



**STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.**

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Dates**

Can I just remind you to check the school calendar for details of all inset days, school events and school holidays.

### **Achievements**

Congratulations to Olly B, Henry B and Mrs Cracknell, for taking part in the Colour Run in Dorchester to raise money for the Weldmar Hospice Care Trust.

Well done to all the children below who represented the school at the Cluster Unihoc Tournament, we were very impressed with your teamwork!

Olly M, Ben M, Frankie, Josh, Rosie P, Ruby R, Olly B, Johnnie and Oliver H

### **Forest School**

We would like to thank everyone for their help in transforming our Forest School over the Easter holidays. Special thanks to Jason Giladjian and his team who have worked hard to develop a fantastic and exciting area for the children to investigate, explore and challenge themselves.

The Thornburys, the Browns, the Wills, the Mowbrays, Louisa Spearing and Lily B all gave up their time to bring our Forest School area to life!

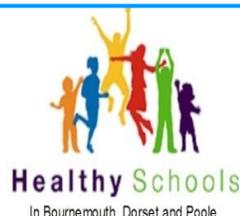
### **Cookathon**

Thank you to Mrs Watson for organising the Big Cookathon in school on Monday 25 April. All of the children had a great time and we were very lucky to have local celebrity chef Leslie Waters visit and show her support for this event. We hope they enjoyed eating their cottage pies at home.

Special thanks to Ruby J, Samuel, Arabella and Olly B who were part of last term's cookery club and helped assist Mrs Watson during the day.

We are featured on the Children's Food Trust Website and you can view this by following this link:-

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home/big-cookathon/gallery/>



## Free School Meals and Milk (Benefits Based)

Children who qualify for benefits based free school meals also qualify for free school milk. Detailed below are the requirements which would enable you to qualify for benefit based free school meals and also the reasons why you should apply even if you do not wish to take the meals or if you are receiving infant free school meals!!!

### Will my son/daughter qualify for free school meals?

To be eligible you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income that does not exceed £16,190
- Income-Based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are also entitled to free school meals.

### Please apply even if your child is in an infant class (Reception, year 1 or year 2).

All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 at a state funded school (whether maintained, academy, free or learning centre) are now entitled to a free lunch. This does not apply to children in school nursery classes unless they are eligible for free school meals for income reasons.

However, parents of infants who might be entitled are still **strongly encouraged to apply** for free school meals **because it enables their school to access additional funding which is used to provide additional support to improve access to learning.** We also use this money to, give parents access to help with uniform costs and the cost of school trips so please apply if you qualify!

If you would like further information or would like to apply please visit the following website:

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

## Summer Uniform

Although the weather still remains on the chilly side 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**

Just a quick note to let you know Sports Day is on Thursday 23 June with a reserve date of Thursday 30 June, in case of bad weather.

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

Just to let you know that we are collecting the above vouchers if you or anyone you know has any to donate to school please can you post them in the box in the foyer by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the very latest!!

### **Midday Supervisor**

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

Midday Supervisor (XS2.4b)

Term Time Only - 6.25 hours per week

Grade 1 - Salary Point 5-6

Closing Date Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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.

### **Clerk to the Governors ( XS8.10)**

Dorset Grade 5

Closing Date: 12 May 2016

The Governing Body is seeking to appoint an experienced administrator as Clerk to Governors. We are seeking a reliable, well organised individual that is able to work under own initiative to deadlines whilst providing administrative support to the Governing Body.

The successful candidate will be required to:

Prepare and distribute agendas and enclosures for full governing body and committee meetings

- Take accurate and concise minutes

- Co-ordinate the governing body in an efficient manner
- Advise the governing body on legal, constitutional and procedural matters (training will be provided)
- Attend Clerk's briefing sessions and liaise with Dorset County Council's Governor Services Department
- Demonstrate good verbal and written communication skills

Training and on-going support in all aspects of the role will be available to you from Dorset County Council Governor Services Department.

With the exception of actual meetings, the majority of the role could be carried out in school or from home at a time to suit the post holder as preferred. There are currently 6 full governing body meetings and approximately 12 committee meetings per academic year. The job holder will need to be flexible with regard to working hours and days as this is dependent on the prescribed meeting schedule of the Governing Body. The salary for the role has been calculated as an average of 4 hours per week term time only, however the majority of the hours would be worked on and around the dates of the meetings.

If you have any questions or would like any more information about the role please contact the school office.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people; this is a commitment which we expect all staff and volunteers to share. The successful candidate will be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service check in line with the Governments safer recruitment guidelines.

This school values the diversity of our workforce and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

Yours sincerely,  
Kathy McCann  
Headteacher