



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Premier Sports Awards

We have been following the Premier league Primary Stars Awards which are:

Be fair
Be inspiring
Be Ambitious
Be Connected

This half term many children have received awards, but four children have particularly stood out among their peers and achieved all of our targets.

Congratulations to Jack Heslop, Felice Thornbury, Georgia Chant and George Henderson. They have each received a certificate and a sports prize in recognition of their achievements.

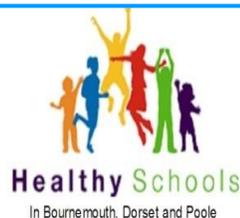
Attendance

Following a register check by a local authority attendance officer, we have been advised to introduce some new systems to ensure that we are following our statutory duties with regards to children's attendance at school.

Holidays – a holiday can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Authorisation is only likely for a week, unless the distance of the destination means that 2 weeks is more realistic. If parents jobs mean that term time holidays are the only option, we would need an employer's letter to confirm this. If parents choose to take an unauthorised family holiday during term time, this is likely to incur a fine from Dorset County Council.

Other absence – When letting us know of absence due to illness, in order for it to be authorised, we will need you to provide specific reasons, rather than being 'unwell'. All absences and reasons are now recorded in a book. This will allow the attendance officer to look at any patterns of, or significant periods of absence on her next visit.

We also now require appointment letters/cards to be brought in as confirmation of appointments during school hours. In cases where children have extended periods of absence, this may need confirmation by a doctor's letter for example. If there are no significant reasons for absence, and a child has significantly low attendance, parents may be asked to attend an attendance panel.



Morning Arrival

Once again, could I please ask you to ensure that your child arrives at school by 8.40am, so that they are in class ready to begin their learning at 8.45 am. We are still having children arriving after this time, which is disruptive to them and their classmates.

Knee operation

Just to inform you that I am due to have a cartilage operation on my knee on 27 February. I am hoping that healing will be straightforward, and therefore, all being well, have made plans to return to school 3 weeks later.

In my absence, Miss Adler will have some more time out of class to be available in the office. She will be covered by Mrs Hart. Miss Stone will also be in on a Friday morning.

Medicine

Please can I remind you that children should not be bringing medicine into school. If your child requires prescribed medicine during the school day it needs to be brought to the office by an appropriate adult. Do not send in with your child. The medicine must be in the original packaging with the pharmacy label on it and you will also need to complete a Medicine Administration form. You can ask the pharmacy to split prescriptions so that you can leave medicine at school meaning you only have to come in once.

Finally, due to the Department of Education guidelines we are unable to administer aspirin or medicines containing ibuprofen, unless prescribed by a doctor (with a pharmacy label attached).

New School Uniform Supplier

Due to the difficulties we have been experiencing with Tesco we have now changed uniform suppliers to KitzUk who have an office based in Sherborne. You can either order online (should be available in the next few days) or you can pop over to their shop in Sherborne where they already have stock available. The link to their website is:-

<http://kitzuk.co.uk/shop/>

Delivery options are as follows:

Under £20 post charge is £4, over £20 reverts to a tracked service of £8.40.

Collect from store option – free (also very useful as children can then try on and swap sizes if necessary)

Collect from school – free (a delivery of orders are made to the school on the 3rd Friday of every month, term time only)

We still have some items available in school however, once these are gone the school will no longer keep uniform on site.

Parents Information Evening

Unfortunately due to my absence we have decided to postpone the Parents Information Evening this term, however, Miss Stone is now holding a SAT's information session after school on 12 March at 3.15pm for Year 6 parents.

PLEASE HELP US TO SAVE MONEY BY USING THE SCHOOL APP

As some of you know there is an App that you can download for our school if you have an android or apple device unfortunately, this is not available on Windows phones. To download the App you need to search for Eschools and then once it has been downloaded you need to enter Sticklands followed by your username and password.

If you download the App and then login you will be saving the school 5p every time you receive a text as this will be delivered as a notification instead which the school is not charged for. At the moment very few parents are using the app therefore, if a text is sent to all parents this is costing us approximately £3. This may not seem much but does add up over the year.

By downloading and using the App you will also be able to book parents evening appointments on your phone, view the school calendar and receive notifications that we have sent you an email as well as being able to read it on your phone!

Please help the school to save money and also provide yourself with an easy way to access information that we send you.

Parents Evening – Please make sure you know your Eschools login in details

Parents Evenings will be taking place on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 April, you will be able to book your appointments using the school app or website from Monday 5 March to Friday 23 March 2018. In the top right hand corner of our website is a Login button. Please click on this and use your Eschool login details to access the parent evening appointments.

If you do not know or have forgotten your login in details please email the office and we will reset them for you.

School Lunches – Please remember to order

Can I just remind you that hot school meals need to be ordered at least one week in advance. If you have not ordered meals for after half term by Sunday 11 February, your child will need a packed lunch. You can always check your order by logging on to www.myschoolmeals.co.uk

Spring Term Reading Reward - Friday, 23rd March

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, 16th March.**

Happy Reading!

Cake Sale

Thank you to Kingfisher's class for making the cakes for this week's cake sale. We managed to raise £81.24 which will be donated to Bushbells Primary School in Kenya. Thank you everyone!

Please 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