



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Achievements**

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Cross Country Events this term we have had more children than ever enter and also achieved some brilliant results.

Secondly, our netball team took part in the West Dorset Hi Five Finals this month and did extremely well only just missing out on winning the tournament. Well done to Oliver H, Ollie B, Gracie, Eve H, Alfie C, Jess and Izzy.

### **TONIGHT - Fossa Strictly Event**

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 tonight at 6.30pm for two hours of glittery fun. Keep Dancing!!

### **Reminder Changes to the Beginning of the School Day Start on Monday!**

Please see the email and copy letter sent out earlier this week.

### **Safety Concern Regarding Parking at the Beginning and End of the Day**

As a small rural school we understand that parking can be difficult at the beginning and end of the school day. We have noticed recently that some parents are parking in the "Keep Clear" area outside the school gates and also on the corner coming into Summer Lane. We all want to keep the children safe and we would therefore appreciate it if you could ensure that your car is parked considerately in the morning to ensure that the children can walk to school safely and other road users are not obstructed.

Whilst mentioning parking can I remind you that the bus stop must not be used between 8.20am and 9.00am and also 2.40pm and 3.15pm. The school buses have to be able to use the bus stop to enable the children who use the bus to avoid having to use the road.



Finally, a reminder that the staff car park should not be used by parents for picking up and dropping off children. The car park is used for school transport and once again we need to keep our children away from unnecessary traffic. Also the car park was created to stop disruption to Evershot's roads during the day due to staff cars being parked in the village and we do not wish to upset the local residents by staff having to park on the road.

### **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](http://www.myschoolmeals.co.uk)

### **Christian Values**

Following the letter that was sent to you about our School Vision and Values (1<sup>st</sup> February), please find attached further information and activities that tie in with the Christian Value we are focussing on in school this half term – Truthfulness.

### **World Book Day**

A reminder that World Book Day is Next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and we have invited all children to come dressed as a character from a book. During the day, the children will be working on a variety of activities based on a book called Cloudland by John Burningham. This will lead to them writing their own version of the story the following day. There will also be a bell rung at intervals during the day at which point everyone in school will stop what they are doing to read.

### **Red Nose Day 24 March 2017**

This year the children in Ravens have asked to have a Pyjama Day for Red Nose Day. We would therefore, like the children to come to school wearing their pjs or onesies. The children are also welcome to style their hair in a way to represent bed hair!! We would be grateful if each child could bring in a £1 to raise money for Comic Relief.

### **Ofsted and Parents Information Evening**

As I am sure that you are aware, we had a visit from OFSTED on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We are awaiting the final report, but I anticipate that this may be next week. The report will be made available for you to read, and then I will set up a Parents Information Evening for any questions that you may have after you have had an opportunity to read the report.

### **West Dorset Schools Collaboration**

Since the Summer term 2016, we have been closely working with some of our local schools in what is termed a 'soft collaboration'. The Governing Body of all of the schools made a financial commitment to work together in order to improve outcomes for pupils across all of the schools. We have benefitted so far through joint training opportunities, sharing of events and expertise, and opportunities for teachers to visit each other's schools to share good practice. A flyer is attached with some more details.

This collaboration has been named the West Dorset Schools Collaboration, and we are now looking for a logo to represent us. The schools involved are Beaminster Secondary School, Salway Ash, Parrett and

Axe, Broadwindsor, Thorners, Symmondsbury and Powerstock. Children from all schools are being invited to produce a logo. These need to be given to me by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, and will be judged on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **Parents Evenings – 3 and 4 April 2017**

You are now able to book parents evening appointments using the Eschools platform and this will be available until Friday 24 March 2017 (please contact the office if you have lost your login details).

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 making an appointment for more than one child could you please ensure that you leave a gap between appointments so that other parents are not delayed.

If you are unable to make either of these dates please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternative appointment.

*Please note, there will be no clubs this week.*

### **School Hoodies and Cardigans**

We are pleased to be able to let you know that school hoodies and cardigans are now available from our school uniform supplier. Unfortunately, we are no longer to source our hoodies from the previous supplier and as such the hoodies differ from those provided previously as there is no printing on the back and now the school name is embroidered on the front.

If you would like to have a look or order school uniform then please visit

<http://www.tesco.com/direct/sticklands-church-of-england-voluntary-aided-primary-school/6307.school>

### **Free Furniture**

Further to the email I sent out earlier this week we have some furniture that we need to dispose of and before we contact anyone we wondered if any parents would like any items.

We have the following items available if anyone is interested however, they would need to be picked up by Tuesday 28 February.

- Small plastic childrens chairs
- lunch trolley (one of the wheels has broken off)
- a metal cabinet on wheels that we used to store the laptops in

If you would like to see the furniture available please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,



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