



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

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are fast approaching the end of term can I please ask you all to look at the dates on the school calendar so that you are aware of what is happening.

### **Admissions Policy Consultation**

Please find attached our proposed admissions policy for 2018/2019 for your consideration.

You are invited to submit any comments you have on the proposed policy by **Tuesday, 17th January 2017** at the latest. Comments can be submitted via email or in writing.

If no submission is received by the deadline date, it will be assumed that you have no comment to make.

### **Lexia Now Available to All Children!**

We would like to thank Fossa who have very kindly purchased the additional licences needed to enable all children in school to access Lexia. I am sure you will all appreciate that this is a valuable resource which supports independent reading.

### **Drama Club Performance of "Home for Christmas" – Thursday 8 December 2016**

#### **Tickets now available!!**

You are all invited to come and watch the above performance on Thursday 8 December which will be taking place in the school hall at 3.30pm (we are anticipating the performance will finish at approximately 4.30pm).

Refreshments will be available in the Discovery Centre from 3.00pm until the start of the performance and entry will be £2 for adults and £1 for children (payable on the door). All proceeds will go into providing resources for drama club.

The children in Drama Club work very hard to put on their performances and would appreciate your support!

### **Key Stage One Nativity and School Christmas Fair – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

The Key Stage One Nativity is taking place at 1.45pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and this will be followed by the school Christmas Fair from 3.00pm – 4.15pm.

To enable the fair to be set up in the hall after the Nativity there will be refreshments in the Discovery Centre and a performance by the school choir and musicians. **Can all musicians ensure they remember their music and instruments!** Fossa will serve teas, coffees and mince pies, etc on the night.



The fair will include games, gift wrapping, tombola, etc. If you know anyone who would like to run a stall at the fair please ask them to contact the office, we will be charging £10 to hire a stall.

We are hoping that Father Christmas will join us in his grotto.

To help make this a success we would be extremely grateful if you could donate any of the following items for our tombola/hampers and in return the children will have a [non-school uniform day on Friday 9 December](#) to say thank you!

<b>Bottles</b>	<b>Jars</b>	<b>Sweets</b>	<b>Christmas Goods</b>	<b>Crackers</b>	<b>Mince Pies</b>
	<b>Wine</b>	<b>Ale</b>	<b>Sherry</b>	<b>Brandy</b>	<b>Chocolates</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>Toiletries</b>				

***If you know of anyone who would be willing to donate prizes for our raffle we would also welcome these!***

Please could donations be made by 9<sup>th</sup> December and put in the box that will be in reception from 1<sup>st</sup> December onwards.

#### **Wellie Walk and Whole School Christmas Meal – Wednesday 14 December 2016**

Charlotte Townsend has very kindly offered to allow us to take the children for another Wellie Walk through Melbury Estate on Wednesday 14 December. 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.

We will return in time for lunch and the school will be providing a Christmas Lunch from Local Food Links for all of the children therefore, there is no need to bring a packed lunch or order a meal for this day. The only thing you will need to do is to change your child's food choice if they require a vegetarian meal.

#### **Christmas Service – Thursday 15 December 2016**

Just a quick note to let you know that this year's Christmas Service will be at 9.15 am on Thursday 15 December at St Osmund's Church in Evershot.

#### **Parents Invitation to Achievements' Assembly, Christmas Jumper Day and End of Term Lunch Friday 16 December 2016**

REMINDER - As in previous years we would like to invite you to attend this term's Achievements' Assembly and Shared Christmas Lunch on the last day of this term.

This is also Christmas Jumper Day so we are happy for the children to wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform! We understand that this is a national fundraising day and if you would like to make a donation of £1 then we will happily pass on your donation however, this is not a requirement.

The Achievements' Assembly will take place in the school hall at 11.00 am and after a brief interlude the food for the lunch will be set up in the Discovery Centre. Children will then be able to help themselves

to a buffet style lunch and then return to classrooms to eat. After all children have collected their food, parents will be invited to help themselves to anything left over.

We are asking each child to bring in a plate of food for this lunch and below is a list of foods we hope each child will be able to provide.

- Reception - Fruit and Crudités e.g. carrots, celery, cucumber, cherry tomatoes
- Year 1 - Savoury Snacks e.g. sausage rolls, pizza, cocktail sausages, quiche
- Year 2 - Crisps and Dips
- Year 3 - Sandwiches
- Year 4 - Sweet items e.g. cakes, biscuits
- Year 5 - Drinks e.g. fruit juice, flavoured water, squash
- Year 6 - Sandwiches

I know this seems very early to be thinking about the end of term but we understand that this is a busy time of year for parents and wanted to give you as much notice as possible. Finally, if you would like to take your child home after the lunch then you will be able to do so. However, school will remain open until the end of the normal school day.

### **Clubs**

The clubs for this term will finish on 9 December.

Below is a list of clubs that will be available for next term. Please could you ensure that your child's selections are returned by Friday 16 December 2016. A letter confirming the places that have been allocated will be sent out at the start of next term. Clubs will start the week beginning 9 January 2017 and finish the week ending 31 March 2017.

Mrs Will is introducing a new Adventure book club - 'The Warlock of Firetop Mountain'. Fighting fantasy - Deep in the caverns beneath Firetop Mountain lies a powerful Warlock. Will you...enter the mountain and battle orcs, goblins, snakes, dragons, skeletons and even the Warlock himself (when you find him!). Collect the keys along the way to open the treasure chest and retrieve the Warlocks Treasure. Are you brave enough to take on this adventure?

Clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Also if there are insufficient numbers for a club then it will not go ahead however, we will advise you of this in advance.

Finally, I am sure you are all aware that the staff provide these clubs during their own time and we would therefore be grateful if you could collect your child promptly at the end of these clubs.

### **Reception Children for September 2017**

Can I remind parents that have younger children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 that the closing date for the first round of applications is 15 January 2017. You can apply for a place by going to [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions). If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to come into school and use one of the office computers.

If you know of any parents outside of school who have children in this age range we would really appreciate it if you could also mention it to them.

Yours sincerely,  
 Kathy McCann  
 Headteacher

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY & TIME	COST	PLEASE TICK IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND
Story/Reading Club ( <b>children doing this club will need a packed lunch</b> )	3,4,5 & 6	Monday Lunchtime	N/A	
KS2 Sports Club	3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Cookery Club	3,4,5 & 6	Monday 2.30 - 4.00pm		
Dance Club	2,3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm	N/A	
Film Club	3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm	N/A	
Recorder Club	1	Wednesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Creative Writing Club	2,3,4,5 & 6	Wednesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Adventure Book Club	4,5 & 6	Wednesday 3.00- 4.00pm	N/A	
Choir	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	Thursday Lunchtime	N/A	
Drama	1 to 6 (inclusive)	Thursday 3.00 – 4.00 pm	N/A	

If it becomes necessary to cancel an afterschool club then we will text you as soon as possible to let you know.

**PLEASE RETURN BY Thursday 15 December 2016**