



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know this is always a very busy term therefore, the first newsletter is always full of very useful information. However, can I also recommend that you keep a very close eye on the calendar for upcoming events.

Pupil Information Sheet

In the envelope you will have an information sheet for your child/children detailing the information we hold on file for them. We are aware that information changes regularly so please could you check this carefully, update as necessary (especially phone numbers, emergency contact details and medical information) and return to the school office by Friday 14 September. If we do not receive your child's form we will assume the information we hold is correct.

Village and Photography Permission

As you may remember when your child starts school we ask for permission to take your child on education visits around the village of Evershot and also for your child to be photographed whilst participating in school events. These photographs may be published in the local paper, website or promotional literature (obviously fully complying with child protection guidelines without names or other details listed).

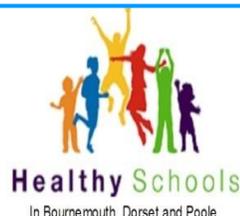
If you have not already done so and would like to opt your child out of either the village trips or photography permission then please could you let us know immediately as every class regularly has photos taken and also takes part in visits around the village.

Home School Agreement

It is a requirement that every school has a home/school agreement which is signed by the parent, pupil and school. The document has been prepared in consultation with staff and governors. The home school agreement is enclosed and I would ask that you read and talk it through carefully with your child/ren, then sign and send it back to school by Friday 14 September 2018.

Forest School and Ticks

I know this is not a pleasant thought but as the children regularly play outside they are vulnerable to ticks. We are aware that a tick should be removed as soon as possible to prevent disease transmission therefore, we have 2 removal tools in school which, we will be using to remove any ticks we find on children. Please can you complete the attached permission slip confirming that you give permission for a member of staff to to remove a tick from your child if they see one



If your child has a forest school session they should always wear a long sleeved tops and full length trousers as this limits the skin available to ticks! If they are not dressed appropriately then they will not be able to take part.

Swimming

We will continue to swim this term up until the end of September, providing the weather is agreeable! We have detailed below the days that your child's class will be swimming however, could you please try to ensure they have their kit in most days as we will try to make the most of any good weather this half term:-

Goldfinches	Monday & Wednesday
Woodpeckers	Monday & Thursday
Kingfishers	Tuesday & Friday
Ravens	Tuesday & Friday

Please remember your child must have a swimming hat!

Bags2Schools Monday 24 September

Bags2Schools make a donation to schools for any clothes that they collect from us and I just wanted to let you know that we have arranged for them to make a collection of clothes on 24 September 2018. We would be really grateful if you could save any old clothes that you are throwing away and bring them into school after school on Friday 21 September or between 8.00am and 9.00am on Monday 24 September. We will be sending home a bag for your donations once we receive them from the company. Please support us as the last collection raised £64.

Red, White & Blue Day, Friday 5 October

This year we have decided to support Red, White and Blue Day which is a chance for us to show our support for the huge number of Service families in the UK. Should your child wish to take part in supporting this day we are asking for a donation of £1 per child and in return they can come to school wearing Red, White and Blue on Friday 5 October.

Parents Information Evening – Monday 8 October 6pm

Please put the date for the next Parents Information Evening into your diaries. This term's meeting is about the importance of developing reading skills to ensure that children are able to access all areas of the curriculum. We will show you the steps we take in school, from teaching phonics to developing fluency, enjoyment and comprehension skills. We will also be available to set up the E-schools app, so bring along your mobile!

Harvest Service – 9.15am Thursday 11 October Service at St Osmond's, Evershot

You are all invited to join us for our Harvest Service and we would be grateful if the children could bring in an item of Non-Perishable food to take to the church, this will then be distributed locally by the church and any items remaining will be donated to the Evershot/Sherborne Food Bank.

Parents' Evening – 15 & 16 October

This year we are using our Eschools platform to book parents' evening appointments and **booking will be available from Friday 21 September until Friday 5 October.**

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.

Christian Values

This half term we will be focussing on Friendship 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.

Buses

I would like to remind parents that if your child is not going to be on the bus you need to contact the school office prior to the day that this applies to (preferably by email). If we are not advised in adequate time then it can cause confusion and missed messages, which is unsettling for both the children and staff. If your child is going to be travelling on the bus and is not a regular bus user then you must let the office know the day before, as your child is not insured unless we have received permission from Dorset County Council for them to travel on school transport. We all find the bus system frustrating at times but can I just reiterate that the school does not organise the buses!

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

Forest School & Ticks

Child/Children's Names: _____

I understand that my child should have a long sleeved top and full length trousers in school to enable them to take part in Forest School Sessions

I **do** give permission for a member of staff to remove a tick from my child/children using a tick removal tool.

I **do not** give permission for a member of staff to remove a tick from my child/children using a tick removal tool.

Signed: _____ Date: _____