

STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know the end of a school year is a very busy time in school and I just wanted to remind you of a few key dates.

School Dates

Can I just remind you that Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are both inset days and the children return to school on Monday 5 September 2016. Please check the school calendar for details of all inset days, school events and school holidays.

September Staffing

Further to our staffing update in May I can now confirm that after a period of sickness Miss Hancock has decided that she will not be returning to school. Laura has taught many children in the school and we would like to wish her well in her new endeavours. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving present for Laura please could you put it in an envelope and pass it to the office by Monday 18 July 2016, there will be a card for everyone to sign in the school foyer.

Achievements

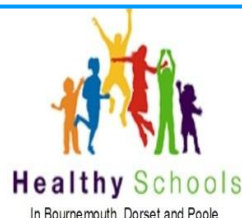
Since the last newsletter the children have taken part in the Cluster Swimming Gala and did extremely well coming third overall!

The Kwik Cricket Team have also been in action and did very well at the Cluster Tournament showing great sportsmanship.

Leavers' Assembly & Lunch

We look forward to seeing you at our Leavers' Assembly at 11.00 am on Wednesday 20 July. All are welcome!!! Following the assembly, you are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with your children. You may start your holiday early and take your children home if you wish, although school will be open until 3.00 pm as normal.

If you decide to take your child before the end of the school day and they normally use school transport can you please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can cancel the transport if it is not needed.



Free School Meals

Please see the attached information about Free School Meals and how both the school and your child could benefit. Also, please be aware that children who are currently in Year 2 will no longer receive Free School Meals unless you are eligible (see attached information) and have applied to Dorset Direct.

Sports Day and Summer Fair

I hope you will agree that the children performed brilliantly at Sports Day and we were very proud of all of their achievements on the day. The summer fair was a huge success and we managed to raise £300 which will go towards updating the school library. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Midday Supervisor and Clerk to the Governors Appointments

We are very pleased to announce that Kathleen Lovatt has kindly agreed to stay on as Midday Supervisor and that we have appointed Tanja McGovern as our new Clerk to the Governors.

Fossa Fun Day

Fossa Fun Day is on Tuesday 19 July and I am sure all of the children are very excited about the activities that Fossa will be running for them.

Your child should come to school dressed in suitable clothing they can do physical activities in. They will also need to bring swimming kit and waterproofs/wellies for forest school type activities.

Fossa are providing lunch so you do not need to send in a packed lunch.

Thank you to Fossa for all of the hard work that goes into making every event that they hold a huge success. Without your hard work the children would definitely miss out on the lovely extras that you pay for!!!

Letters and Permission Slips

We are still spending an awful lot of time chasing reply slips for the children therefore, we would like to remind you of our policy. You will receive a hard copy of the letter with the permission slip, at the same time the letter is emailed to you. We will then send you an email followed by a text to remind you to return the slip if you have not already done so. If you do not return the slip then your child will not be able to attend the event.

Finally, if for some reason you do need a hard copy of any information letters then please contact the office.

Swimming Pool

We would like to express our thanks to all of those volunteers that have kept the pool open both in and out of school hours. We really appreciate the time they give up to ensure our children have a fantastic resource on their doorstep!!

School Volunteer Requests

We are very lucky at Stickland's to have a wonderful supply of people who are happy to give up their time to come and help out in the classrooms. They help to ensure that the children's reading is listened to on a regular basis and also to offer an extra pair of hands during more challenging tasks in the classroom. We also have one volunteer who has

given up his time to run a lunchtime football club which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

We have volunteers that have helped on trips and also helped transport the children to and from events.

Without your help the children would once again miss out on valuable experiences so thank you from all of the staff and children.

As we are coming to the end of this academic year we would love to hear from anyone who could spare an hour or two next year to listen to children read or who could help out at Forest School sessions both during school and also at an after school club we are hoping to run.

Ravens have specifically asked for volunteers that are able to help run a session within our Forest School (Weds pm), for a group of 5 children each time; from Weds 14th Sep to Weds 12th Oct (5 sessions.)

*making bird feeders

*whittling wood and creating an object from wood, e.g. a bowl

*decorating pots and planting seeds

*nature art

And if anyone has any pine cones, wood for carving, spare pots, birdseed they would like to donate, that would be great.

Lost Property

The lost property box in the foyer is overflowing. Any items not claimed by the end of this term will either be put in the Fossa School Uniform, given to charity or thrown away!!! Please come in and check none of the items belong to your child.

Cookathon

Unfortunately, we did not win the overall prize but we did receive a huge congratulations, so well done everyone!

Finally, as this is our last newsletter of this term I would like to wish you all a lovely summer!

Yours sincerely,



Kathy McCann
Headteacher

Free Hot School Meals Provides Additional Funding for our School – Please Register (if applicable)!!!

The main reason for writing this letter is to advise you that every child who registers for Free School Meals generates additional funding for the school. Each child who successfully registers will provide the school with pupil premium payments and other financial incentives. **You are under no obligation to take up the meals but we would really appreciate you registering so that the school receives this funding.**

All children in years 1, 2 and Reception are eligible to receive Free Hot School Meals however, if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits and do not register your child through Dorset County Council, the school will miss out on the much needed additional funding. If you are unsure whether you qualify and do not wish to contact Dorset Direct, I have attached a form for you to complete and return to the office and we will check it for you!

Your child may be entitled if you are in receipt of any of the following qualifying benefits:

- *Income Support (IS) or*
- *Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income (as assessed by The Inland Revenue) which from 6 April 2011 does not exceed £16,190*
- *Income-Based Job Seekers' Allowance (IB JSA) or*
- *Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(IRA)) or*
- *Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*

From 1 May 2009 where 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 entitled to free school lunches.

For further information or to register your child/children please either phone 01305 221000 or visit the following website:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.com/freeschoolmeals>