi 5 team who are West Dorset Hi5 Champions. We are extremely proud of their achievement and would like to wish the following children good luck when they represent the school and West Dorset at the Dorset Finals on 27 March :-

Jamie, Ashton, Magnus, Arabella, Florence, Lilly and Georgia C

Well done to the tag rugby team who represented the school in the tournament on Saturday 9 March at Bridport Leisure Centre.

Lunchtimes

We have been looking at lunchtimes and we have realised that if your child has packed lunch you are aware of how much they are eating as any leftovers are returned in their lunch box. Some of the children who are having hot school meals are not eating very much and from today we will send you a text message to advise you if this is the case. We are hoping that this will enable you to identify the meals that they do not like and if possible amend orders for the future.

Clubs – Cancellations/Rearrangements

- Cross Stitch Club cancelled 20 March 2019
- Drama Club 21 March – Please collect at 4.00pm from the church
- Drama Club 28 March – Extra Session, please collect at 4.00pm from the church

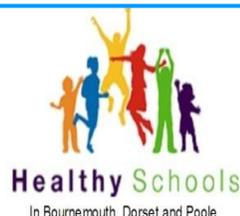
Red Nose Day- Friday 15 March 2019

We will be selling Red Noses in school all next week but they are only to be worn in school on Red Nose Day (if you can please write your child's name on their Red Nose it would be very helpful). **Please note this year the price has increased to £1.25!**

The children can also come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 15 March for a voluntary donation of £1. All money will be donated to Comic Relief.

Forest School Area

We are extremely lucky to have our Forest School area for the children to use. As a school we pay a rent for the space, have funded the fencing and provide the resources that are used in the area.



We know that this area is used outside of school hours, and whilst we generally do not have an issue with this, sadly, it is clear that those using the area are not being careful with resources. Things are being broken and damaged, which is clearly upsetting for those using the area.

Not only is this costing the school unnecessary extra funding, it would be a shame to have to totally fence off the area so that it cannot be used.

Please help us to ensure that if your children are using the Forest School area outside of school hours that they are respecting our property.

Swimming Pool – help urgently needed!

As I am sure that you are aware, our school pool is kept running and financed through a fantastic and dedicated team of volunteers. The pool was closed for a significant period of time as cuts to school finances meant that it was a resource that could no longer be afforded.

One of the volunteers has been Shelley Emm, an Evershot resident with a grown up daughter who used to attend Stickland's. Shelley has played a significant role in ensuring the pool was reopened, has helped with organisation of the Splash lottery, co-ordinated the pool maintenance, and kept up with daily pool testing (to name but a small proportion of all that she has done).

Shelley has decided that it is time for this commitment to be passed on, so the pool committee are looking for new volunteers. Training and support will be given – Shelley has said that she is happy to work alongside someone to get things started.

If there was more than 1 person who would volunteer, then this would clearly be an opportunity to share the roles and responsibilities. If we do not have volunteers, we run the risk of the pool not being useable, and the potential loss of an invaluable resource that we are lucky to have.

I would like to take this opportunity from all at Stickland's to say how grateful we are for all that Shelley has done – she has been pivotal in ensuring that the pool has continued to be such a valuable resource for the school

OFSTED Parent View

We are anticipating that we will have an OFSTED visit at some point this term, as in February it will be 2 years since they last came. In preparation for this, I would be extremely grateful if you would register and then leave feedback about the school on the OFSTED Parent View website

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Christian Values

This half term we will be focussing on truthfulness as our Core Christian Value. This will be discussed and explored during our Collective Worship, and followed up by relating it to our everyday lives in the classrooms. Please find attached a leaflet with some activities and information for you.

Parents' Evening – 23 & 24 April

This year we are using our Eschools platform to book parents' evening appointments and booking will be available from Sunday 17 March until Sunday 31 March 2019. **Please make sure you have access to Eschools and if not please contact the office for your login information.** If you download the App you will actually save the school money so please consider doing this!

Parents' evenings are an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss academic progress, behaviour and attitudes, as well as any other specific concerns or areas for celebration.

These appointments are for 10 minutes and it is important that we keep to this timeframe to ensure that other parents are not kept waiting. If you feel that you need a longer appointment then please contact your child's teacher directly.

If you are unable to make either of these dates please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternative appointment.

Spring Term Reading Reward - Friday, 29 March 2019

Our Reading Tree in the hall is covered in leaves now, showing all of the books read by the children so far this year. Well done to the children and all those at home who have supported the home learning. This term's reward for those children, who have completed four book tasks to a high standard, is inspired by Easter. The children will make, decorate and eat delicious chocolate Easter cakes.

The deadline for completing the four book tasks is **Friday, 22 March 2019**.

Happy Reading!

World Book Day

World Book Day was a real success and the children (and staff) all looked fantastic in their costumes. The children enjoyed a variety of activities based on a Secret Agent theme, in addition to a great workshop with our visiting author, Kate Scott. She was so impressed with the engagement and imagination of the children, as they composed whole class stories. We were very proud of them all.

The day was finished with our first 'Books at Bedtime' and it was lovely to see so many children back in school, ready to enjoy an hour of story-telling and hot chocolate. The parents had a book swap and refreshments served in the Discovery Centre. A big thank you to the staff for staying on and running the event!

Book Swap

Following on from the Books at Bedtime event we have decided to trial a book swap area in the school foyer. If you have any books that you would like to swap then please leave them on the bottom two shelves of the blue trolley. The books must be in good condition, the children's books must be age appropriate for school and any adult books must be suitable to be left in the school foyer. Hopefully this will encourage reading and also save people a little bit of money!

Invitation to the Easter Service 10.30am and the End of Term Lunch – Friday 5 April 2019

As in previous years we would like to invite you to attend the Easter Service and Shared Easter Lunch on the last day of this term.

The Easter Service will take place at St Osmund's Church in Evershot at 10.30am and this will be followed by a shared lunch back at school.

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

Finally, if you would like to take your child home after the lunch then you will be able to do so. **If your child normally catches the bus, please could you let the office know as soon as possible if you will be collecting them on the last day so that we can let the bus companies know.**

Please note, school will remain open until the end of the normal school day.

Local Food Links (Our Hot School Meal Provider)

Local Food Links are very sociable..... Facebook and Twitter are a great way to keep in touch with all of the goings on at LFL! They are also now on Instagram. They share the daily menu, new ideas they are working on and all the latest news. Please find them online and join the conversation. They would like as many parents to sign up for their email reminders as possible as this provides an opportunity to share news, provide menu updates, highlight any theme days & special events

If you would like to sign up to receive emails from Local Food Links please use this web address to sign up to their parentmail <http://eepurl.com/tVadf>

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,
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