



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Achievements

We are very pleased to let you know that two former pupils (Nathaniel Ould and Ben Leather) were part of the Beaminster Year 9 Public Speaking team that won the Regional final of the competition in Exmouth and will now go on to compete in the **NATIONAL FINAL** in Telford in May! Ben also took the award for Best Chairperson. We would like to congratulate them both on this fantastic achievement and wish them well for the final.

Isabella recently competed in the IDTA Nationwide Medallist of the Year finals in Blackpool. To make a dance final at this competition is the pinnacle of all amateur dancers' aspirations around the country and Isabella danced her way through seven rounds to make her ballroom final in her first year of competing in the 'Up to 12 years' category in a class with 78 competitors. After dancing all five ballroom dances one after the other in the final she was awarded seventh place.. Well done Isabella on achieving a great result at a National Final.

Izzy recently competed in the West Dorset Schools Gala (which includes some of the best swimmers in the county) and as a result has now been selected to represent West Dorset at the Dorset Schools Gala. Well done Izzy.

Important - Play Structure Supervision After School

Can I just remind you that outside of school hours you are responsible for ensuring your child is supervised whilst using the school play structure and that it is not the School's responsibility. This is obviously a challenging piece of equipment for some children and we have already seen a few accidents when the children have not been supervised and we would like to ensure that this does not happen in the future. We cannot guarantee that there will be a qualified first aider on site to help with children's injuries.

Important – Parking at the start and end of the day

To ensure the safety of all children and road users, and also out of respect for our neighbours, please DO NOT stop in the driveway of the house opposite school or on the Keep Clear signs outside the gate. Doing so presents a risk to the children due to lack of visibility and can cause traffic problems. We have had some near misses recently and I am sure that no one would want to be responsible for a child being hurt. It may take you a little longer, but will avoid potential accidents and chaos at this busy time of day.



The school bus stop should also not be used for dropping off and picking children up between 8.25 and 8.45am and 2.45 to 3.15pm. The bus stop is to ensure the safety of the children who catch the school bus to and from school and should not be used by parents at this could put the bus children in danger and also cause chaos in the road outside of school.

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 next half term please can you ensure you do by 29 May 17. You can always check your order by logging on to www.myschoolmeals.co.uk

Download the School App and Save the School Money!

Thank you to all of those parents who have already downloaded the app. If you have not done so already and you need help please contact the office for further information.

Bags to Schools

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to Bags2Schools and I am pleased to say we raised £156.00 which we have used to help subsidise the Gangsta Granny trip.

Swimming

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 9 June 2017.

School Reading Challenge Reward

The children have now all been told what the reward is for the house with the most completed book tasks per child. The winning house will have an afternoon of swimming and a choc ice at the end of the summer term. Each child must have completed 4 books tasks per term to qualify. The challenge is now on - remember the book tasks need to be of a high standard to count. Good luck!

Midday Supervisor

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons Mrs George will be leaving her position as Midday Supervisor at the end of this term and we therefore, have a vacancy for this position. Details of the position are available below:-

Midday Supervisor (XS2.4b)

Term Time Only – 2.5 hours per week (1.25 hours per day)

Grade 1 - Salary Point 5-6

Closing Date Friday 16 June 2017

We are looking to appoint a dynamic Kitchen Assistant/Midday Supervisor to join our friendly staff. The roles will involve preparing the area for lunchtime meals, serving the meals to the children and clearing away the lunchtime equipment. As well as this you will be required to supervise the children

during the midday break, ensuring their safety, welfare and general conduct through appropriate application of the school's policies and procedures.

The successful applicant will be expected to hold or be willing to complete Food Hygiene training, as the role will involve handling food.

Please contact the school office for an application form.

Summer Uniform

Although the weather is still very changeable I thought it best to remind you that the boys can wear grey tailored shorts and the girls can wear blue and white checked dresses during the summer months. The children should still wear appropriate school shoes to protect their feet during playtimes.

Please ensure your child has a named sun hat in school as the weather is very changeable and when the sun does appear we would like to avoid sunstroke!!! Also, suncream would be advisable and if you would like your child to apply it in school time then please make sure the bottle is labelled with their name.

Sports Day & the Summer Fair

Just a quick note to let you know Sports Day is on the afternoon of Wednesday 21 June with a reserve date of Wednesday 28 June, in case of bad weather. This will be followed by the Summer Fair more details to follow.

Christian Values

This half term we have focussed on Respect 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. Please find attached a leaflet with some activities and information for you.

Inset Day

Reminder that Monday 5 June is an inset day, children return to school on Tuesday 6 June. Please remember to check the diary on the school website.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and that the weather is kind.

Yours sincerely,



Kathy McCann
Headteacher