

October 16

Dear Parents and Carers,

Inset Day Monday 31 October 2016

Just a reminder that there is an inset day on Monday 31 October therefore, the children will return to school on Tuesday 1 November.

Achievements

We would like to congratulate Isabella on reaching the UK and Ireland national finals in Blackpool. After 5 rounds of dancing at the UKA Championships competing against approximately 50 dancers Isabella got to the final and came 6th for her quickstep. She danced beautifully and thoroughly deserved her place in the final, we are all very proud of what she has achieved.

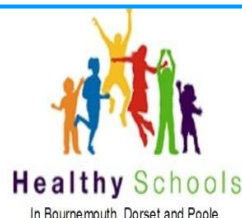


School Admissions Policy

We have been asked to make you aware that Dorset will be consulting on admission arrangements for 2018/2019 and School Transport policies for 2017/2018 with effect from **Monday, 3rd October 2016 to Friday, 11th November 2016**. Details of the consultation can be viewed at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies> from **Monday, 3rd October 2016**.

Wellie Walk Friday 21 October

As part of our house competition we will be walking to Melbury House on Friday morning where the children will be producing a land art collage using natural resources. 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. Charlotte Townsend has very kindly offered to provide refreshments for the children at Melbury House and once we have finished, the children will return to school in time for lunch.



After School Behaviour

We have had several incidents after school recently which has resulted in some damage to fences and children's belongings. As you know we are more than happy for children to stay and play in the school grounds but can I remind you that school's sports equipment should not be used. The children must be supervised, it's very disheartening to see some of Stickland's children being so disrespectful to their own school environment and each other.

Harvest Service & Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended and donated to the Harvest Service and Macmillan Coffee morning. The church were extremely grateful for the food items which will be distributed locally and any items remaining will be donated to the Sherborne Food Bank. With regards to our Macmillan Coffee Morning we can confirm that we raised over £110.

Red, White & Blue Day Friday 14 October

Thank you to everyone who donated to Red, White and Blue Day we have raised £79.80 which will go towards supporting service families!

Clubs

Clubs will restart the week after half term with the exception of Lacrosse which has been replaced by Dodgeball club, this will start on Monday 7 November. The link to book onto Dodgeball club is below and the form to book onto Science Club was sent home last week.

<http://www.premier-education.com/for-families/search-for-activities-near-you/venue/sticklands-cofe-va-primary-school/id/19787>

Children in Need – Week beginning 14 November

During the week beginning the 14 November we will be selling the Children in Need items which are shown below. Initially the children will be limited to 2 items however, if we still have some items remaining on Thursday then they will be allowed to buy more.

We will also be holding a cake sale on Thursday 10 November with the cakes being provided by the children in Ravens class. All profits from this will go towards Children in Need.

Finally, for a voluntary donation of £1 the children are allowed to wear home school clothes on Friday 18 November **provided they have a spotty theme!**



£2.50



£3.00



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£1.00

Lexia

Lexia is a fantastic reading programme with a proven track record of developing both word recognition and reading comprehension skills. In order for progress to be made, it is recommended that children spend a minimum of 40 minutes per week working through the activities.

If your child is registered to use Lexia, please could you ensure that they are using it for at least one 20 minute session per week at home. The more time spent, the quicker your child will progress.

If you have any difficulties with internet access at home or access to the Lexia program specifically, please contact your class teacher either in person or via their email address (see homework folder). Otherwise, we will assume that all of the children are able to complete the required time as part of their home learning.

Uniform

Our uniform is a part of encouraging the children to take pride in themselves and our school. Could you please ensure that children are tidy and presentable by wearing the correct uniform. When this has been addressed previously we have noticed an improved attitude to learning and their school work. If you meet the requirements and you successfully apply for means tested free school meals the school will provide basic school uniform.

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

The uniform is a royal blue polo shirt with grey trousers or skirt and dark blue sweatshirt or cardigan. The girls may wear a blue and white checked dress in the summer.

Proper shoes must be worn and trainers, boots or highly decorative shoes are not allowed with school uniform please.

Long hair (from shoulder length) is to worn up, but decorative hair adornments are not allowed. The only jewellery item permitted is small plain studs.

Uniform may be purchased at Tesco by following these easy steps:

- Go to [tesco.com/ues](https://www.tesco.com/ues)
- Select your school from the list and you will see all the customised items that you can buy
- Choose the quantity and sizes you'd like and add them to your basket
- Pay with debit or credit card at the checkout (you earn Clubcard points as well)
- Your embroidered items will be delivered within 14 days

Uniform may still be purchased directly from the school office, but due to the cost will be £1.50 per item more expensive than uniform purchased from Tescos.

All children in KS2 must wear trainers for PE as Daps are not suitable or safe footwear for the type of PE that the children participate in at this stage.

The optional hoodies for PE are supplied by a different company and have to be ordered through school at a cost of £10. Please contact the office if you would like to order any for your child/children.

Upcoming Fossa Events

Fossa are holding a Halloween Disco on Saturday 29th October in Evershot Village Hall, please see the News Section of the school website for more information.

Fossa Film Night Friday 4th November 3.00-5.00pm. More information to follow!

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