



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a happy new year to everyone! This term is starting off with a visit from the Explorer Dome which I am sure the children have enjoyed.

School Lunches – Please remember to order

Can I just remind you that hot school meals need to be ordered at least one week in advance. If you have not ordered meals for next week then your child will need a packed lunch. You can always check your order by logging on to www.myschoolmeals.co.uk

Reception Children for September 2017

Final reminder for parents that have younger children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, 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. 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.

Reminder Admissions Policy Consultation

Our proposed admissions policy for 2018/2019 is available on the school website (under the News Section for December) 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.

Ofsted

You may be aware that we are expecting Ofsted as our last inspection was 5 years ago in February. As part of our preparation we have booked a "Mocksted Review" on the 9 and 10 January. This will be very similar to Ofsted and as a result the professional reviewer would like to meet with parents at 8.40am on Monday 9 January in the Robin Room to seek parental opinions and this should be finished by 9.00am. If you would like to participate please feel free to come along



Wellie Walk

Once again thanks to Charlotte Townsend for providing refreshments and allowing the children to visit Melbury House. The children all enjoyed singing Christmas songs in an amazing environment.

Drama Club Performance of "Home for Christmas" – Raised £107.30

Thank you to everyone who supported the Drama Club Performance. We are fundraising for lighting to be put in the hall to add an extra bit of magic to the children's performances. This time we managed to raise £107.30.

School Christmas Fair

I am sure you will all agree that the Christmas Fair was a great event and we are so pleased that most of you were able to attend. The school raised £559.32 and this does not include any money that Fossa raised on the night. As reading is one of our main priorities we have decided to use this money to provide reading resources for the whole school.

Parent/Reading Volunteers

We are very lucky at Stickland's to have quite a few volunteers who read with our children on a regular basis however, we would really be grateful if a few more people could spare a couple of hours a week to come in and listen to the children read. Please contact the school office if you are able to help and we can then arrange for a Disclosure and Barring Service check to be carried out. This is a check that has to be carried out for all regular volunteers in school and is normally very simple and quick to complete.

Lexia

Following on from the last newsletter we hope that you have all had a chance to see your child/children using Lexia over the holidays. We would be very grateful if you could continue to encourage your child to use this program at home as it is already showing significant improvement in reading skills across all year groups.

Clubs

If your child/children signed up for a club this term they will be bringing home a letter tonight confirming which clubs they have got a place on. Clubs start next week and will finish the week ending 31 March 2017.

Drama Club, Film Club, KS2 Sports Club and Choir are all now full.

Fossa Tea Towels

Fossa still have a few tea towels left and they are available from the office at a cost of £3.50 for one or £10.00 for three!

Dorchester Library – Harry Potter Book Night

Inviting all Muggles & Wizards to come along in their best outfits to our *Harry Potter Book Night "The Professors of Hogwarts"*. Lots of fun, spells and wizardry on Thursday February 2nd 2017 from 4pm – 5pm at Dorchester Library & Learning Centre. *Share the magic.* Unders eights must be accompanied. For more information please ring 01305 224440.

Fossa Strictly Event- Friday 24 February 2017

It will be a fun evening of Strictly magic with professional ballroom and Latin teacher, Keri Legg from the Allen School of Dance in Yeovil, leading the evening. Keri will get everyone up on the floor to master the basic steps in ballroom and Latin dances, including the Waltz and the Cha Cha Cha, as well as a Strictly inspired group dance. Also in attendance will be Isabella Moore and her dance team, who will demonstrate how it is done before they put on their judges hats to judge the best dancing Mums and Dads. So get dressed to impress and join FOSSA at the Halstock Village Hall on Friday 24th February at 6.30pm for two hours of glittery fun. Keep Dancing!!

Yours sincerely,
Kathy McCann
Headteacher