



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

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Achievements**

Congratulations to Isabella who recently attended and was successful in an audition for the English Youth Ballet. We are very proud of Isabella, achieving such a high standard in something that she clearly loves.

### **Lateness and attendance**

We have recently been visited by the Dorset County Council Attendance Officer regarding the new procedures that are in the process of being agreed. Schools are going to have termly visits from the officer to check attendance for all pupils in school to identify children who may need support to improve their attendance. Persistent absence, regular patterns of absence and regular lateness are very likely to flag up further action by the officer.

We understand that it is Dorset County Council's intention to start issuing fines for term time holidays in the near future. We feel it best that it's best to inform you now so that you can consider this when booking any future holidays. We do not have any other information at the moment but will update you once we know more.

Lateness is also included as an unauthorised absence and recorded on our attendance registers. If you do need to fill in the late book in the foyer please be mindful that the County Attendance Officer will be monitoring this and reasons for lateness should be valid. If your child is continually late then further action may be taken

### **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.***

### **Sports Day & the Summer Fair**

Thank you everyone who attended the Sports Day and Summer Fair we managed to raise over £240 which will be used to support English and Maths across the school.



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**Download the School App and Save the School Money!**

Thank you to all of those parents who have already downloaded the app. If you have not done so already and you need help please contact the office for further information.

**Music lessons**

As some of you are aware Mrs Rees has been offering private music lessons during the school day on Wednesdays for several years. Mrs Rees children both attended Stickland's and she has been instrumental in organising the Melbury Christmas Concert which is held biannually at Melbury Estate. I have attached a copy of her leaflet with her contact details, should you require any further information.

**Fossa Fun Day**

Fossa Fun Day is on Monday 17 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!!!

**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 in September unless you are eligible (see attached information) and have applied to Dorset Direct.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher